



## Ralph A. Drontle

December 21, 1940 - October 2, 2020

A funeral service will be 12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Cold Spring Baseball Park, 700 1st St S, Cold Spring, MN 56320 for Ralph A. Drontle, age 79. He died Friday, October 2, at his annual fishing trip to Leech Lake with family by his side. Burial will be in the St. Boniface parish cemetery in Cold Spring. For those attending the visitation and service, a mask is required and please practice social distancing. Please join the family in casual athletic attire for the service.

A visitation for family and friends will be from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN.

Ralph was born on December 21, 1940, in Richmond, MN to Peter and Ida (Braegelmann) Drontle. He graduated from St. Boniface High School, Cold Spring, MN. Ralph married Lorraine Boeckman on April 11, 1961, and together they raised 7 children. Lorraine died in 1986. Ralph married Susan Finke Keller on May 6, 1994. He farmed north of Richmond his entire life. Ralph was an avid sports fan, especially baseball and all high school sports, cheering on the children and grandchildren in their activities. They loved their backyard birds, sports events, casino trips and many friendships. Ralph was a gentle person, yet a social magnet.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; children, Roger (Nancy), Kevin (Marilyn),

Linda (Todd) Drontle Thompson, Lisa (Gary) Drontle Distel, Dennis (Kat), Sheila (Tim) Court, Greg; step-children, Katy (James), Kristine (Joe) Sullivan; siblings, Peter, Raymond, Bernice Kremers, Marie Hansen, Martha Salzer, Jenny Buerman, Theresa Brunner, Liz Loecken, Margie Imdieke; 20 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lorraine; siblings, Clarence, Tony, Marcella Mueller.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richmond, Wenner Funeral Home  
151 Oakwood Ave SE  
Richmond, MN 56368  
(320) 685-7762  
office@wennerfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.wennerfuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT 8. 12:30 PM (CT)

Cold Spring Baseball Park  
700 1st St. So.  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph A. Drontle*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Ralph was one of the absolute best!!! Seeing him roll into the game and talking to him after was always something to look forward to.*

**Craig Ehrlichman** - October 08, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Drontle.*



October 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Drontle.*



October 06, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Drontle.*



October 06, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Drontle.*



October 06, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Drontle.*



October 06, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *The family has my sympathy I was Ralph and Lorraine' attendant when they got married in 1961. I was a friend of Lorraine and classmate. My prayers are with you all. Dorrine Thielen Schreifels*

**Dorrine Schreifels** - October 05, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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*This saddens me immensely. I can't begin to count the number of ballgames I watched where Ralph was also there. First, he was cheering on Richmond while I cheered for Farming, then he was cheering for St. Nick, while I cheered on the Rockies, and finally, he came around and cheered for the Rockies with me 😊. I loved talking baseball with Ralph; he was a REAL gem and I will miss him. My sympathy to all of his family ❤️.*

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**Ann Jonas** - October 05, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Drontle.*



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October 05, 2020 at 07:23 PM