



Ron L. Russell

September 30, 1935 - November 22, 2019

Ron Russell, 84, of Kearney died Friday, November 22, 2019 at CHI-Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Living Faith Fellowship Church in Kearney. Revs. Joel Stark and Paul Stachura will officiate, and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation is planned Tuesday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Community Foundation. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of Condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremations Services are in charge of arrangements.

Ron was born September 30, 1935 in Kearney to Fred and Mattie (Nau) Russell. He grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1953. On August 21, 1954 he married M. Arlene Johnson in Kearney.

He worked and was a part owner of L&W Service Center for 38 years, then in 1992, he and his son Steve opened Russell's Appliance and Electronics, Inc. Ron's first wife died in 2009, and he later married Gerry Leibee in 2011.

He served as vice president of the Kearney Jaycees, was on the board of directors for the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, and was president of

Kearney Country Club. Ron was a longtime member of the First Christian Church in Kearney which became the Living Faith Fellowship Church and served as board chairman for 3 years, treasurer for 17 years and was a deacon and elder for 25 years. He served on the Kearney Planning Commission for 18 years, was on the board of directors for the National Appliance Dealers and Great Plains Region board of directors. He helped build the American Legion Baseball program.

He is survived by his wife Gerry of Kearney; son Steve Russell and wife Stacey of Kearney; grandchildren, Tayler Russell and Asa Broadfoot and husband Austin, both of Kearney and Lainey Russell of Omaha; great grandchildren Maddox and Hayden Broadfoot; brothers, Dennis Russell and wife Trudy of Kearney and Randy Russell and wife Ronda of Hastings, NE. In addition to his first wife, he is preceded in death by his sister, Deanne Svoboda.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Living Faith Fellowship Church
3311 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Ron L. Russell*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Love and prayers to you! Troy & Teri purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ron L. Russell.*



Love and prayers to you! Troy & Teri - November 26, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Ron. When I was going to college at Kearney State College Ron and a group of businessmen would come to Cushing Colosseum and play basketball over the noon hour. I was always amazed that they were very religious about staying in good condition and having fun doing it. I got to know Ron while he was at L & W. We brought several appliances from him as well as TVs. We did business with him at Russell's appliance and electronics. Ron was quite a sports fan and would follow the Lopers in most sports. He was one of the most friendly guys you would ever meet. Always a happy-go-lucky smiling friend. The community of Kearney and his family were very blessed to have him in their midst. We all have fond memories of who Ron really was and will cherish the time that we had to spent with him.*

Bill & Kathy Holliday

Bill Holliday - November 26, 2019 at 02:58 PM

MS

“ Ron was a friend of my Father, Richard Stacy. I used to play basketball with my Father and Ron in the “NBA”. I can say he had the energy of a man half his age and a mean jump shot. He and Steve were always a joy to be around. A lot of memories of Ron from those basketball games. God Speed Ron. All my best, Mark J. Stacy..

Mark J Stacy - November 25, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ron L. Russell.



November 25, 2019 at 02:18 PM

MR

“ Worked with Ron back in 1979-80 at L&W Service Center based at the Retread and Warehouse location. What a fun person to be around. Always enjoyed his company because you always going to laugh at something. Peace to the family. RIP Ron from the Aussie!

Mark Reid

Mark Reid - November 25, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ron L. Russell.



November 25, 2019 at 12:26 PM

KW

“ I can still remember the first time I met Ron in 1992 when he walked into a meeting wearing a Nebraska Cornhusker hat and a BIG smile. A smile I will remember as it always graced his face. Over the years I had the opportunity to spend many great times with him in meetings, work trips, social events, and a few rounds of golf. He was a good business man, but more importantly an awesome person, and someone I'm honored and proud to call a Good Friend! He will be missed. My condolences and Prayers to Steve and Family. God Bless!

Kevin Werner - November 25, 2019 at 06:27 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ron L. Russell.



November 23, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ron L. Russell.



November 23, 2019 at 06:02 PM