



Roland "Ron" Richard McMillan

February 5, 1938 - November 30, 2024

Roland "Ron" Richard McMillan, age 86, passed away on November 30, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on February 5, 1938, in Mackinac County, Marquette Township to Judd and Lois (Gill) McMillan.

Ron grew up in Trout Lake, Michigan, and attended Rudyard High School until 1956 when he enlisted in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1960. He was awarded the Armed Forces Expedition Medal for his participation in the Lebanon/Jordan War. After the Navy, he became a crane operator and joined the Operating Engineers Local 324 and retired after 40 years.

Ron loved life and being social. He loved his country and his community. He was a member of the Masonic Brotherhood, and he served as a commander of the VFW post in Brimley, Michigan, for two years and hosted the VFW picnic at his home for many years.

Ron was always there to lend a helping hand when needed. His favorite pastime was hunting, fishing, spending time in the woods and going on long rides with family and friends.

Ron is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nellie; two children, Dennis (Leslie)

McMillan and Phyllis (Brian) Harkema; four grandchildren, Jamie McMillan, Justin (Lindsey) McMillan, Jake (Megan) Willard, and Jennifer Krueger; sixteen great-grandchildren; five great great-grandchildren; brothers, Gerald (Carol) McMillan, Rick (Judi) McMillan, Tarry (Kathy) McMillan and Milton (Alma) McMillan; and sisters, Doris Heigel, Carol Drunkenmiller, Audrey (Pat) McCarry and Debbie (Brad) Gross.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Judd and Lois; three brothers, Paul, Donald, and Walter McMillan; sister, Diane Voss; and three grandsons, Joel McMillan, Jordan Willard and Jeremy Krueger.

In lieu of flowers the family would like you to plant a tree in his memory.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My family adored the McMillan family. One of my favorite childhood memories of Ron was when I was around six years old, he jokingly asked if I'd like a whoopin, not knowing what that meant, I said yes, and he playfully put me over his lap, giving me a light spanking that gave me quite a surprise! It's a funny memory that always stuck with me and showed his mischievous sense of humor.

Dawn Tuckerman - December 04, 2024 at 04:15 PM

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“ Ron was a valued member of the Brimley VFW post 9023 and will be greatly missed. God bless you sir. It's been a privilege to know you.

Phil Sibbald - December 04, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ The one thing I'll always remember about Ron is that he always made me laugh. I will miss that. Hugs to you, Nellie.

Zona Moore - December 04, 2024 at 01:22 AM

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“ Uncle Ron and I had so many memories that I can't choose one, it has been told that he lived with us in Holland, and he used to take me everywhere with him and spoiled me rotten! I could write a book..... RIP Uncle Ron , you will be dearly missed and never forgotten 💔 We have lost a Great Man!

Rhonda Martin - December 03, 2024 at 05:04 PM

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“ Victoria E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland "Ron" Richard McMillan.

Victoria E. - December 03, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roland "Ron" Richard McMillan.

December 03, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roland "Ron" Richard McMillan.



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