

Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer

April 29, 1936 - February 28, 2025

Ronald "Ron" Brockmeyer, 88, Lost Island Lake, Ruthven, passed away on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Bickford Cottage in Marshalltown, IA.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8th, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4-6 p.m. followed by a Vigil Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com

Ron was born on April 29th, 1936, to Benjamin and Mae (Gibbs) Brockmeyer in Guttenburg, IA. He graduated from Strawberry Point High School and earned his BA Degree at Iowa State Teachers College, now UNI. Ron was united in holy matrimony to Margo Happe on August 17th, 1957, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, where he later was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. To this union 6 children were born, Lynn, Lorrie, Paul, Mary Beth, Tom, and Keith. They devoted their lives to their children and their activities, especially sports. Ron played high school sports, was on the basketball team his first 2 years at college, coached multiple high school and college sports, and refereed for many years. Ron and Margo were long-time members of Sacred Heart in Ruthven, where they were active in all aspects of the Parish.

Ron began his teaching career at Lake Center in rural Clay County. He taught business classes, coached multiple sports, drove a bus route, and was even the Acting Principal for a year! From there he moved on to a teaching and coaching position in Lake Park. He taught and coached from 1966-1970 in Victor, Iowa. In 1970, he and Margo purchased a small resort and home on Lost Island Lake. They and their children ran the resort in the summers, while he was the Guidance Counselor and coach at Graettinger. After obtaining his Master's Degree in Education, he became a college professor at Iowa Lakes Community College, teaching Psychology and Sociology, and also counseling students. The 4 cottages were sold in 1979, but he and Margo remained in their home there, then later downsized to a home on the south end of the lake. Throughout their years at the lake, they hosted countless family reunions and neighborhood picnics, as well as many "summer camps" for their grandchildren.

As a couple, Ron and Margo were very active in the Lost Island Lake and Ruthven Communities. They helped form the Lost Island Protective Association and Lost Island/Ruthven Betterment Association, served on many boards and committees, volunteered for almost every event, and were recognized as the Citizens of the Year at the annual Ruthven-Lost Island Bully Bullhead Weekend Celebration. Ron began his 2nd career in real estate in 1988, and opened his brokerage, Lakeland Realty Of Iowa, in 1990. He later joined his son, Keith's branch in Spirit Lake and remained active in sales until 2019.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Lorrie (Mike) Patton of Hudson, Iowa; Paul (Tanya) Brockmeyer of Chandler, Arizona; Mary Beth (Scott) Neff of Beaman, Iowa; Tom (Paula) Brockmeyer of Buford, Georgia; and Keith (Sharma) Brockmeyer of Spirit Lake, IA; grandchildren Angie (Dan) Dickinson, Tim (Kaitlin) Zern, Amy (Chad) Tate, Alex Patton, Talia (Theo) Nieman, Kelcey

(Seth) McCoy, Ben (Suzanne) Neff, Charlie (Alexis) Neff, Jonny Neff, Danielle Brockmeyer, Mikayla Brockmeyer, (Dr. Shujaut Bader) and Kate Brockmeyer; and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Margo, daughter Lynn Zern, great-granddaughter, Jaelyn Tate, and siblings Evelyn Totman, Beverly Rankin, Betty Kenneally, Jan O'Laughlin and Karen Brockmeyer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lost Island Protective Association (LIPA) or Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association (LIRBA).

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
2317 32nd Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
robinson@spiritlakefuneralhome.com
<http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com>

Prayer Service

MAR 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

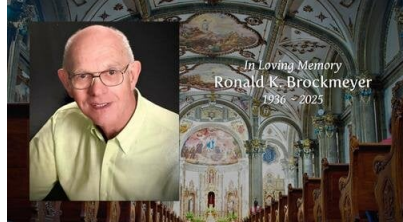
MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer*



Robinson Funeral Home - March 07, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Keith, and the whole family. We know how hard it is to lose the anchor of the family. Blessings to you all as you move forward.*
Linda and Bill Moore

Linda Moore - March 08, 2025 at 06:10 PM

KK

“ *Kellie Krieger lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer*



Kellie Krieger - March 07, 2025 at 02:50 PM

KK

Brockmeyer Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I spent many nights at your house and grew up with you guys as my second family. He was a great man and is happy in heaven with your mom. God Bless to all

Kellie Krieger - March 07, 2025 at 02:52 PM

LP

Thank you, Kellie. Appreciate your kindness, and for you and Gloria attending the visitation as we celebrate Dad's life.

