



Ronald Edwin Resch

September 14, 1941 - April 15, 2025

Ronald E. Resch, 83, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 P.M. Monday, April 21, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Monday at 2:00 P.M. at the church. Burial will be held at the St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Ronnie was born on September 14, 1941, in Spencer to Edward and Lucy (Milleman) Resch. He married his lovely bride, Joan (Fries) on August 10, 1963, in Estherville. Ronnie was a member of the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Many knew him to be a character and could always be seen in a stylish pair of bib overalls. In his younger years, Ronnie played in Little Joe's Dance Band, where he could be seen playing the clarinet, alto saxophone and tenor saxophone. He could also be seen dressed up as the beloved Yo-Yo the Clown at many celebrations and birthday parties. Ronnie and Joan lived on the farm where they raised 5 children. The farm was a place for many activities, whether it was raising livestock, harvesting crops, or taking care of their many dogs. It was a central place that friends and family would come together to celebrate and help one

another out. They always felt blessed for all the neighbors and friends they had. Almost every morning, Ronnie and Joan could be seen at the Diner, where they would catch up with good friends and maybe give a hard time or two. Ronnie loved to spend time with his neighbors and beloved family, especially his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Left to cherish Ronnie's memory is Sam (Kari) Resch, Andrew Resch, Mike (Julie) Resch, Patty (Bob) Macy, and Jake (Celeste) Resch; grandchildren, Kiana Resch, Emily Resch, Nick (Makayla) Resch, Jennifer Resch, James and Benjamin Macy, Maxwell and Hudson Resch; great-granddaughter, Everly Resch; sisters-in-law, Mary Johnson and Betty Resch; brother-in-law, Jim (Sandy) Fries; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joan; brother Ramon Resch; brother-in-law Lyn Johnson, and nephews, Bill and Mark Fries.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ I just learned of Ron’s service this morning on the radio on my way to work. I am sorry for the family’s loss. I think of him frequently over the years and was very fond of him.

I’ll always remember the fully dressed clown that gave me animal balloons on a surprise visit to the house. The big smile and friendly wave he gave driving up our long driveway just to make a turnaround in front of the weld shop to head back home. Also, the moments of him shaking his head at Odie’s antics that he would tell us about.

I wish you all a good day. Ron will truly be missed.

David Lentz - April 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM

LB

“ Sorry to hear about Ron passing. I enjoyed getting to know him while caring for him. Prayers for your family.

LaVonne Bell - April 19, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Ron but I am aware of his recent failing health. He was my better than average cousin....words we often shared with his phone calls to me discussing family affairs and farm information. When younger for both of us....I remember Ron telling of his playing Sax for Polka bands...often in Minnesota. He was a special guy. My sympathies to all the family and friends...God bless: Leo Milleman MD. Ames

Leo and Jane Milleman MD - April 19, 2025 at 08:36 AM

CR

I was so sorry to hear about Ronnie's passing -He and Jim were pretty good buddies thru the years and Resch's were good neighbors when the Radcliffe's moved to Spirit Lake and bought the farm just down the road from Ronnie and Joan. He and Jim are probably talking "farming" in Heaven! Mike, Julie, and families, may God bless you with precious memories and take comfort in knowing he is resting in the arms of Jesus! My love and prayers are with you all.

Charlene Radcliffe - May 14, 2025 at 02:21 PM

MH

“ *Matthew Hawn lit a candle in memory of Ronald Edwin Resch*



Matthew Hawn - April 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM

BD

“ *Bill And Bonnie Duhn lit a candle in memory of Ronald Edwin Resch*



Bill and Bonnie Duhn - April 18, 2025 at 10:49 AM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear of Ronnies passing! I have found memories of Ron knowing him for over 60 years. He will be missed by many! Rest in peace my friend!*



Dan Lempiainen - April 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Edwin Resch.*



April 18, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Ronnie was a good guy. We remember when he was a clown for our daughter's birthday party, all the kids just loved him. He was a kind, gentle man.*
Our deepest sympathies.
Terry and Mary Heidebrink

Mary and Terry Heidebrink - April 18, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ *John Elser lit a candle in memory of Ronald Edwin Resch*



John Elser - April 17, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *Margerite Butcher lit a candle in memory of Ronald Edwin Resch*



Margerite Butcher - April 17, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JK

“ *Patty, Mike, and families. So sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you*



Joann Kastrup - April 17, 2025 at 06:23 PM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Ronald Edwin Resch*



Doug and Barb Ricke - April 17, 2025 at 01:33 PM

RM

“ *Mike and family, so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. Alan and Reba Munson*



Reba and Alan Munson - April 17, 2025 at 08:34 AM

JC

“ *Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Ronald Edwin Resch*



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - April 17, 2025 at 07:56 AM

JT

“ I grew up just a mile away from Ronnie. He was a great neighbor and a special friend. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. He is now reunited with Joan forever. Rest in peace dear friend.
Joe and Cissa Tusa

Joe Tusa - April 17, 2025 at 12:26 AM

SS

“ The Resch family is very special to us. To each of you we extend our warmest sympathy and love. *Stan and Rhea Sybesma*

Stan and Rhea Sybesma - April 16, 2025 at 07:59 PM