



Ronald A. Schwenneker

October 24, 1928 - April 7, 2017

Ronald A. Schwenneker, 88, of Spirit Lake passed away on Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake.

A double funeral service for 88 year old Ronald A. Schwenneker and his wife, 91 year old Evelyn Schwenneker of Spirit Lake who passed away Wednesday, April 12 from a broken heart will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time at the church. Burial will be in the Swan Lake Cemetery in rural Estherville.

Ron was born on October 24, 1928 in Appleton, MN to Carl and Stella (Crosby) Schwenneker. Ron was united in marriage to Evelyn Knudson on August 21, 1955 at the United Methodist Church in Estherville. He owned and operated Ron's Parking Lot Service in Spirit Lake.

Ron was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. Ron enjoyed many years living on Big Spirit Lake and boating with his friends and family. He and Evelyn enjoyed many trips across country through out the years.

He was survived by his wife Evelyn Schwenneker of Spirit Lake, IA; and is survived by his sons Mike and Mark Schwenneker; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sister Ruth (Schwenneker) O'Connor of Dougherty, IA; and

brother and sister-in-laws, Harold (Janet) Knudson of Estherville, IA, Virgil (Lorabelle) Hempstead of Estherville, IA, Blanche Mitchell of Georgetown, TX; Dale (Wanda) Knudson of Visalia, CA; Anita West of Mesa, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Randy Schwenneker and a grandson Travis Schwenneker.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Cemetery

Rural Estherville, IA

Previous Events

Service

APR 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall



“ *What a PoS, I should know, I'm his son. What a man, he beat the hell out of me and my 2 brothers. What a man!* ”

Mark Schwenneker - August 20, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald A. Schwenneker.* ”



April 13, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald A. Schwenneker.* ”



April 11, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Thinking of you Evelyn during this sad time.
Tim and a Joni Mitchell* ”

Joni Mitchell - April 09, 2017 at 03:43 PM

JH

“ Dear Evelyn, I have so many memories of you and Ron at your summer home on the lake. We had a lot of laughs! Ron was a kind and beautiful person, and he will be missed. My condolences to you and your family. Juanita Kelly Hughes, Charles City

juanita hughes - April 09, 2017 at 05:35 AM

LW

“ Larry And Linda Webber lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Schwenneker



Larry and Linda Webber - April 08, 2017 at 07:14 AM

LW

We so enjoyed having you both as neighbors. You were both so patient as one of our children managed to trim your maple tree to make a blind for our boat to go duck hunting, and the other loved picking your flowers to bring to me. Ron was always a joy to be around. You are in our prayers Evelyn.

Larry and Linda Webber - April 08, 2017 at 07:24 AM

RA

“ We had many fun times with Ron his smile was always huge and he so enjoyed being teased and joking. Evelyn you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Respite Angels - April 07, 2017 at 04:40 PM

LH

“ Dear Evelyn-Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Ron was such a sweetheart, but you knew that better than anyone. Peace be with you at this sad time.



Laura Hanna - April 07, 2017 at 11:41 AM

JS

*Evelyn and Family,
Heart felt condolences to you Evelyn and the rest of the family.
Ron was a unique guy for sure, a hard worker who did his best, a great neighbor and friend over the years.*

Jeff VanDer Sluis

JW VanDe Sluis - April 10, 2017 at 03:32 PM

MS

The memory I have, my father beating the hell out of me. His son, Mark

Mark Schwenneker - August 19, 2021 at 08:35 AM