



Ronald Gwaltney

December 4, 1956 - October 9, 2022

On Sunday, October 9, 2022, Ronald Ray Gwaltney, Topeka, Kansas, passed away at the age of 65. Ron was born on December 4, 1956, in Topeka to Jean and Vesta Bush Gwaltney.

Ron married the love of his life, Linda Beiter, on July 12, 1980, in Topeka. They were also blessed with two children, Michael and Amy, in their 42 years of marriage.

Ron loved taking care of his wife, children, family, friends and neighbors. He had a passion for teaching and encouraging children by coaching youth sports and volunteering at schools, including Junior Achievement, the annual 6th-grade egg drop at Landon Middle School, and USD 501 reading buddies. Ron enjoyed his summers, usually with bare feet, sharing activities with friends and family on the lake.

Ron had a special place in his heart for volunteering at TARC's Winter Wonderland. He designed displays and helped keep the lights on for 20+ years.

Ron was a 1974 graduate of Topeka West High School. He attended Emporia State University and then transferred to Kansas State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. His 43-year career

included 35 years at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., followed by his current position at Evergy. He was an emeritus member of IEEE and was currently serving on the TARC Foundation Board of Directors.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Jean. Ron is survived by his mother, Vesta, of Topeka; his wife, Linda; son, Michael (Kelli) of Waukee, IA; daughter, Amy Hartner (Chase); grandson, James Jack Hartner of Topeka; siblings, Darrell (Tami) of Topeka, Ernie (Marti) of Silverdale, WA, Marlin (Kenna) of Augusta, KS, and Marlys (Nicole) of Wichita, KS.

Smooth sailing, Captain Ron!

Visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at Fellowship Bible Church, 6800 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS 66615.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to TARC's Winter Wonderland, 2701 SW Randolph Ave, Topeka, KS 66611.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbreannanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
6800 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66615

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Gwaltney



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 17, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ Ronald Gwaltney

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Linda, so sorry to read of Ron's passing. So very young and so much life to live. Fred and I express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Linda, remembering our years of co-workers at WNNJ. Sincerely, Fred and Beverly Johnson.

Beverly W Johnson - October 20, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Amy. I know all too well what it is like. But rejoice in the fact that he is sailing, fishing and living his best life ever until you both meet again. God Bless you and your family. Don & LeAnn McGranahan



LeAnn McGranahan - October 18, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



October 18, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



October 18, 2022 at 12:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



October 17, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Linda. We are so sorry to hear about Ron. Sending our thoughts and prayers to you and the family.*

Bill and Barb Rice

Bill and Barb Rice - October 17, 2022 at 07:57 PM

DO

“ So many memories growing - 4th of July was a big thing for the Bush family at the farm. Oh what fun we had with the city kids coming to the country - fishing, wading in the creek and just having lots of fun, food, ICE CREAM and topped off with our own fireworks. Those were the days and when We heard of Ron's passing - our first reaction was shock - cant be true but then we realized it was. Linda. Michael. Amy, Aunt Vesta and all your families our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Diane & Ned O'Mara - October 17, 2022 at 06:58 PM

HD

“ Halstead/Bentley School District purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.



Halstead/Bentley School District - October 17, 2022 at 03:03 PM

DL

“ It was truly very shocking and very sad to hear the news of Ron's passing. Ron was a very wonderful and pleasant person to work with...and undeniably, one of the best and most helpful that I have ever worked with, thus far, in my career. He always made me feel better coming out, after being in his office to discuss any project matters. Remembering our group's (when he used to be in our group) get-together hangout that we had a while back, our kids had an awesome and splendid time sailing with him on the boat at the lake. My family and I will miss him very much. I pray that God's loving arm of embrace will surround, comfort, and strengthen you and your family, and that God, Himself, will fill the void left by a such great loss in your family.

Dipo Lashore - October 17, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



October 17, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Tim, Tom, Doris, Jeff, Donna, Ramona purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



Tim, Tom, Doris, Jeff, Donna, Ramona - October 17, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *I truly enjoyed working with Ron (at Every). He was such a genuinely kind and pleasant person...a good soul. So very sorry for your loss, prayers for God's comfort and peace.*

Pam Tennison-Rindt - October 17, 2022 at 08:07 AM

SD

“ So shocking and sad to hear of Ron's passing. Our sincere condolences to the family, friends, and community on this loss of such a great human being. Ron and I hired in the same day at Goodyear in the engineering department. I'll always remember in our early days, we would join the "old" engineers for our half hour sack lunch in the cafeteria. Ron always brought his humor, delight, and laughter to the conversation. A number of years later, we worked together in the same office in Radial Trucks, and often mentioned what a great team we were to get the projects completed. I couldn't have been teamed with a more talented and intelligent electrical engineer. I was blessed to have known him, and may God bless you all.
Stan Domnanish Family

Stan Domnanish - October 16, 2022 at 08:51 PM

SP

“ Kurt and I are saddened to hear of Ron's passing. He was so nice with such a great smile. We will remember that! God bless you all.

