



Ronald DeBruin
1930 - 2016

Our loved husband, father, grandfather, Ronald DeBruin left us to be with our Lord, August 11, 2016. He died peacefully in his sleep under Great Lakes Caring Hospice. There will be a memorial services for Ronald on Saturday, September 3, 2016, at 11 AM in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ida. Pastor Ted Kerr will officiate. Cremation has occurred.

Ron was born in River Rouge, MI, on March 7, 1930 to Nelda and Bernard DeBruin. He graduated from Fordson High School, Dearborn, attended Henry Ford Community College and Monroe County Community College. As a young boy he was a Boy Scout and later a Scout Leader, in Taylor. He was an avid Sport Car enthusiast owning a MG-TD, Triumph TR2 and Triumph GT6 which he raced, rebuilt and maintained. He was a charter member of the MG Car Club (Detroit). On June 8, 1957, he married Helen Pugh in London, Ontario, Canada, at Grace United Church. They lived in Dearborn and Dearborn Hts and Taylor moving to Ida in 1978. Ron was active in his church- was a deacon, elder at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Allen Park, MI and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ida. He worked on Journey to the Cross for many years. Ron was a member of Ida Civic Club serving as President and also Christmas in Ida Parade setting up floats.

Ron is survived by his wife Helen, son, Scott (Julie), daughter, Brenda (Narciso Jr.) Guzman, 4 grandchildren, Emily, McKenzie DeBruin, Rosemary, Sara Guzman, 2 sisters, Joanne McKee, Janet Stevens, Brother-in-law, James (Pat) Pugh and a sister-in-law, Bette Cussons. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Gerald Stephenson and brothers-in-law, Same McKee, Shirl Stevens, an infant son, Brian DeBruin and an infant daughter, Sandra Michelle DeBruin.

As an employee of Great Lakes, Ron worked on drawings for the Edmund Fitzgerald and went on the shake down cruise on Lake Superior. Great Lakes Engineering closed in 1961. Ron retired from Guardian Industries in 2000. While with Guardian he worked at the Campbell Street Plant and moved to the Carelton Plant when it was built. He worked at corporate offices for a time and spent 1 year in Gujarat, India when a glass plant was built there as an engineer.

Ron was a caring, quiet gentleman, patient husband and father, talented builder and could "fix anything" according to his son and daughter.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ida.

To send the family condolences please go online to: www.capaulfuneralhome.com.