



Ronald Lee Biester

April 14, 1937 - February 23, 2017

Ronald L Biester age 79 of Amboy died Thursday Feb. 23, 2017 at Dixon Health Care and Rehabilitation. He was born April 14, 1937 in Sublette the son of Theodore W. and Catherine M. (Cotter) Biester.

Ron was a 1955 graduate of Amboy High School. In 1969 he took the position as head custodian for the new Amboy High School. He also drove a school bus. He retired in 1995. He then worked part time at Home Hardware in Amboy. He had also worked for IDOT, Raynor, Dickinson Hardware and Penhollow Electric.

Ron served on the Amboy City Council for eight years. In 1979, during the city's 125th anniversary, he was instrumental in obtaining, from Carson, Pirie, Scott, the plaque that is displayed at the Long Branch Saloon. Ron also served on the Amboy Park Board, and volunteered during the rehabilitation of the Amboy Depot Museum. He refinished the 19 floors in the depot and those in the Freight House and the School. He was a member of the Lee County Democrats, a former member of the KC's and the Lion's Club. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings and White Sox fan. He was thrilled to be in attendance when his friend Bill Brown, was inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor in 2005. He loved to make crafts, camp and travel.

For many years, Ron made it to the Amboy Family Restaurant at 5 AM, to have coffee and visit with other early risers. The past few years, after many illnesses, he spent a lot of time on his front porch visiting with his best friends, John Leffelman and Bill Leammel and many others who happened by.

Ron married Carol A. Hoyle Oct. 17, 1964 at St Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

He is survived by his wife, daughters Bridget (Curt) Daniels of Amboy, Brenda (Todd Barna) Coffey of Dixon; special niece Sherilyn (Jason Wilhite) Hoyle of Amboy; grandsons, Taylor (Julie Wiersema) Daniels and Dillon Daniels, step grandson, David Coffey, step great grandchildren Aydin and Elyse Coffey; sister Carol (Roger) Linboom of Dixon, brothers in law, Doug Hoyle, Ron (Kalah) Hoyle, sister in law, Diana Hoyle and numerous nieces and nephews that meant a lot to him.

Ron's grandsons have been the light of his life. He is extremely proud of their character, and service to their community. He is also very proud of his daughters and niece who are caring, strong, hardworking, compassionate women.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son in law, Tim Coffey, brother and sister in law Joe and Ellen Hoyle, niece Becki Hoyle and nephew Wayne Hoyle.

Funeral services will be held on Monday Feb. 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with the Rev. Bradley Linboom officiating. Burial will follow in St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Visitation

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Lee Biester*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ronald Lee Biester*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Ron Hoyle and Alexandria Hoyle purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Ronald Lee Biester.*



Ron Hoyle and Alexandria Hoyle - February 26, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *Christine Bandettini and Nicholas Peterson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ronald Lee Biester.*



Christine Bandettini and Nicholas Peterson - February 25, 2017 at 03:17 PM

CB

“ Carol, Bridget and Brenda, I have so many fond, fun memories of Ron. Will never forget our trip to Clinton's Inauguration in 1991. We had so much fun on this adventure together! Will never forget Ron's keen sense of humor and his ability to make me laugh! Love you and am praying for all of you!

Love Christine Bandettini and Nick Peterson

Christine Bandettini - February 25, 2017 at 02:28 PM

JB

“ Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Biester



jim and marilyn braida - February 24, 2017 at 02:33 PM

GS

“ Gary Sylvia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Biester



Gary Sylvia Schultz - February 24, 2017 at 02:23 PM

BC

“ Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Biester



Bonnie Carson - February 24, 2017 at 08:27 AM

BC

Thoughts and prayers to you all Carol. May all the beautiful memories that you have help you and the families through the difficult days ahead. Love and hugs coming your way.

Bonnie Carson - February 24, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Biester.*



February 24, 2017 at 05:06 AM

PW

“ *Penny Watson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Biester*



Penny Watson - February 23, 2017 at 06:27 PM

PW

Sooo very sorry for your loss

Penny Watson - February 23, 2017 at 06:28 PM

PW

I'am soo sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers to the family!

Penny Watson - February 23, 2017 at 07:44 PM

RH

“ Aunt Carol, Bridget and Brenda-

I have fond memories of Uncle Ron's stories, humor and spending time at your campsite in Amboy. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Ron
New York Mills, MN*

Ron Hoyle - February 23, 2017 at 04:27 PM

BR

Thank you so much, Ron, for your thoughts. Miss and love you.

Brenda - February 24, 2017 at 10:47 AM