



## Ronald W. Kennedy

June 9, 1943 - April 7, 2023

Ronald W. Kennedy, 79, of Indianapolis, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at IU Health North Hospital.

He was born on June 9, 1943 in Harvey, Illinois, a son of the late Hester and Mattie Elizabeth (Black) Kennedy.

Ron was a 1961 graduate of Kennewick High School in Kennewick, Washington. He met the love of his life, Diane Smith, while attending Bible Missionary Institute in Rock Island, Illinois. They were married on April 4, 1963 in West Monroe, Louisiana. In 1977, they moved to Indiana where Ron began what would become a successful 40-year career in cemetery sales and management.

For several years, Ron enjoyed singing and recording with the King's Messengers Trio with Larry and Trisha Jewett. Ron was a long-time dedicated member of Calvary Bible Methodist Church in Greenfield where he served as a board member, treasurer, and worship leader. In his downtime, Ron enjoyed working in his yard, cooking, grilling, and occasionally fishing. Most of all, Ron loved his family dearly and cherished spending time together.

Those left to cherish Ron's memory include his loving wife of 60 years, Diane Kennedy; two children, Mark (Anita) Kennedy of Beech Grove and Ronda

(Dan) England of Fishers; four grandchildren, Nathan (Diane) Kennedy, and Corey, Cassie, and Cade England; three great-grandchildren, James, Daniel, and Dawnica Kennedy; a sister, Norma Patterson of Portland, OR; three sisters-in-law, Trisha (Larry) Jewett, Naomi Kennedy, and Betty Kennedy; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by two brothers, Darrell Kennedy and Clyde Kennedy, and a brother-in-law, Jack Patterson.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Calvary Bible Methodist Church, 4465 N. Fortville Pike, Greenfield, with Pastor Mark Potter, Rev. Terry Going, and Rev. Mark Mowery officiating. Entombment will be held privately at Washington Park North Cemetery in Indianapolis.

You may join Ron's funeral service online at 12:00 pm Saturday by Clicking Here (<https://boxcast.tv/view/ron-kennedy-funeral-nbjexyxneauqgona3s3o>).

Friends may call from 10:00 am until the time of the service Saturday at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. You may offer the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Ronald W. Kennedy.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Bible Methodist Church  
4465 N. Fortville Pike  
Greenfield, IN 46140

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



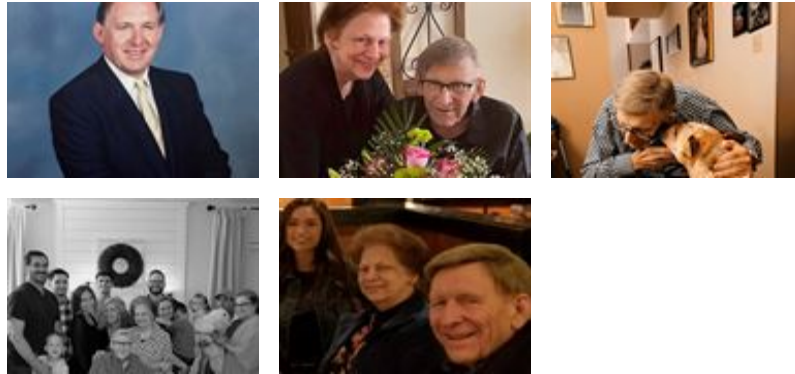
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Kennedy.



April 14, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ 145 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - April 14, 2023 at 10:55 AM



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



April 13, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Kennedy.*



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April 13, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *My dear Uncle Ron I have reminisced this week over the many wonderful memories I shared with him, Aunt Diane, Mark (Anita) and Ronda (Danny) over the years. From growing up next door to one another to spending summers together (while my parents traveled with GBS), to loving on cousin's babies and list just kept growing in my mind! It's fun imagining him seeing the face of Jesus for the first time, having a 'whole' new body, and the CROWD of family and friends who had gone on before waiting to greet him! What a celebration! Though we may mourn here on earth for now, we know beyond the shadow of a doubt where he is and by the Grace of God we're going to meet him there someday! Heaven's sounding sweeter and sweeter all the time!!!*

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**Shelly Penn (Greg and Aly, too!) - April 12, 2023 at 11:58 PM**

MM

“ Heaven became a sweeter place on April the 7th. Ron was a dear friend. We will always remember his passion for worship, his love for Jesus and his love for his family. We have many wonderful memories with Ron - he was a natural story teller, always had a good joke to make us smile, and made us hungry talking about food. (His cheeseball and cracker trays, and meatballs at the church fellowships were always one of our favorites.) He was a great man and will be deeply missed! Diane, Mark, Anita, Ronda, Danny, and grandkids our hearts hurt with you at this time. With love, Mike and Michelle Mater

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**Mike and Michelle Mater** - April 12, 2023 at 11:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Kennedy.



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April 11, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Kennedy.



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April 11, 2023 at 06:13 PM

DH

“ *Mark, Ronda and Diane. We are sorry for your loss. Ron gave me my first introduction to funeral service when I was 16 when he managed Green Hill Memory Gardens. I remember him taking time from his busy schedule to work with a few of us teens to form a quartet to sing at the church in New Castle. He was always a great example of what it was to be a Christian. He will be missed by all who knew him. Praying for Gods grace and comfort for your family.*

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**Doug & Pam Hill** - April 11, 2023 at 10:34 AM



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



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April 11, 2023 at 10:28 AM



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



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April 10, 2023 at 11:09 PM

MP

“ Ron was a wonderful man. I met him in 1995 and have fond memories of his sense of humor, his love for the Pacific Northwest and his love for Christ. I have been privileged to be his Pastor for the last three years and deeply appreciate his dedication to his family his faith and his friends. Heaven is much richer to have Ron and we are left with a huge hole in our hearts. Our prayers are with Diane and the children as they morn his loss.

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**Mark Potter** - April 10, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TG

“ Ron was one of my closest friends. We shared many visits, laughs, and prayers together. I can hardly count the many experiences we had together across the years. One thing I know is that Ron loved his Lord, his wife and family more than anything, and we are praying for them at this difficult time, yet rejoicing in the fact that a great reunion awaits our future.

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**Terry and Ella Ruth Going** - April 10, 2023 at 08:08 PM