



Ronald James Insley

April 19, 1937 - November 11, 2016

Ronald James Insley, age 79, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on November 11, 2016 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on April 19, 1937 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Clifford Elton and Hilda Mae (VanderLaan) Insley.

Ron grew up in Grand Rapids and graduated from South High School. He went on to junior college where he played baseball and studied drafting and engineering. After college, he played semi-pro baseball in Grand Rapids and worked at his parents' hardware store. Ron joined the United States Army and served from 1959 to 1962. After the Army, he worked at Meyers Hardware in Grand Rapids. He then met Donna Dean at a rifle club and they married on May 31, 1963 at Trinity Congregational Church in Walker, Michigan. Ron went to work for Dean Boiler Service. They lived and raised their family in Rockford, Michigan. Ron retired from Dean Boiler Service after 35 years of service in 2002. In 1994, they had purchased a cabin on Drummond Island and they retired there.

Ron was a life member of the National Rifle Association, Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol Club, and Madison Square Sportsman's Club.

Ron loved the outdoors, where he could hunt, fish, trap, and shoot skeet. He enjoyed woodworking and liked to build furniture in his basement, (which often

led to dismantling the stairs to get them out).

Ron is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna Insley of Drummond Island; son, David (Sandy) Insley of Forest Lakes, Arizona; daughter, Sarah (Mike) Nichols of Cedar Springs, Michigan; granddaughter, Jessica (Rafa Gavina) Nichols of Grand Rapids; great grandson, Trent Walters; and brother, Cliff (Karen) Insley of Grand Rapids.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Elton (Ruth) Insley and Fred Insley.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held Friday, June 9th, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Madison Square Sportsman's Club, 5321 Seven Mile Road, Belmont, Michigan 49306.

Memorials for Ron, may be directed to the Shooting Field Improvement Fund at Madison Square Sportsman's Club.

Interment will be at Drummond Island Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



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