



## Ronald H. Maris

December 20, 1936 - October 4, 2010

Ronald H. Maris, age 73, of Merrillville, passed away Monday October 4th, at his home with his loving family at his side.

Ron was born in 1936, and graduated from Horace Mann High School. He later attended and was a proud graduate of Indiana University School of Business where he was the President of his housing unit. While at I.U. he raced in The Little 500 and found many lifetime friendships. Ron is also a Lifetime Member of the Indiana University Alumni Association. After his graduation from I.U., Ron was the third generation owner and operator of Maris Roofing Company Inc, (established in 1929) until he retired in April of 2008. The company is now run by the fourth generation family. Ron was also instrumental and very active in the Northwest Indiana Roofing Contractors Association.

Ron enjoyed spending time with good friends and family, going out to dinner and entertaining. He loved to travel, visit Marco Island in the winter and Brown County in the fall.

He will be remembered for his kind nature, warm loving heart and always having the best lawn on the block. We all feel blessed to have had him as part of our lives and he will live within our hearts forever.

Ron is preceded in death by his father, Michael Maris (Lottie Orlich), his mother, Helen (Fengya) Maris, and his brother Robert "Bobby" Maris. He is survived by his two daughters; Sheri (Phil) Kleminski and Susan (Kevin) Markle, loving and devoted companion, Sandy Gawrysiak, and sister-in-law

Helen Maris. Ron is also survived by his five grandchildren, Michael Evans, Austin Markle, Alyssa Markle, Adalyn Markle, Connor Kleminski, and his favorite golden retriever Destiny.

Friends may visit with the family on Friday, October 8, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN.

Donations in Ron's memory may be given to the Huntington Disease Society of America ([hdsa.org](http://hdsa.org)) 140 West 22nd Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10011.