Shelly Pickett - October 16, 2022 at 01:30 PM

DE

“ Such sorrow to learn of Ron's passing. He was such a genuinely nice person to all. And he was always so busy! Ron will be missed. May God shower all of you with blessings of peace and comfort.

Diana Dougan Enriquez - October 16, 2022 at 10:33 AM

CP

“ *Linda, Michael, Amy and family: Stacy and I are so sorry for your loss. Ron was a great friend who would do anything for anybody. We raised our families together and had many fun adventures. I will cherish the times that Ron, Monty, Keith and I had together. I am especially grateful we were able to canoe the Minnesota boundary waters together. That was one of the greatest adventures of my life. Ron was a great friend. He will be sorely missed. And we grieve at our loss. But we rejoice that he is with our Lord and Savior and pray that God will comfort you in your time of loss.*

Curt and Stacy Puderbaugh



Curt Puderbaugh - October 15, 2022 at 09:11 PM

FS

“ *I am in shock of Ron's passing. Whenever I needed help he was always there to lend a hand. He helped me several times when I owned the Ameriprise building down town. He was always kind and willing to help and a wonderful husband to Linda. So sad may he Rest In Peace.*

Frank Sica - October 15, 2022 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ Scott and I are so sorry to hear about Ron's passing! We enjoyed getting to know him a bit during Roosevelt reunion meetings at the house. He was always friendly, smiling, and willing to visit. We will miss seeing him and his welcoming smile. Our thoughts are with Linda and family!

Charles and Janet Clearwater - October 15, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.



October 14, 2022 at 09:15 PM

JE

“ I worked for Ron on some projects at Goodyear and you would be hard pressed to find a man that treated people any better. RIP Ron.

Joe Estes - October 14, 2022 at 01:42 PM

JH

“ Ron definitely made the world a better place! What a gift his life was and we will miss him dearly. We learned a lot from him. Thank you Ron for demonstrating how to love your family, your neighbors (that was really all of us to Ron!), your God and His creation, and the life you had been given - so well. Ron was also talented in so many ways and blessed so many of us with those talents. He loved life (and sailing, pulling kids on the tube, etc., etc.). Bless you his wonderful family. Ron would be so proud of each of you. We pray that your faith, good memories, and the support of those around you will bring you comfort. Love you all.
Jim & Stef Hanna

Jim & Stef Hanna - October 14, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.



October 13, 2022 at 08:39 PM

CK

“ Linda, Michael, and Amy, we are at a loss for words seeing that Ron has passed away. We have so many fun memories of our kids playing soccer together, and Ron coaching Courtney. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you. Know that we are praying for each of you. Cheryl and Brd Koehn

Cheryl Koehn - October 13, 2022 at 08:11 PM

CK

Cheryl and Brad Koehn

Cheryl Koehn - October 13, 2022 at 08:19 PM

DD

“ My condolences to Linda and family. We lost one of the good guys! Ron was one of the best engineers that I ever worked with but he was an even better human being. If he couldn't say something good about another person, then he just wouldn't say anything at all! Our hearts and prayers go out to you all!

Dennis D'Orvilliers - October 13, 2022 at 04:56 PM

MM

“ I'm very sorry to learn of Ron's passing. He was such a kind and helpful person and a wonderful coworker. My sincere condolences to his entire family.

Matt Magill - October 13, 2022 at 02:44 PM

MJ

“ Megan, Mallory, Mackenzi, Zach, Jeanne purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.



Megan, Mallory, Mackenzi, Zach, Jeanne - October 13, 2022 at 01:13 PM

LM

“ Linda, so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I'll be praying for peace and comfort.

Letty Meek - October 12, 2022 at 09:55 PM

PD

“ *Pallab Datta purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



Pallab Datta - October 12, 2022 at 06:42 PM

JP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Linda and your family as we mourn the sudden loss of our friend Ron. God Bless You.*

Jim & Joy Phelps - October 12, 2022 at 06:37 PM

PD

“ *I could not believe it when I heard of Ron's passing. He was a wonderful person, I remember his smiling face and enthusiasm every time we talked. My thoughts and prayers for Ron's family, may they have the strength to endure this loss and find peace. Ron will indeed be missed.*

Pallab Datta - October 12, 2022 at 06:14 PM



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



October 12, 2022 at 12:49 PM

DC

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family. Ron always had a smile and a helping hand. He will be greatly missed. Deb Clarke*

Debra Clarke - October 12, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Gwaltney.*



October 12, 2022 at 11:56 AM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of Ron's passing! I remember him from Sunday School over at Countryside Methodist. Really nice fellow with a great family! I pray much peace to the family as you walk through the valley of the shadows.*

corey Wilson - October 12, 2022 at 11:05 AM