

# Ronald Laverne Haskell

August 31, 1942

May 23, 2014 (71)

Rockford, IL

**Ronald (Ron) Laverne Haskell**, 71 of Rockford died peacefully at home on Friday, May 23, 2014. The Rockford native was born August 31, 1942, to Homer and Virginia Haskell. The lifelong Rockford resident graduated from West High School in 1961. After high school, he apprenticed with W.F. & John Barnes Company. On May 2, 1962, the teenager began working at Ingersoll Milling Machine Company (Machine Tool Company), retiring as a Supervisor on May 1, 2010 - 48 years to the day.



The National Wildlife Federation certified his backyard for wildlife habitat. He liked to say he “loved to dig in the dirt;” he was an original member of Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden. He was also a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Y Senior Men’s Alpine Kiwanis, and Ingersoll Retirement Clubs. A believer in community, he volunteered at Holy Family Catholic Church, Rock River Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity Weekday Wonder Crew, Alpine Kiwanis, YMCA, and many others. He also donated blood to the Northern Illinois Rock River Blood Bank for over 50 years. He still found time to travel to 50 states (46 with his kids), seven continents, and over 40 countries. Ron loved to golf, fish and was an avid walker. Everyone who knew Ron knew about "Old Blue," his beloved 1969 Chevy Impala. His dry sense of humor will be missed by all.

On July 21, 1964, Ron and Donna had their first date; on November 5, 1966, they married in St. James Catholic Church. Family meant the most to Ron; he loved gathering with his children and grandchildren. Ron is survived by Donna, the love of his life; son, Keith (Anita) Haskell of Mystic, CT; twin daughters, Ronda (Ed Asmus) Haskell of Plainfield, IL and Regina (David) Loncala of Oswego, IL; grandchildren, Nolan, Abbie, Morgan, Peyton and Brittni; and brothers, Donald and David Haskell.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory (Mulford Chapel), 1860 S. Mulford Road, followed by a Christian Wake Service at 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 4401 Highcrest Road; Father Seisser will officiate. Ron will be entombed in Calvary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Klehm Arboretum.

## References:

<http://www.fitzgeraldfuneralhome.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=337517#/obituaryInfo>  
[Ronald Haskell Obituary \(2014\) - Rockford, IL - Rockford Register Star \(legacy.com\)](#)