



Mr. Ron F. VanderKooi

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Ron F. VanderKooi, age 68, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, June 16, 2016. He was born on March 25, 1948 to Donald and Efriede (Hacker) VanderKooi in Muskegon. Ron worked for Howmet/Alcoa for 40 years until his retirement in 2006. He was an avid deer hunter and was active in Fruitland Covenant Church's food pantry and food truck. Ron was a thoughtful, loving man with a great sense of humor who loved the Lord, his wife, kids and his beloved grandsons. He is survived by his wife of almost 48 years, Sandy; two children, Matt (Hilary) VanderKooi and Shelly (David) Decker; four grandsons, Joe, Hunter, Tyler and Brendan; one sister, Gisela (Charlie) Barnes; two brothers, Steve (Robin) VanderKooi, Mark (Sharon) VanderKooi; father-in-law, Al Farrington; sisters-in-law, Debby (Terry) Leonard, Lynn Thomas and Judy VanderKooi; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother, Don. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Fruitland Covenant Church's food pantry or to Harbor Hospice. VISITATION will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 10:00-11:00 AM with the SERVICE following at 11:00 AM at Fruitland Covenant Church (4283 N. Weber Rd.). Arrangements entrusted to The Sytsema Chapel, 737 E. Apple Ave. (231-726-5210). Feel free to share a memory with the family at www.sytsemafh.com.




Events


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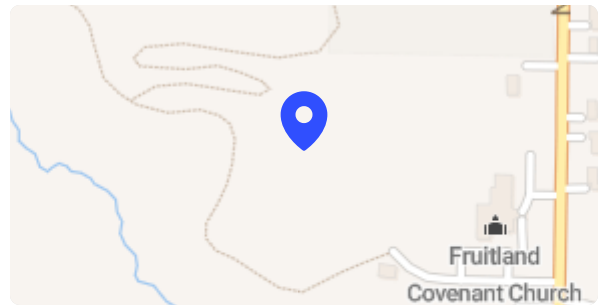
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 21, 2016

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Fruitland Covenant Church**
4283 N. Weber Rd., Whitehall MI



Memorial Service

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BK

Brian Kyle posted:

So many wonderful memories of Ron, his deep faith and commitment to his family. Peace to his memory. Rev. Brian & Charmaine Kyle

June 21 at 3:35 PM

PC

Pam Cabala posted:

I worked with Ron for many years at Howmet/Alcoa. What a nice guy. I am praying for his family.

June 21 at 9:19 AM

BD

Brendon Depoy posted:

Ron was one of the people at worked everybody liked. Ron worked very long hours, but still managed to keep a great sense of humor and jab, sarcastically, at the supervisors on the shop floor (we would give him some heck too). Ron not only made the company picnics fun, but also lightened up the normal workday. I feel honored to have known him, and pray for his family during these tough time.

June 20 at 5:15 PM

VS

Vern And Mary Schutter posted:

My wife and I were so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Memories of playing with my VanderKooi cousins on our farm on Sullivan Road when we were kids always bring a smile to my face. We are praying that you all would know God's peace, comfort, and love in the difficult times ahead. --Vern and Mary Schutter

June 19 at 4:42 PM



Kimberly Smith lit a candle in honor of Ron.

So very sorry for your loss. Worked for years with him at Howmet. He always had a joke to tell. He will be greatly missed here on earth, but he is in a much better place now. I hope that the memories you've made with him over the years help you thru this difficult time. My thoughts & prayers are with you. Kimberly Smith



June 19 at 8:25 AM



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June 19 at 8:23 AM



Diana Walters posted:

I still remember the day you were married ,Linda got to ride in the limo and I had to stay at the reception I was so upset Ron and you were so young.

June 19 at 7:51 AM



Diana Walters sent a virtual gift in honor of Ron.



June 19 at 7:46 AM



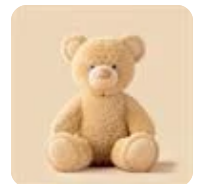
Joe Urcavich posted:

Sorry to hear about the passing of Ron. He and Don were childhood friends. I have many fond memories of times we spent together. My prayers are with your family.

June 19 at 4:48 AM



Robin Vanderkooi sent a virtual gift in honor of Ron.



June 18 at 7:58 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ron by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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