



Ronald Gary Ruschmann

March 17, 1943 - November 3, 2012

Ronald G. Ruschmann was born to Marvin and Dorothy Ruschmann on March 17, 1943 at St. Luke Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. He was the oldest of three children. Terry of Cherokee, Iowa and Marlis Carter of Norfolk, Nebraska were his brother and sister. Ron graduated from Homer, Nebraska in 1961 after being voted prom king and valedictorian. He attended the University of Nebraska until following his high school sweetheart (JoEllen Larson) to California.

He was employed at Hunt Wesson Foods working under quality control for over 40 years. After retiring from Hunt Wesson he took on a part-time job at Home Depot so he could help people with their home projects. He quickly gained the staff's and customer's respect for his expertise and eagerness to be helpful. Many customers would show up asking for "Ron from plumbing" to help with their fixit projects.

Ron had a passion for soccer and could often be found on the soccer fields, refereeing up to five games on any given Saturday. He also started a referee training program, helping to provide a mentor for many referees, young and old.

He married JoEllen Larson on December 27, 1963. They had three children: Laura, Rhonda, and Kevin.

After many years of marriage they parted ways. Ron's path in life was sent in a new direction when he met Debbie Frantom while attending a single parent fellowship (SPF) group at Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton. The two

became quick friends, and then started dating. Their first official date was “The Barn Dance”. Ron swept Debbie off of her feet by his positive attitude, easy going personality, smooth dance moves, love for the Lord, and of course his adorable dimples. They dated four years and were married June 6th, 1998. He lovingly took on the role as a super Stepdad to Chris and Melina, Debbie’s two children.

His favorite hobbies included: fishing, camping with family, soccer refereeing, golfing, singing in the choir, helping others when they needed handy work done. He was an avid Nebraska Husker fan and dedicated to serving His Lord and Savior.

He will fondly be remembered for being a loving husband, cherished father, faithful friend, hard-working employee, and super soccer referee.

After fighting a tough battle with colon cancer, he was called to go fishing with Jesus for eternity on November 3rd, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Ruschmann, Daughters Laura (Daniel) McCaig, Rhonda (Steve) Rutledge, Melina (Sean) Fabian, Sons, Kevin (Shawna) Ruschmann, & Christopher (Diana) Frantom, Mother, Dorothy Ruschmann, Brother, Terry Ruschmann, Sister, Marlis (Chuck) Carter and Grandchildren, Karli and Tyler Rutledge, Erin McCaig, and Corey and Allyson Ruschmann, with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Although his family and friends will dearly miss him, we are assured that he is safe in the arms of Jesus and we proclaim loudly.

“Well done thou good faithful servant! We love you!!!!”

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 8. 6:30 PM (PT)

Messiah Lutheran Church
4861 Liverpool Street
Yorba Linda, CA

Tribute Wall



“ Ron was blessed with an attitude and a smile that was always so warm and welcoming. I worked with him for several years at the Knott's Berry Farm Foods facility in Placentia. Ron's approach to Quality Control as a partner with production promoted a successful formula for good, profitable, sound business. And I was one of the many that would go to Home Depot and look to Ron for project advice. I will miss you and your smile. Heaven Welcomes You. Prayers to Debbie and Family. Joe Lasecki

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November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family. I will always have the fondest memories of Ron; for the times we worked and laughed together. Ron could always find a bit of humor in every work situation. He was a breath of fresh air, and a friend where contact was lost as time moved forward. His wife, children and love of God brought him great joy in life. May he bring the same joy to the gates of heaven that he brought to so many here on earth. Ron you will be missed by your friends and family.

Fred & Sherry Schuster - November 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I'll always remember our fishing trips with Ron and the guys. 3 trips a year rain or shine....mostly shine...two times snow!! He not only dressed GQ he was the best fisherman I've seen. He ALWAYS caught fish. Very fond memories that I will cherish forever.

Bob Johnson - November 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ron and I worked for many years together at Hunt-Wesson and I never saw him in a bad mood. He always was upbeat and looked at the brighter side of any situation. God speed, Ron. Heaven will be a better place with you in it.

Curtis and Maureen Roberts - November 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ We always will remember that Ron was a fun dancing partner and date night partner with Debbie and us. We loved going in the Limo for his birthday when he ate that big crusty fish. Larry's favorite memories are fishing with Ron. He was like the GQ of fisherman. All of the sudden he would change clothes on the fishing trip, when all of us guys were still wearing our same dirty levis. You will be missed, we love you. Save a spot in heaven next to that Crystal river, a fishing spot of course

Larry & Linda Johnson - November 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM