



Ron Graef

October 28, 1943 - February 8, 2011

GRAEF, RON, of Florissant MO, died at home surrounded by his family on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at age 67. Ron fought a courageous 19-month battle with lung cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Donna (nee Bock) Graef and three daughters, Lisa (Dave) Blodgett, Mischelle (Marc) Abel and Nicole (Rob) Whitesell. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Megan and Matthew Blodgett, Samantha, Joshua and Nicholas Abel and Addison Whitesell. Additionally, he is survived by two brothers-in-law, Robert (Eileen) Bock and Ronald (Ann) Bock and two sisters-in-law, Kenna Bock and Linda Hopson. He was a dear uncle, nephew, cousin and friend to many.

Ron was an owner/operator for North American Van Lines and Reliable Carriers for 25 years. After coming off the road, he worked locally for Dodge Moving and Storage. He retired in January, 2009, and continued his volunteer services at the Museum of Transportation, National Park Service's Trails and Rails, Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue and Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program.

Ron enjoyed NASCAR races, valued spending time with his grandchildren and loved taking Amtrak train trips with his wife. He was extremely proud of his daughters. He will be missed greatly, but never forgotten.

Visitation, February 10, 2011, 3 to 8 p.m., at Hutchens Mortuary, 675 Graham Rd., Florissant. Funeral services, Friday, February 11, 2011, at 12.00 noon, at Hutchens Mortuary. Interment, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

A reception will follow interment at the Abel household, 1403 Carriage Bridge Trail, Ballwin MO 63021.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicole and family-
My heartfelt condolences to all of you during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.
Love
Tina* *###imported-begin###Tina (Seithel) Sesti and family ###imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 12:39 PM



“ *Donna, you and your family have my condolences. I know from experience how difficult and painful the loss of a spouse can be, but I also know that as time passes the pain will fade and you will be left with wonderful memories of your life together.* *###imported-begin###Charlie Biggs###imported-end##*

February 11, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ *Ron was a great guy and will be will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* *###imported-begin###Al & Kim Price###imported-end##*

February 11, 2011 at 12:29 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Graef and Family, my deepest condolences and sympathy for the loss of your husband.* *###imported-begin###Alex Karpman###imported-end##*

February 11, 2011 at 12:23 PM



“ My condolences on the passing of your father. It is one of those painful phases in life.##imported-begin##Gary Trimble##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 09:04 AM



“ To Donna and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss of Husband, Father and Grandfather. We know Ron will be sorely missed - as he will be also by his many friends. He was very lucky to have such a wonderful family and to be able to enjoy so much this last year or so with all of you. We are so glad we were able to visit with him a few weeks ago. We love you, Donna and if we can be of any help at all, you have only to ask. Jack and Judy##imported-begin##Jack and Judy Bindner##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 02:13 PM



“ Michelle and family. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. Me and my family will keep yours in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy Barton##imported-begin##Kathy Barton##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Larry & Ruth Schmidt##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ Ron indeed was a great guy! I was very lucky that I got to speak with him just 2 weeks ago. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Lucette##imported-begin##Lucette Dietrich##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ Donna,
I am very sorry to hear about you and your family's loss. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless, Ed##imported-begin##Ed Webb##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 03:15 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Isaiah 41:10,13 give you hope and comfort.##imported-begin##Barb & Tom Layton##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 02:43 PM



“ Donna,
Please accept our condolences, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sadness.
Regards,
Mark and Leslie Wester##imported-begin##Mark Wester##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Donna,
I am very sorry to hear of your husband's passing, I know he will be missed by you, your children and your grandchildren. I am sure that you have wonderful memories from the last 44 years that will help you get through this. God bless you and your family.
Ron###imported-begin###Ron Cross###imported-end###

February 09, 2011 at 11:35 AM



“ *I first met Ron in 1985, and we became very close over the years. Thru all of the days, he never forgot to make time for his family. In the hectic world we lived, that was, at times, quite a chore. Actually, we were even together the day that I met my wife for the first time. Since he knew her from work, he was able to give her a 'thumbs up' when I was wondering what type of person she was. For that, I will forever be grateful , and his person will always be in my memory. I will always miss him, and I know that his loved ones will forever have an empty space that he had overfilled with his care and love for them. Rest in Peace.###imported-begin###Dan Bemben###imported-end###*

February 09, 2011 at 08:47 AM



“ Donna,

Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. It is never easy to say goodbye, but be at peace that Ron is in a beautiful place where there is no pain or suffering. Knowing that helped me to be at peace. You are in my prayers.

Sheila###imported-begin###Sheila Barton###imported-end###

February 09, 2011 at 08:47 AM



“ *Dear Nicole and Family,*

There is no greater bond than that between a parent and child. Hold the wonderful memories close to your hearts. My heartfelt condolences to each of you during this difficult time. May God's love and grace sustain you in the days, weeks and months ahead.

God bless,

Hollie Henderson##imported-begin##Hollie Henderson##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 09:54 PM