Lorrie Patton - March 09, 2025 at 10:24 PM

IA

“ *ISU Alumni Association of Atlanta purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



ISU Alumni Association of Atlanta - March 07, 2025 at 01:02 PM

AM

“ *Ron did an excellent job while he was on the Terril school board. As a teacher I appreciated his efforts.*

Allen McGranahan - March 06, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



March 05, 2025 at 04:18 PM

LB

“ *Larry&Beth Tim&Pam Banwart purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



Larry&Beth Tim&Pam Banwart - March 05, 2025 at 03:38 PM

LB

“ Larry&Beth Tim&Pam Banwart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.

Larry&Beth Tim&Pam Banwart - March 05, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.



March 05, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.

March 05, 2025 at 01:34 PM

KK

“ Kevin Thomas Kuehl lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer



Kevin Thomas Kuehl - March 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



March 05, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Ron B.*



Connie Reinert - March 04, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



March 04, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *The Mary Feldman family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



The Mary Feldman family - March 03, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



March 03, 2025 at 12:04 PM

 Linda Ruble

“ *My prayers and sympathy to all of the Brockmeyer family. Many great memories of my time spent at the lake with your family and all of our school activities. God bless Ron-he was a wonderful man.
Roger and Linda Mehan Ruble*



Linda Ruble - March 03, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LP

Thank you, Linda & Roger. We did share so many great times at the lake and at your farm growing up. Appreciate your kind words and for reaching out. -Lorrie

Lorrie Patton - March 11, 2025 at 01:19 PM

LF

“ *Love The Derk Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer.*



Love The Derk Family - March 03, 2025 at 07:10 AM

LF

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Love The Derk Family - March 03, 2025 at 07:10 AM

MM

“ Mary McClurg lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer



Mary McClurg - March 02, 2025 at 07:49 PM

DZ

“ Dear Brockmeyer Family,

When we got to see Ron, either in church or at a Zern family get together, he would always meet you with a smile and a big warm hug. He was a very kind and gentle man. May he rest in peace.

Jack & Danice Zern & families



Danice & Jack Zern - March 02, 2025 at 07:49 AM

MF

Dear Rin and Margo's Family,
We knew your parents as teachers, business people and very active community members. The world needs more folks who contribute as they did to make life better for those around them. We send our sincere sympathy and our love, Doc and Marcie Frevert, Emmetsburg

Marcella Frevert - March 07, 2025 at 10:27 PM

RL

“ Rod And Connie Lange lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer



Rod and Connie Lange - March 01, 2025 at 11:35 PM

LJ

“ Larry And Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" K. Brockmeyer



larry and Mary Ann Jansen - March 01, 2025 at 11:28 AM

DB

“ My sympathy to your family.



Dayle Broocks - March 01, 2025 at 10:46 AM

MD

“ I had Mr. Brockmeyer for a couple of classes at Iowa Lakes Community College. He was a great instructor and human being. My sympathy to his family.



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - February 28, 2025 at 07:01 PM

JE

Ron and Margo were the 1st family members I met on that side of the family! They always made me feel very welcome! They helped us out and find time for us when I lost my mom. They were going through knowing they were going to lose their daughter at any time. They always had a story to tell. They loved their family, god and Community so much. They were very involved in all of them. Now they are in each other's arms again. We always tried to see each other when we were in each other state. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family! Hugs! He was a huge part in all your guys lives! ❤️ Jon and Julie Englert

Jon and Julie Englert - March 02, 2025 at 01:42 AM

CI

Ron and Margo (she was my classmate and good friend) and spent time with them at class reunions and Arizona- such great people- My sympathy to all of you at this difficult time, but Mom and Dad are together again- probably doing the daily crossword in the Heavenly paper! With love and great memories- Carol Irwin Northfield , Mn.

carol irwin - March 02, 2025 at 02:48 PM