



Ronald "Ronnie" L. Wheeler

March 30, 1954 - October 2, 2022

Ronald L. Wheeler 68, of Holden, Missouri passed away unexpectedly Sunday October 2, 2022, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. Ronnie was born Tuesday March 30, 1954, to Iris and Ora May Wheeler. He graduated from Holden High School and joined the United States Marine Corp. He was very proud of his stint in the Marines and his service with them. After honorably discharging from the Marines, he came home to Holden and began traveling and training draft horses with Chub Elkins. The two became "famous" for their trail rides, cowboy camps and just general knowledge of the horse world. Ronnie loved to participate in horse wagon racing with 6-8 horse hitch teams.

For his actual career Ronnie took a job with MODOT. He thoroughly enjoyed his years there pushing snow and cooking for the workers in the shop. After retiring from there he worked really hard at not being retired. Ronnie loved the outdoors and anything he could do to stay outside he did it, from raising cattle, cutting and baling hay to cutting wood. Making sorghum with Guy Houx was a favorite hobby of his. Ronnie had a knack for telling the best stories and would tell them to anyone who would listen. His heart was as big as he was, he loved kids and they loved him right back. He would help anyone who needed it and never expected anything in return. Ronnie will be missed by many, and he will never be forgotten.

Ronnie leaves behind 4 Sons; Wife Dianna; Brother Mike Wheeler; Sister Cindy Lysinger; Several Grandchildren; Many Nieces and Nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.castfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I remember Ron as a smiling co-worker who would bring the room to life just by entering it. Thanks for sharing your light with us Ron!
Judy @ MoDot

Judy Magruder - October 12, 2022 at 06:28 AM

BM

“ Ron Wheeler was an outstanding, hard working, loyal human being. He will be missed by many who knew him. Condolences, Prayers, Peace, Love and Comfort to Mrs. Wheeler and Family.

God bless you all!
Bob with MoDOT

Bob with MoDOT - October 11, 2022 at 11:42 PM

TS

“ Shared some good days handing out food for Harvester's with Ron. He was always fun to be around. RIP

Timothy Stephens - October 08, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JU

“ Ron taught me something everytime he came to cut hay. I have a lot of respect for him and all he did in his life. We have lost a man of great knowledge and wisdom. I send many thoughts and prayers to all his family during this difficult time. Judy Bean

Judy - October 06, 2022 at 11:24 PM

MH

“ *Ron, was such a neat guy and classmate. I will really miss seeing him out and about around Holden.* ”

Marsha Comer Hedglin - October 06, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Shared lots of horse stories. Good friend he will be missed* ”

Carolyn Uhler - October 05, 2022 at 11:12 PM

HS

“ *Ronnie was such a good friend to me from childhood thru present. Anytime I needed something he was right there offering his help. I will miss him forever, God Speed.* ”

Harriet Smith - October 05, 2022 at 10:59 AM

TF

“ *I remember the trolley rides on the back roads way back when it was so much fun with the horses pulling the wagon. So sorry for the boys.* ”



Theresa and Bob Ferguson - October 04, 2022 at 09:42 PM