



Ronald Edward Redenius

February 10, 1933 - October 20, 2018

Heaven has gained another angel. Ronald Edward Redenius, of Bourbonnais, IL, passed away peacefully with his loving wife at his side in their home on October 20, 2018. Ronald was born on February 10, 1933, in Watseka, IL, to Irvin and Helena Redenius.

Ronald graduated from Onarga High School, attended DeVry Institute of Technology, and the Milwaukee School of Engineering. His studies at MSE were interrupted in 1953 when he was drafted to serve in the Korean War, and then served in the U.S. Army for 2 years. Years later he graduated from Kankakee Community College. Ronald was employed by Kankakee Roper Corporation for 30 years as a draftsman designer. He was then employed by General Motors in Bloomfield Hills, MI, for five years, until he retired.

Ronald married Marlene Bury on June 27, 1959, in Watseka, IL, and they settled in the Kankakee, IL area. There they raised four children, and over the years enjoyed attending and supporting the activities in which their children were involved.

An active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee for 59 years, Ronald served as a Deacon, an Elder, Church Treasurer, and sang in the church choir. He was also a member of the Bradley Legion and a former member of the Bradley Moose Lodge.

Some of Ronald's interests included playing cards with dear friends, attending the theater and musical performances, replica car collecting, puzzles, and traveling with Marlene. Most of all, Ronald cherished time spent with his

children and grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, four children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a nephew. His children are Brad and Eileen Redenius of Rosemount, MN, Kirk and Debbie Redenius of Cadez, KY, Greg and Fran Redenius of Highwood, IL, Beth and Eric Rayburn of Donovan, IL. His grandchildren are Ashley and Aaron Backs of Troy, IL, Chad and Theresa Redenius of Denver, CO, Brittney Redenius of Cadez, KY, Jessica and Jake Jackson of St. Anne, IL, and Max and Jack Redenius of Highwood, IL. His great-grandchildren are Nolan and Carley Backs and Avery Redenius. His nephew is Doug and Paula Redenius, and Dena and Lexi of Momence, IL, Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother Glen and several cousins.

Visitation will be from 2pm-4pm followed by a Celebration of Life on Friday, October 26, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee, 371 East Court Street, Kankakee, IL, 60901. Officiating will be the Pastor of the church, Pastor Ray Lantz. Cremation rights have been accorded. Arrangements provided by Jensen Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee or the Kankakee Valley Hospice, 482 Main Street NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914.

Please sign Ron's guestbook.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee
371 East Court Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Edward Redenius*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Marlene,*

Elaine Wilken just let us know that Ron passed away this week. It is 3:00 on Friday and we just can't get there to the visitation/funeral, but sure would have if we would have known earlier. We are so sorry to learn of the news and you and your family are sure in our thoughts and prayers at this time. As Paul Froehling mentioned in his condolences, we too were reminded of discussions with you folks about Ron's connection with MSOE and GM and Irv's brother, Les attending MSOE and Irv and Ron's work at GM in Michigan. We have wondered how you folks were doing since we missed seeing you at the reunion this past August and hearing from the Redenius branch of the Wilken family tree. With his gentle disposition and positive smile Ron has left quite a legacy and one we all strive to be like. Irv had 2 heart attacks on September 21, followed by open heart surgery at Carle in Champaign to repair 3 nearly total clogged arteries. After a week at Carle, 2 weeks at Prairieview in cardiac rehab, he has been home for 2 weeks. He is doing well, but still on some restrictions.

With our sympathy to your family, who we are proud to be able to call "family"

Irv and Pat Wilken

Irvin Wilken - October 26, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Edward Redenius.*



October 25, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *Although I never really got to know Ron, I always remember that he showed my parents and me around Milwaukee when we came to visit Milwaukee School of Engineering after my graduation from Onarga High School in the summer of 1958. I graduated from MSOE in 1962 and have lived in the area since then. Thanks for the start, Ron. My condolences to the family. May God comfort you with the assurance of eternal life for all believers in Jesus as their Savior.*

*Paul Froehling
Franklin, WI*

Paul Froehling - October 24, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *Marlene, Always enjoyed seeing Ron with you at social gatherings over the years, he was such a gentleman and interesting to visit with.*

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - October 24, 2018 at 06:57 PM

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“ *Marlene and family,*

*So saddened to hear the news of Ron's passing. What a great guy he was! I am so grateful to have met him and worked with him. Thank you for sharing him with all of us.
Love, Kathie Grazis*

Kathie Grazis - October 24, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Edward Redenius.*



October 24, 2018 at 11:42 AM