



## Ronald Dean Travis

November 2, 1940 - October 12, 2021

Ronald Dean Travis, age 80, of Cedar Lake, Indiana passed peacefully, on October 12, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Gertrude Travis, his brother, Jack and sisters, Mary Arnold, Jerri Ide, Myra Raila, Joan Herman, Donna Stoll, Nancy Matthews and Lynn Wardingly. Ron is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia Travis; children, Therese (David) Fulton, Tammi Travis, Donald (Kimberly) Travis, and Traci (Joseph) Deakin III; thirteen grandchildren and six grandchildren-in-love: Andrew (Rachel) Fulton, Aaron (Milata) Fulton, Daniel (Courtney) Justice, Alissa Fulton Englert, Joshua (Sarah) Deakin, Andrew (Kacie Kinkade) Travis, Hannah (Zach) Wamper, Dayna Justice, Jacob Deakin, Adam Travis, Sarah Travis, Nathan Travis and Jennifer Fulton; three great-grandchildren Grayson Englert, Evelina Englert and David Abraham Fulton. He is also survived by one brother, Lee Travis. Ronald was a father figure to many, notably to two of his bonus-adopted sons, H. Donald Spiaries (nephew and Navy protege) and John Svientek, along with a host of nieces and nephews that he adored.

Ronald was a Navy veteran (USS Prairie) and retired from the railroad - his heart belonged to the Rock Island, however he retired from CSX Railroad. His greatest passion was fishing, with most recent trip to Lake Kabetogama-Namakan, Minnesota catching a haul of northern pike, along with white bass fishing in Fremont, Wisconsin for numerous years. Ron was heavily involved in Scottish Rites, Medinah Shriners, Masonic Hall/Eastern Star, VFW and American Legion.

Ron never met a stranger, making friends wherever he went never missing an opportunity to tell stories about both the Navy, railroad or fishing. He was labeled with many titles, as we reflected on his life. Feisty, protector, brave, stubborn; however, if you knew Ron, he was a teacher. He had a drive in him to teach people life lessons, not book smart, but hard life lessons. Lessons he, himself, learned through the hard life he grew up in. He was a friend to all and giver of himself. Family was number one! He loved his blood family, though loved extended family and friends and those that became family through marriage. He was a Godly man. No words can describe the hole in all our lives that he has left. Many family and friends were able to call and tell him how much he was loved in his last hours on this earth.

There will be no services, a family memorial to be held later. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ So sorry to hear. I'll miss you and your stories. Rest in peace my friend.

Sammie

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**Sammie Deborah McMillen** - October 14, 2021 at 08:33 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Travis's passing. It's been a long time since I last saw Ron and Pat, but they were always so kind and welcoming to me and our group back when I lived in the area. I have fun memories of being around him from the time when he was managing the motel on rte 30 to picnics at the farm in Manteno. My prayers go out to Traci, Don, Pat, and the whole family.

Steve Meyer

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**Steve Meyer** - October 14, 2021 at 02:58 PM

DD

“ Very sweet & loving soul. Always smiling and loving his family. May God's peace cover your family in the days ahead.

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**Deborah Deakin** - October 14, 2021 at 06:59 AM

DN

“ Ron was as good as they come.

*I have many fond memories of him from over the years. He was the hard-working no-nonsense dad of my cousins as we made mischief in Michigan and Indiana summers, and in later years he was the funny uncle at Silver Lake regaling us all with stories of blowhards at Susan's wedding, overzealous game wardens, and anything else we wanted to hear. Although our visits were more and more spread out as time passed, every time I saw him, it was as if we had just been together. And although I hadn't seen him much recently. I feel the same sting of loss as if I was living closer.*

*My prayers and sympathy to all of you as you gather to celebrate his life. I know you'll make him proud.*

*-David*

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**David Norris** - October 14, 2021 at 05:32 AM

AW

“ *I have so many memories I don't know where to begin. We started sharing many laughs years ago at Susan's wedding rehearsal dinner and then just added to them every time we met. The Williams and the Schreiber families shared some combined family reunions at Silver Lake in Michigan which were fun for everyone and somehow Ron always managed to be the life of the party., without even trying. His family are a tribute to he and Pat and he was proud of each one of you. I know he will be greatly missed but as long a we have memories he will live in our heart forever. My Love and sympathy to all of you, Arlyce Williams*

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**Arlyce Williams** - October 13, 2021 at 09:50 PM