



Ronald A. "Ron" Fleissner

December 30, 2020

Cherished husband, devoted father of five, and grandfather of nine—passed away peacefully on December 30, 2020 at the age of 89.

Ron was born in 1931 in Milwaukee just minutes before his identical twin brother, Robert. Ron was a proud Milwaukeean and lived all but a few years of his life in the city. Ron met Arlyne Rappl, his beloved wife of 66 years, while studying at Marquette University, and the two raised a large, happy family of four sons (Richard, Michael, William, and Thomas) and one daughter (Ann). After starting a career as a radio DJ in the 1950s, Ron settled into work as a public affairs officer for the local IRS office.

Despite his transition to a desk job, Ron never lost his passion for radio broadcasting; for many years in his retirement, he and Arlyne hosted a weekly radio show in Rhinelander, WI, featuring his favorite big band hits. When he wasn't on the radio, Ron enjoyed sunset cruises on the peaceful waters of Found Lake in the Wisconsin northwoods, where the family had a vacation home for many years and where Ron taught many children to catch panfish from the pier. A decades-long member of the tenor section of his church choir and avid clarinet player, Ron brought joyful music into his home and into the lives of his community members. He is remembered as a generous, patient, and gentle man who appreciated order and organization in everything, the beauty of a well-made Manhattan, and an evening of Sheepshead with the

family.

Ron was preceded in death by his mother (Mabel Zimmer), father (Frank Fleissner), brothers (John and Robert), and sister (Joan). He is survived by his wife (Arlyne), his brother (Franklin), his five children—Richard (Christine), Michael (Cyndy), William, Thomas (Linda), and Ann (Robert)—his nine grandchildren (Stephanie, Joseph, Benjamin, David, Katherine, Elizabeth, Gregory, Zola, and Clio), and six great grandchildren (Mason, Owen, Henry, Avery, Bennett, and Charlotte).

In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus (<https://www.stannessc.org/Donate.html>) would be appreciated by the family.

Public visitation will be held Wednesday, January 13 from 10:00 to 10:30 AM at the Rozga-Walloch Chapel (4309 S. 20th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221). With concern for the safety of all during this time of Covid the Mass of Christian Burial will be privately held at Mother of Good Counsel Church and will be able to be viewed on a livestream at [facebook.com/MGCPCC](https://www.facebook.com/MGCPCC) on Wednesday, January 13 at 11:30 AM and following the Mass on Ron's Tribute Obituary page on the Funeral Home Website. Private interment will be held at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring St
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel
4309 South 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221
(414) 281-7145
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall

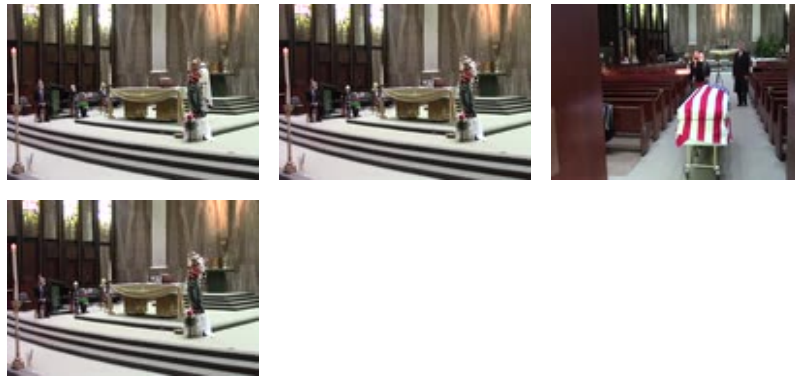
MS

“ *Expressing my condolences on the passing of Ron. Ron had drove and helped us after his IRS retirement, and was always great to have him around! Mark Simonson*

Mark Simonson - January 27, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Funeral Mass*



Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - January 13, 2021 at 06:25 PM

AH

“ *I remember Ron as part of our wonderful clarinet section in the Wauwatosa Community Band. We had many a pleasant conversation between numbers during rehearsal and sometimes following. After we both retired from the band I looked forward to "catching up" with Ron and Arlynne as we attended the performances. When in Eagle River we found Ron on the dial and listened to some of his broadcasts. His obituary captures 100% the Ron we knew and the man whose company we enjoyed. He will be missed by many and we will keep him and Arlynne in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Alice and Jim Hirt*

Alice Hirt - January 13, 2021 at 12:04 PM

RM

“ Dear Arlyne and family. It's been many years since the last time I saw you...probably at my mother June's funeral. I have very fond memories of you and Ron and know how much you meant to mom. She had a very special place in her heart for you and Ron. I send my love and prayers to you. Robby Andres Mohatt

Robby Mohatt - January 12, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald A. "Ron" Fleissner.



January 12, 2021 at 09:36 AM

CA

“ Dear Arlyne and Family,

I'd like to offer my sincere condolences to you and your family in the loss of your dear husband Ron. I'll always remain grateful for the kindness shown to my mother, June Andres (your cousin), for the many times you and Ron spent visiting and socializing together, usually around the holidays! Those connections were always special to my mother. Again, I'm very sorry for your loss. May Ron rest in peace.

*Sincerely,
Christa Andres*

Christa Andres - January 11, 2021 at 02:00 PM

RR

“ *Dear Arlyne and Family,
As you know, Dick was in grade school when he met Ron. Marlene met Ron a few years later. We never saw Ron without a warm welcoming smile. He was always fun to be with. He was genuine, faith-filled, unassuming and always a good example for us and our family. Our family treasured having Ron and Arlyne share Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day with us. He was a cherished friend and member of our family as brother-in-law and Godfather to our children.*

We love you Ron, May you rest in Peace!

Richard Rappi - January 11, 2021 at 01:29 PM

LL

“ *I met Ron in Milwaukee while working at the IRS. He taught me a lot about public speaking. He was always so patient and kind. Comfort and peace to all his loved ones.*

Lorraine (Lori) Lowery - January 10, 2021 at 12:41 PM

RU

“ *My deepest sympathy to Ron's family. I had the pleasure of working with Ron at the IRS. Ron was always pleasant, fun and very knowledgeable. His work was always professional and personalized the IRS to the public. I'm glad he had so many wonderful years with his family.*

Ruth - January 10, 2021 at 09:00 AM

JF

“ Our sincere sympathy to Arlyne and the family on Ron’s passing. We had the opportunity to spend time with him while vacationing at Found Lake where from time to time he helpfully took the few walleyes that we could offer for dinners. His fish fillet skills were far beyond my own. It was always fun to hear him on radio playing his favorite big band tunes. He brought familiar music to thousands of listeners in the Northwoods. May he Rest In Peace.
John Fleissner

John Fleissner - January 08, 2021 at 07:00 PM

EW

“ Dear Arlyne, Sorry to hear of your loss. I know how difficult losing a partner can be and hope that God will give you the grace to get you through a difficult time. I will always remember the many fun days we shared as neighbors. I know that your time on the choir at MGC was special. May Ron rest in peace. Love, Eileen Winger

Eileen Winger - January 08, 2021 at 11:25 AM

TF

“ We send our sympathy and love to Ron’s family and friends. He was a wonderful uncle and all around good guy. We are grateful to have had a chance to know him. Many good memories of Found lake. And appreciation for years of moral support from both Ron and Arlyne for Odile. We are sad for your loss.

tess fleissner - January 08, 2021 at 09:58 AM