



Ronald P Hoekstra

April 15, 1939 - August 31, 2025

Ronald P. Hoekstra, age 86 of St. Anne, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at LaBella of Clifton. He was born on April 15, 1939, in Wichert, IL, the son of Peter and Elizabeth (DeGroot) Hoekstra. Ronald married Carol J. Hofer on December 7, 1955, at First Reformed Church of Wichert. She preceded him in death on February 21, 2024.

Ron was a farmer in Wichert who loved farming. In his early farming life, with his father (Central Glad Farms) they raised gladiolus, vegetables, and grain. In his later years, he was known as Ron's Melon Market. He grew lots of cantaloupe which were shipped throughout the Midwest. He was always eager to lend a helping hand.

He loved holidays and gatherings where his family could all be together. His life was his family and he was an avid nascar fan.

Surviving are four daughters, Debra (Kim) Collings of Bee Branch, AR, Rhonda (Cary) Turner of Mackinaw, IL, Karen (Ed) Wielgus and Paula (Mike) Baranowski all of St. Anne; one sister, Carol (Sid) Verdoorn of MN; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many special nieces and nephews.

Ronald is preceded in death by his wife, Carol; his parents; one brother, Dale; two sisters, Elaine DeVries and Betty Tiggelaar.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the 11:30 a.m. service on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at First Reformed Church of Wichert. Rev.

Randy Knoll will officiate the service. Burial will follow in the St. Anne

Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Reformed Church of Wichert or to Uplifted Care.

Arrangements are by Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Township Cemetery

South Route 1
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8346

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
St. Anne, IL

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
St. Anne, IL

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Ronald P Hoekstra*



Mary Blum - September 05, 2025 at 12:21 AM

MN

“ *Dear Hoekstra Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Ronnie was a Great man . We had many good times over the years as neighbors and "Beer dringing Pal's. He will be missed . Our deepest condolences.*

*Mike & Lisa Norman
Somerset Kentucky*

Michael Norman - September 04, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ *Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Ronald P Hoekstra*



Judy Steele - September 03, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DW

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to your family. I worked with Ron for over 30 years. Your Dad and Mom were my friends, and i thought so much of them both. Your Dad was always so genuine and kind. He truly loved and cared about people, and it was always evident. In the 30 years I knew him, there was no one I appreciated more than your Dad. I will truly miss him.

David G. West - September 03, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Rhonda and family, So sorry for you loss of Ron, sending you my deepest sympathies and condolences. May he rip.



Beverly Cranston - September 02, 2025 at 11:12 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was a great friend to our family. He was always there if help was needed. I will miss his happy go lucky personality!!

Marilyn Hopper (Rons cousin) - September 02, 2025 at 03:41 PM