



Ronald Lee Cool

November 6, 1940 - April 3, 2018

Ronald Lee Cool, 77, of Elm Creek died Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, April 7th at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with the Rev. Dean Pofahl officiating. Friends and family are invited to gather immediately following the Memorial Service at the Elm Creek Lion's Club Community Building. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Ronald Lee Cool was born on November 6, 1940, in Kearney, Nebraska. He was one of five children born to Ernest and Gertrude (Bauer) Cool. He grew up north of Miller and graduated in 1959, with the first high school class of the newly formed Sumner Eddyville Miller school system.

After graduation, Ron worked for Jim Bailey (Miller, NE) until 1964. At that time he began his employment with the Sumner Eddyville Miller school system as a custodian and bus driver. In August of 1979, Ron began working for the Buffalo County Highway Department. He lived in the Miller-Sumner area until his retirement with the County in October 2006, after which he made Elm Creek, NE his home. Additionally, he enjoyed working part-time in the Miller area for Quail Oil during the 70s and 80s, and Randy and Jerry Bentley up until retirement.

Ron was married to Judy Paben on June 1, 1963, in Amherst, NE. The couple lived in the Miller area where they had two children, Judi Ann, (Martin) and Richard Lee. They later divorced in 1983. While in Miller, Ron was active with the Miller Volunteer Fire Department and Village Board.

In his retirement, Ron enjoyed daily drives, attending many of his grandson's activities, going to Mom's Kitchen in Elm Creek, Sapp Bros in Odessa, frequent visits to Tub's Pub in Sumner, and keeping up with previous Buffalo County coworkers. Most recently he kept his daily lunch date with his grandson Joshua. He lived at Maple Manor in Elm Creek and enjoyed strong friendships with his fellow residents.

Surviving relatives include his sisters Bobbie Pfeiffer of Kearney, NE, and Arda Renfrow and her husband Dick of Grand Island, NE; daughter Judi Ann Martin and husband Steve, and his grandson Joshua and wife Colleen all of Elm Creek, NE; son Richard Lee and husband Patrick McDonald of Mesa, AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents; brother in-law Lewis (Bud) Olson; brother in-law Duane Pfeiffer; brother in-law Darrel Hough; sister Vera Hough; sister LaRea Schnacker; and brother in-law Wayne Schnacker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Elm Creek Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 130, Elm Creek, NE 68836; Miller Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 146, Miller, NE 68858; or CHI Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, 10 East 31st Street, P.O. Box 1990, Kearney, NE 68848.

Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Service are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Ron was known for his kind heart, his easy going personality, and he will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Lee Cool*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Cool.*



April 07, 2018 at 02:02 AM



“ *Deanna Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Cool*



Deanna Thompson - April 06, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *My condolences and prayer of comfort to Ron's family. I grew up with Ron being the custodian in elementary school. Best memory was Ron being my partner in doubles ping pong in 5th grade.*

Roger Bowie - April 06, 2018 at 02:19 PM

RW

“ Sincere Sympathy to Ron Cool family..



Rod & Rhonda Wilshusen - April 06, 2018 at 11:29 AM

SM

“ Thinking of you all during this empty time. I always liked Ron. He was a good, kind man and know you will greatly miss him!

*Shari (Marshall-Frost) McClure
Hemingford, NE*

Shari McClure - April 06, 2018 at 11:05 AM

VL

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort..

Valerie Lind - April 05, 2018 at 11:52 AM

KK

“ Kasia And Jeremy Kappel lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Cool



Kasia and Jeremy Kappel - April 05, 2018 at 11:17 AM

KK

So, very sorry to hear of this news he was a great man and a great Uncle to me for a short period of my life! Thoughts and prayers to your family. Kasia Kappel

Kasia and Jeremy Kappel - April 05, 2018 at 11:18 AM

PP

“ Peg And Gregg Porter lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Cool



Peg and gregg Porter - April 04, 2018 at 06:44 PM

TC

“ To Ron's family
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Ron was a special, kind caring man. I remembered the summer I worked with him at the Miller Grade school he was always joking with us kids. He also drove the bus that I rode on. Prayers that God gives you comfort during this difficult time



Theresa Childers (Potter)

Theresa Childers - April 04, 2018 at 06:21 PM

BL

“ Bridget Limbach sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Lee Cool



Bridget Limbach - April 04, 2018 at 04:15 PM

BL

BE FREE, RON!

Bridget Limbach - April 04, 2018 at 04:16 PM

BL

“ *Bridget Limbach lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Cool*



Bridget Limbach - April 04, 2018 at 04:15 PM

BL

“ *Ron was the first person that I met whenever I was waiting to be interviewed for the nurse position that Doc had available. Actually, it was Ron that had me "sold" on the position, even before interviewing for it! He was so funny, honest, humble, and had a high respect for Doc as "he saved my life...twice". After every single encounter that I had with Ron over four years, I used to say to him, "Stay Cool, Ron" and he would always say, "I will". Thank you, Ron, for being an amazing, guy!*

Stay Cool, Ron! I love you!

*Always & Forever Your Nurse,
Bridget*

Bridget Limbach - April 04, 2018 at 04:15 PM

PS

Ron was a once in a lifetime friend which started in grade school and continued until he passed around the corner of eternity where we of the living cannot see. In grade school I had the measles one Easter. The school passed out Easter candy and was having a party. Ron left the party and walked 3 blocks to bring me my candy. Ron cared about others even as a young boy. While In high school we constantly ran around together----double dating, being pranksters and generally having a lot of fun together until I left for college. Over the years when we met for coffee or lunch Ron always wanted an update about life and then we'd start talking about the fond memories of when we were teenagers. To Ron's family---my sincere sympathy in the loss of a truly wonderful human being.

Blessings

Pastor J. H. Schroeder

Pastor J. H. Schroeder - April 06, 2018 at 01:12 PM