



Ronald Mettenbrink

May 20, 1939 - June 6, 2017

Ronald Mettenbrink, 78, of Grand Island passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at his home surrounded by family.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Pastor Jay Towell will officiate. Burial will follow at Wiegert Cemetery.

Ron was born on May 20, 1939 in rural Merrick County, son of William F. and Rose C. (Mader) Mettenbrink.

Survivors of Ron's immediate family include his wife, Judy Mettenbrink; his children and their spouses and significant others, Carl and Jeanne Mettenbrink of Grand Island, Karen Kasteel-Mettenbrink and Frank Sansone of New York City, and Amy and Martin Gizinski of Papillion.

Others left to cherish his memory include his four grandchildren and their significant others, Derek Mettenbrink and his fiancé, Kadee Korgel of Lincoln, Sasha Mettenbrink and Casey Miller of Grand Island, Blake Gizinski and Caleb Gizinski of Papillion; his brother, Leo and Jean Mettenbrink of Grand Island; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Dale Mettenbrink and nephew, Bill Mettenbrink.

Ron was born in rural Merrick County but raised on the family dairy farm in Hall County. He attended District 71 School and graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in 1956.

After his father passed away in June 1956, Ron took over running the family dairy farm. On September 18, 1965 he was united in marriage to Judith Vogel. They made the family dairy farm their home and raised their children on it.

While Ron's main occupation was a dairy farmer, he loved business and was an entrepreneur as well. He purchased Grand Island Farm Supply in 1979, and he and Judy worked together managing the business for the next 25 years. He expanded the business to include Grand Island Farm Supply and Tack Shop and created a custom grind and mix feed service. He also started G. I. Pork, which included custom hog feeding services.

Ron cherished his family, his cows, his pets and his friends. "Every day was a good day" for Ron. He loved his life and living in Nebraska. While he enjoyed short visits to other places from time to time, he was always ready to come back home to Nebraska. It was "the good life" for him. He enjoyed listening to polka music, playing cards and Sheepshead at the Platte Deutsche, and going to the horse races with his girls. He loved watching all sports, especially the KC Royals and any Husker basketball, volleyball or football game. Many will remember Ron for his sense of humor and quick wittedness. He was always ready to tell a good joke.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Cemetery Details

Wiegert Cemetery

Chapman, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Service

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Mettenbrink*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Mettenbrink.*



June 09, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ *Ron and I were classmates at GIHS and though not bosom buddies were friends and if memory serves me correctly and sometimes it doesn't, exchanged greetings last May at the reunion. May God hold you in His hands and comfort you during this time.*



Wayne Rose - June 09, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, Judy and family. Let God give you strength during this time.*

Kim Harrenstein - June 08, 2017 at 09:18 PM

LL

“ My memories of Ron include going to the dairy farm to visit during the Summer breaks from school. Watching Ron working the field, helping Karen and Carl with irrigation and bottle feeding the calves.. Judy making us pancakes in the early mornings before chores, and oh yes all of us sitting down in the evenings eating big bowls of ice cream together, I remember how much Ron loved ice cream!
Rest in peace Ron in the house of the Lord..
With fondest memories and deepest sympathy,
Love Lori Jo Lassen-Lanigan



Lori Lassen Lanigan - June 08, 2017 at 04:22 PM

LL

“ My memories of Ron include visiting the dairy farm when I was young during school Summer breaks, watching him working in the fields, helping Karen & Carl w/irrigation and bottle feeding the calves, playing outside all day..Judy making pancakes for us all in the early morning hours and us eating bowls of ice cream in the evening which I remeber Ron loved!!
Rest in peace Ron in the House of the Lord...
Love Lori



Lori Lassen-Lanigan - June 08, 2017 at 03:35 PM

RD

“ Judy & Family. Very sorry to read about Ronnies passing. I enjoyed working with him. I hope that time will ease the sadness and increase the memories. I have a few memories of him that still make me smile. We'll be thinking about you.....Ron Dahlke

Ron Dahlke - June 08, 2017 at 11:25 AM

JW

“ I always enjoyed talking to Ron. Sending my deepest sympathy to Judy and all the Mettenbrink family.
Take Care, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Jacquelyn Wetzel



Jacquelyn Wetzel - June 08, 2017 at 07:43 AM

SM

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ron. God's blessings to all of you at this time.
Shellie Meyer

Shellie Meyer - June 07, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Mettenbrink.



June 07, 2017 at 10:00 PM

BD

“ *Ron was a good friend - we graduated from high school the same year - 1956. RIP my friend!! Barbara Rapien Dalland*

Barbara Rspien Dalland - June 07, 2017 at 07:26 PM

CC

“ *Connie Jo Vogel Clark lit a candle in memory of Ronald Mettenbrink*



Connie Jo Vogel Clark - June 07, 2017 at 07:14 PM

JN

“ *Jackie and Larry of Omaha, NE purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ronald Mettenbrink.*



Jackie and Larry of Omaha, NE - June 07, 2017 at 06:14 PM

SB

“ *Mettenbrink family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was always so cheerful and outgoing. Everyone was welcome in his home. He always made me laugh. He will be missed by so many people. May God bless each of you through this very difficult time. Even when someone is sick, we are never ready to say goodbye.*

sharon Boyd - June 07, 2017 at 05:24 PM

KB

“ *Our deepest sympathies.*

*Jack and Karen Beckmann
William McLellan III*

Karen Beckmann - June 07, 2017 at 02:56 PM

RD

I worked with Ron for many years in the dairy business. I really enjoyed being around him. He was a nice and friendly guy. I hope time will heal all the pain and sadness and the memories get stronger.....Ron Dahlke

Ron Dahlke - June 08, 2017 at 09:03 AM