



Ronald Duane Schneider

August 20, 1937 - April 25, 2025

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Ronald Duane Schneider, beloved husband (Love of My Life, Soul Mate and Best Friend), Father and Grandfather who went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, April 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family after a brief battle with cancer.

Ron was born on August 20, 1937, to Theodore (Ted) and Madaline (Neuens) Schneider of Aurora, WI. Ron was baptized and confirmed at the Sacred Heart Church and talked about when he was young, riding his bike down the hill to the church to be the Altar Boy.

Ron graduated from Kingsford High School and went to work for the family business, Schneider Iron and Metal. Ron became the president and CEO of the business upon his Dad's passing and became partners with his brother, Don, for over 70 years, expanding the family business to four locations. The "Business Man" that Ron was, he established and co-owned additional business endeavors with his brother and wife, Patti.

Ron married Patti Rice on April 17, 1993, and they built a life together of love, laughter, and adventure with family and friends by their side.

Ron was devoted to his family and enjoyed traveling, bowling, feeding his grandson, Colin's, dogs (Chips and Nico) lunch and bananas for the ducks,

fishing on his boat in Door County, and especially the yearly fishing trip with his brothers-in-law from the bowling team. He sponsored the Babe Ruth and Little League teams in Aurora, WI, for many years and when his two boys were playing on different teams he made sure to park between the two fields in Aurora, so he could watch both games at the same time. Also, when his granddaughter, Carly's, soccer team needed new uniforms, he was more than happy to make that happen.

Ron is survived by his wife, Patti; his son, Aaron (Miranda) Schneider of Aurora, WI; three grandchildren, Carly (Kyle Ihrke) Schneider, Colin Schneider and Kandace Schneider; daughter-in-law, Desiree Windell; brother-in-law, Bill (Sheree) Rice; sisters-in-law, Vicki (Ford) Waterman, Debbie (Bill) Johnson, Lori (Jim) Machus, Jodi (Jeff Campbell) LaVarnway, Tami (Jon) Olson, and Jackie (Steve) Schaut; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by his son, Benjamin; infant brother, Alfred; brother, Don; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bernard and Shirley Rice; brother-in-law, David LaVarnway; and nephew, Paul Waterman.

A private Funeral Mass was held with Fr. Felix Abano, Jr. offering the Mass of Christian Burial at the Sacred Heart Church in Aurora, WI. Interment will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers were Aaron Schneider, Colin Schneider, Eric Schneider, Kyle Ihrke, Brad Machus and Bill Johnson.

The family would like to thank the ICU Staff at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson for the excellent and compassionate care that they provided to Ron and his family.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ron Schneider online at www.ironmountaincemetery.com

w.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Iron Mountain Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-1212

Tribute Wall

MD

“ I remember Ron & Patti taking dance classes at Miss Donna's Dance Studio for 100 year celebration at Pine Grove. They had all the smooth moves dressed as Bonnie & Clyde.

Mary Beth Dixon - May 05, 2025 at 12:14 PM

KA

“ Uncle Ron and I did physical therapy together for our knees. It wasn't planned, but when you have a big family in a small town these things happen more often than not. The first time I saw him there it was a pleasant surprise as he made the time spent on the training bikes go by much faster. After that, we must have scheduled all of our physical therapy appointments on the same days at the same time by coincidence, because it started to be a regular occurrence! So when one of us would finish our session before the other, we would say – “Okay, same time next week! See ya on the bikes!” After our PT was done, Uncle Ron never forgot to ask me how my knee was healing every time he saw me. His compassion and thoughtfulness will be dearly missed by all!

Kaylin - May 04, 2025 at 01:12 PM

DJ

“ Ron, my brother-in-law who we will all truly miss, you treated my sister Patti like a queen always by her side thru good times and not so good you were a big part of our family and meant a lot to all of us. You probably didn't know you would end up in such a close big family when you got married 32 years ago, We have great memories of all the family gatherings at Thanksgiving when all the cousins went out and played a game of touch football in the big field by the house waiting for the Turkey dinner to get done, we sure did have a great time all 60 + of us. You will truly be missed my friend! Forever in our hearts till we meet again in Heaven! Love You Deb Johnson

Deb Johnson - May 04, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ We always had fun getting together out at your house. Going to Green Bay and sneaking you things you shouldn't eat when Patti wasn't looking. We will miss you so much but look forward to being together in heaven.. I will always miss the forehead kisses. ❤️❤️🙏
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Vicki Waterman - May 04, 2025 at 09:40 AM