



Ronald Pierre Cheffer

December 24, 1951 - December 20, 2023

Ron Cheffer, 71, passed away on Wednesday morning in Omaha, NE. Ron was born and raised in Kankakee, IL. He attended Bishop McNamara High School class of 1970 and graduated from Lewis University thereafter. He then moved to Chicago and worked downtown at Harris Bank, where he met his wife, Betty, who he married in 1981. In 1985, he and his family moved to Omaha, NE, where he worked at Commercial Federal Bank for the majority of his professional career. In his spare time, Ron enjoyed morning drives with his classic British car group, watching Chicago Cub games, playing Jeopardy, and reading countless books from his local library. In the last years of his life, Ron enjoyed working part-time at St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, where his children had once attended.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Betty” (Kroll); his three children and two sons-in-law, Alina (Byron) Borkowski, Amari (Will) Thomsen, Ricky Cheffer; his two brothers, Jim Cheffer of Bradley, IL, Marc (Vicki) Cheffer of Streator, IL; his nieces, Stacey (Jim) Larson, Tina (Troy) Payne, Jayne Jarigese, and Mary Cheffer; his granddaughter, Odette and many other nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding Ron in death were his parents, Paul and Colette (Fritz); and his sister-in-law, Monica Cheffer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. funeral Mass on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at St. John Paul II-West Campus. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Mass

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Janine lit a candle in memory of Ronald Pierre Cheffer*



Janine - January 02, 2024 at 07:38 PM

JC

“ *Rest in peace my brother. I have 70 years of memories from baseball in our youth, family Christmas dinners together on Sunnyside Ave, fourth of July fireworks from Nebraska at my house and just recently your stay at my place. Hugs and condolences to Betty, Alina, Amari and Ricky.*

Jim Cheffer - December 23, 2023 at 12:01 PM

GB

My condolences to the Ron Cheffer family. I am a first cousin to Ron and have pleasant memories of my many childhood interactions with my cousins Jimmy, Ronny, and Marc. We would hang out together and play ball at the Fritz farm. Ronny and Marc would make up ridiculous stories and tell them as entertainment. I am the same age as Marc and about a year younger than Ron. Jimmy is older by a few years and was not interested in the humorous stories that his brothers would tell. He was more mature and usually listening to a transistor radio transmission of a Cubs game and would usually critique what the team would have to do to win the next time. Jim would discuss this with the adult men, my Dad whom he called "Uncle Kenny" and his Dad, who I called "Uncle Paul". On one camping trip that all of us went on, Ronny and Marc made up some story about a guy named "Ka-Plunc Splot" and "One Legged Pete" and some of the crimes that these two committed. They had me laughing so hard that my stomach was sore. We camped for 2 nights and by then a storm was going to come in and my Mom "Aunt Angie" and their mom, Aunt Collette had had enough of camping so we went back to our house on Buckner Street in Springfield and I slept on the floor of the family room with my cousins. This had to have been in 1962 or 1963, when I was 9 or 10, because before summer of 1964 started, we moved to a different house. My brother Kent was a little kid but he was old enough to appreciate Ronny and Marc and their childish sense of humor, that I found to be hilarious but none of the adults could appreciate. Kent is 3 years younger and will be at the service today. He is the last of our immediate family left in Illinois. I now live South of Nashville. Ron was a fun kid that I knew and a respected adult. I know that he will be missed.

Greg Beauchamp - December 28, 2023 at 11:57 AM

SL

Thanks for sharing this Greg! My dad, Jim, hasn't changed at all. I love to hear stories of the three of them when they were kids.

Stacey Larson - December 29, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JA

Love your story of Ron and Mark. I can just see his smile from ear to ear and his shoulders shaking. I went to grade school with all three of them and last saw Ron at our 50th. Class reunion from high school. Great guy.

Janine - January 02, 2024 at 07:41 PM