



Ronald Joseph Coffey

October 29, 1944 - November 15, 2021

Ronald Joseph Coffey, age 77, of Rudyard, Michigan, died unexpectedly on November 15, 2021, at his home in Rudyard. He was born October 29, 1944, in Sandusky, Michigan, to Olin H. and Donna H. (Jacques) Coffey.

Ronald spent his youth growing up in Detroit, Michigan. He moved to Louisiana for a short time with his brother, Larry Coffey, and visited Arizona before enlisting with the United States Air Force at the age of sixteen. He was stationed at the Kincheloe Air Force Base in Kinross, Michigan. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Brenda Louise (Becker) Coffey. On September 24, 1966, they married at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Moran, Michigan. The newly-weds moved to Duran, Michigan, where they started their family and had three sons, Ronald Dean, Leland Lewis and Scott Joseph. The family lived in St. Clair, Michigan, and Marine City, Michigan, before returning to the Upper Peninsula to raise their three boys surrounded by family.

Ronald was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Chippewa County Shooting Association, and spent many years volunteering at the church as an usher.

Ronald loved spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, and practicing his shooting. He spent many beloved times in the woods with his boys. He also

attended many cowboy shooting events where he got his cowboy name, Whiskey Joe. He was known for his love of Glenfiddich Whiskey.

During the winter months, Ronald would travel with his beloved wife Brenda. Ronald and Brenda traveled all over the United States together and made many memories over the years. Ronald was a talented outdoorsman and dedicated family man who will be missed by many. His dog Ruger became his faithful companion after his wife passed. You would never see Ron without his precious dog by his side.

Ronald is survived by his children, Ronald Dean (Michelle) Coffey of Rudyard, Leland Lewis Coffey (Scott Bucacci) of Cleveland, Ohio, and Scott Joseph (Bridget) Coffey of Rudyard; grandchildren, Ronnie Coffey, Kylie Coffey, Jared Coffey, and Shane (Caitlynn) Coffey, Daniel Coffey, Brandan Coffey, Chelcie (Tyler) Coffey-Purner, Scottie Coffey, Courtney (Gene) Carie, Kayla Coffey, and Cody Coffey, and beloved great-grandchildren, Novalee Carie, Ronin Carie, and a third Coffey grandbaby due in June.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda; sister, Helen Coffey; brothers, Larry Coffey and Robert Coffey, as well as his parents, Olin and Donna Coffey, mother-in-law Helen Becker and father-in-law Chet Becker.

Services will be held Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rudyard. A memorial gathering will be held 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with a Memorial Mass beginning at 12:00 PM with a luncheon to follow.

Memorial Contributions may be made out to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
11509 W. H-140
Rudyard, MI

Memorial Service

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
11509 W H-40
Rudyard, MI 49780

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Joseph Coffey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ronald Joseph Coffey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Ronald Joseph Coffey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Coffey.*



November 22, 2021 at 08:18 PM

MH

“ Dear Coffey family, I only met your dad once but the memory always makes me smile. He drove to Petoskey in a terrible snowstorm to pick up his min pin puppy a few years ago. He ended up getting stuck in the driveway. We worked and laughed about it because the harder we tried, the more stuck he got he. A young state trooper came along and helped us out and he went on his way with his new pup. My sister and I were worried your dad would have a treacherous trip home due to the white-out conditions, but he adored us he'd be fine. My sis and I talk about it and smile from time to time. Your dad will not be forgotten. I believe he and the pup were meant to be for together.

I am sincerely sorry to hear about your dads passing. May God and your memories comfort your hearts. You will miss him.

Michele Hoolsema - November 21, 2021 at 10:17 AM

KM

“ Ken, Cathy, Joyce, Kendra & Makenlee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Joseph Coffey.



Ken, Cathy, Joyce, Kendra & Makenlee - November 19, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Coffey.



November 18, 2021 at 10:36 PM

MA

“ *Ron , Michelle and extended family, So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a very nice man with a great sense of humor!! Will be so missed by all. My sincerest condolences.*

Maria

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Maria - November 18, 2021 at 06:38 PM