



## Ronald Victor Backes

December 22, 1939 - March 7, 2024

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ronald Victor Backes, age 84, will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Richmond, MN. The burial will be in the parish cemetery. Ron went for a walk with our Lord on March 7th at Hilltop Health Care Center due to complications from kidney disease.

The visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Ronald Victor Backes, first born son of Ambrose and Jeanette (Michels) Backes, was born in Farming, MN on December 22, 1939. He grew up on the farm where his work ethic, humor and commitment began through chores, baseball, faith, and family. He attended a one room schoolhouse where his mother formerly taught and then onto Albany High School. Ron married Betty Hemmesch from Lake Henry in June 1965. They had three children; Rhonda, Brenda, and Mark. One of Ron's most proud accomplishments was getting all three of them through college. Ron accepted a job transfer that moved the family to St. Joseph, MO in 1972. He fulfilled a promise to return to MN after he retired in 2000 and built a home on Becker Lake in Richmond, MN where they resided until moving into the Hilltop Health Care Center Nov. 2023. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a church blessing at Sts. Peter & Paul followed by a Dinos Lakeside party in 2015. Speaking of favorite days,

another was being inducted into the Farming Baseball Hall of Fame.

Ron grew up on the family farm with four siblings which created two life-long habits. First, his table manners. Ron ate fast, stating that if you talked too much you missed out. Ron also never believed in leftovers, if no one else had room, he found a way to finish it up. Second, no matter what he did, he did it to the best of his ability. Throughout his life, whether playing baseball or cards, farm chores or cooking in the Army Reserves, working his way up to supervisor at Stone Container or delivering baked goods for Cold Spring Bakery, golfing or listening to the Stearns County baseball leagues, planting his garden or fishing, he did it all with attention, care, and positive attitude, while whistling. He had “chores” for his grandchildren, such as, raise and lower the flag, fill the bird feeders, harvest the garden, get the mail, and chase the geese off the dock. He always made you feel important and was so glad you visited.

Ron’s siblings were close in age, on the phone, and to his heart. He included his in-laws in that group immediately. He loved hearing what was going on in their lives, their children and later their grandchildren. Ron had an amazing memory and could remember people, places, dates, and stories. It was a rare day indeed that when out and about that he didn’t share a laugh with a friend and learn something new. His love and skill for playing baseball and later golf, allowed him to meet people from all over the area. He treasured those friendships. He was introduced to one of his amazing hospice nurses and upon hearing her name, asked about her three uncles much to her surprise and delight. Ron truly enjoyed people. His children could not have asked for a better dad. His love for his grandchildren showed through the mischief he would create with them and big hugs with every greeting. All who knew him have been greatly blessed.

He is survived by wife, Betty (Hemmesch); daughters, Rhonda

(Kurt)Loeffelholz and Brenda Backes; grandchildren, Nick (Maddie) Loeffelholz, Travis Loeffelholz and Greta Backes; great-grandchildren, Lissy and Cyprian Loeffelholz; siblings: Bob (Donna) Backes, Carol (Lee) Wolf, and Mike (Mary) Backes.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Backes; great-granddaughter Benedicta Loeffelholz; brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Marilyn Backes; brother-in-law Lynn Hemmesch; nephew, Jacob Meagher, and niece Amber Hemmesch.

# Cemetery Details

## Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery

Richmond, MN 56368

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Richmond  
151 Oakwood Ave. SE  
Richmond, MN 56368

## Mass

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic church  
110 central ave n  
richmond, mn 56368

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ I had a lot of fun with Ron over the years he was in town We found mozingo golf course very slow driving to find the entrance n we could see our shots about the 4th hole ha ha! Foggy am. He went with my young son n I to the Biloxi Ms. area n on a par 3 he'd made a hole in one we found his ball in the hole after detouring around a large tree branch that had blown down in the wind I wanted to have a Budweiser after we decided to call it quits but the power had gone out the club had shut for the rest of the day so we celebrate Ed later We found a Catholic Church on a Sunday on vacation that trip he was a man of faith n I'm sure that transferred to his family thats what will help you through this difficult time He kept in touch every x-mas time God bless you Ron for doing that rest in. Peace

tim luedtke - March 24, 2024 at 10:11 PM

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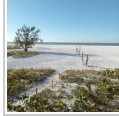
“ We are so sorry to learn of Ron's passing and send our love and sympathy to Betty and family. Bruce thought so much of Ron and the good work he did as Stone Shipping Supervisor. So many good memories!

shirley DuVall - March 22, 2024 at 11:40 AM

JD

“ I worked with Ron from 1974 to 1999. We were both shipping supervisors many of those years. You couldn't have known a more easy going and friendly man if you tried. Ron was always Mr. No stress and I was the meaning of stress. He could always calm me down. We played a lot of golf and he was excellent by the way. I will miss Ron was more than a co worker he was a great friend. With my deepest sympathies to family and friends. Joe Dorzweiler

joe Dorzweiler - March 19, 2024 at 06:32 PM



*I got to know Ron through Joe Dorzweiler at the golf course. Always a gentlemen and always beating us at golf. May he rest in peace.  
Steve Dillon*

**Steve Peggy Dillon** - March 19, 2024 at 07:22 PM

DK

*“ Sending my deepest sympathy in your loss of Ron! Will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers! Loved working with him at the Cold Spring Bakery as always so kind and friendly! Love Donna Knaus*

**Donna J Knaus** - March 19, 2024 at 04:02 PM

JD

*“ I worked with Ron at Stone Container in St. Joseph, MO. Ron was the nicest person and taught me so much about the box business. I always thought the world of Ron. My prayers go out to his family.  
John Degenhardt*

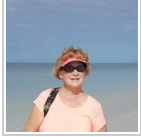
**John Degenhardt** - March 19, 2024 at 03:42 PM

MJ

*“ I know Roman wanted very much to be at the funeral, but we were unable to make that happen. However we are glad we were able to do lunch with Ron last summer. Ron was a wonderful person. I enjoyed his smile, laughter and shining eyes. You could feel his love of life. I am sure the Janorschke's will be remembering him through stories. All our condolences, Michele Janorschke*



**Michele Janorschke** - March 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Ron was a very good man. This Family was some of the best neighbors ever.  
*Ron & Judy R.*

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**Ron Judy Roderick** - March 19, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ronald Victor Backes.



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March 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ With love - Betsy, Keith, Ellie & Josie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Victor Backes.

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**With love - Betsy, Keith, Ellie & Josie** - March 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Victor Backes.



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March 16, 2024 at 09:33 AM

DF

“ Dan Hemmesch family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Victor Backes.

Dan Hemmesch family - March 16, 2024 at 09:33 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Patricia Loeffelholz purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Ronald Victor Backes.



Mrs. Patricia Loeffelholz - March 15, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JJ

“ Janel, Brian, Alexis, Bianca & Jett purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Ronald Victor Backes.



Janel, Brian, Alexis, Bianca & Jett - March 15, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Victor Backes.



March 14, 2024 at 02:43 PM

JB

“ John B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Victor Backes.

John B. - March 14, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Ronald Victor Backes.



March 14, 2024 at 10:57 AM