



Ronald Adolph Melelli

October 24, 1934 - July 17, 2016

VULCAN- Ronald A. Melelli age 81 of Vulcan, died Sunday, July 17, 2016 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI.

He was born in Loretto on October 24, 1934, the son of the late Adolph and Emma (Bonetti) Melelli.

Ron graduated from Vulcan High School in 1952 and went on to play baseball at Western Michigan University graduating with a bachelor's degree in business in 1957.

He married Mary Lee Carl on October 7, 1961 at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford.

Ron was very active, spent 39 years in Michigan Wisconsin Little League and was inducted into the Little League Hall of Fame; he also spent over 20 years as a dedicated athletic official for Michigan High School and Community College Basketball.

He spent 12 years on the Norway-Vulcan School Board, was a member of St. Mary's Church in Norway, former member of the Loyal Order of Moose and an active member in the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center where he enjoyed playing cards with his friends.

Ron is survived by his wife of 54 years Mary Lee; daughters Michele (Neil) Juntunen of Norway and Danielle (Neil) Varda of Vulcan; grandchildren Jennifer Juntunen of Burnsville, MN, Alex Meelli and Cameron Varda of Vulcan, Cassidy and Jack Juntunen of Norway; sister Patricia Milanowski of Chicago, IL; and numerous very special nieces and nephews.

Family will greet friends on Thursday, July 21 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding with Fr. Mark McQuesten concelebrating.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Memorial Mass

JUL 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Michele and Danielle*

Sorry for your loss. May happy memories help get you through this difficult time.

Lynda Giguere

Lynda Giguere - July 20, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Alex Melelli - July 20, 2016 at 02:19 PM

DV

Love these!! ♥♥♥♥

Dani Varda - July 20, 2016 at 02:34 PM

DV

“ 11 files added to the album ALL OF US



Danielle Varda - July 19, 2016 at 08:30 AM

DV

“ *Dani Varda sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Adolph Meelli*



Dani Varda - July 18, 2016 at 08:26 PM

JJ

“ *Sorry to hear about your husbands death ,our prayers and thoughts are with you all*

Joanne and Ray Johnson - July 18, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Mary Lee. I didn't know Ron was ill, so please forgive me for not contacting you sooner. I remember you and your sisters fondly from the years you visited my grandmother, Irene Conard, in Namur (Brussels), Wisconsin. I never knew Ron, but I have great love and respect for your family. May the memories of your life together give you strength in this trying time. My thoughts are with you.
Monica Stauber Holtz

Monica Holtz - July 18, 2016 at 04:12 PM

SD

“ *Mary Lee and Family,*

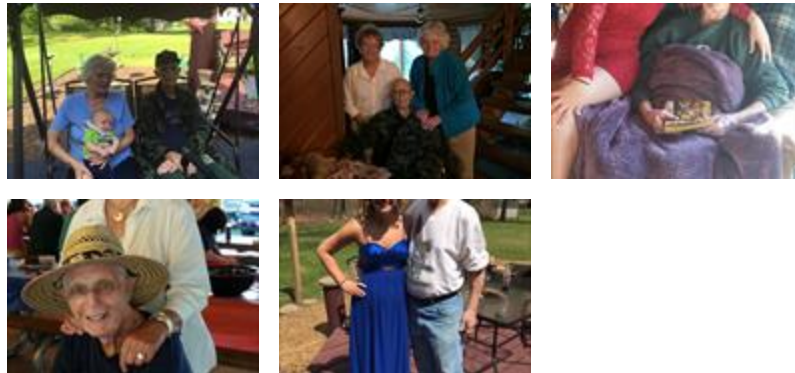
To think that last Monday I visited with cousin Ron at your home, it was the best visit ever! When I hugged Ron and kissed his cheek, he smiled and we both said "I love you." I'm so thankful for that special visit, I will cherish those memories of him forever! May God's peace fill your hearts at this difficult time. Cherish all your memories, just knowing he will have eternal life and be with his family and friends. Some day you will be reunited in heaven, he so loved his family and especially proud of all his grandchildren. Was wonderful sharing stories of our two grandsons that are awesome baseball players, Camron keep playing the sport just for Grandpa Ron! Our love and prayers.

Cousin Shirley (Bonetti) DeRidder

Shirley DeRidder - July 18, 2016 at 03:09 PM

MJ

“ 8 files added to the album DAD/GRANDPA



MICHELE JUNTUNEN - July 18, 2016 at 01:45 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy and we keep you all in our prayers. May all of your memories help in the healing.
Roger & Diane De Bock

Roger & Diane De Bock - July 18, 2016 at 11:51 AM

PP

*Mary Lee - Thinking of you and your family at this sad time.
In sympathy, Pat (Hinds) Pardon*

Pat Pardon - July 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM