



Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker

September 19, 1937 - March 13, 2019

Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker, 81, of Peoria, IL passed away at 8:16 AM on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Ronald was born on September 19, 1937 in Washington, DC to Edward and Sadie (Tillett) Locker. He married Johnnie Murphy in Washington, DC and had 53 years of holy matrimony.

Ronald was a US Air Force Veteran. He was Dealer Operations Support Manager at Caterpillar, retiring in 2000 after 32 years of service. Ronald attended Bowie State and Syracuse University. He graduated from George Washington University in 1968 and later received his Masters of Business Administration Degree (MBA) from the University of Chicago. Ronald volunteered at Planned Parenthood, the Crittenton Center and was a past Board president at Agency on Aging.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Johnnie Locker of Peoria; two sons, Jonathan Locker of San Diego, CA and Alexander (Monica) Locker of Country Club Hills, IL; one daughter, Veronica Locker of Indianapolis, IN; one brother, Kurtiss Locker of Washington, DC; one sister, Paula Hart of Washington, DC; cousins with whom he was raised, Sheila Dukes, Richard Gross, Rev.

Stephen Tillett and Florence Alcorn; two grandchildren, Nathaniel Locker and Adrianna Locker and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his grandmother who raised him, Hattye Tillett; his step mother, Muriel Locker; his aunt Jennie Gross; his uncle Malcolm Tillett; other relatives and friends.

Ronald attended Bethel United Methodist Church where funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, March 22, 2019. A visitation will be held one-hour prior to the service beginning at 10 AM. Pastor Tyson Parks, III, will officiate. Ronald will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens where US Air Force Military Honors will be rendered.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church or the local Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605
http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker*



Simons Mortuary - March 22, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

DO

“ Dear Mrs. Locker and Family -
It was my pleasure to know Mr. Locker when he was the Supervisor of the Department next to mine at Caterpillar Mossville many years ago. He was such a true gentleman and I admired him greatly. He greeted everyone with a smile and "hello" whenever he would see you. I send all or you my deepest sympathy in your loss and ask God's graces for you in your grief. I am sure there is a "big" new angel in heaven now with glasses, a mustache and a great big smile!!!! God grant him peace and happiness in his new home.
Respectfully;

Don O'Dea
Washington, IL

Don O'Dea - March 22, 2019 at 10:52 PM

ES

“ I was very saddened to hear of Mr. Locker's passing. Alex - it has been a very long time since we've seen each other, but I want you to know that you and your entire family are in my thoughts. Wishing you all the Peace that Passes all Understanding.

Eric Stotts

Eric Stotts - March 21, 2019 at 08:36 PM

AB

“ Anita Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker



Anita Brown - March 21, 2019 at 04:11 PM

GS

“ To the Locker family, I worked with Ron in the 1990s at Mossville. He was a kind and caring gentle giant. He always had a smile on his face and wonderful advise for a young woman starting her Cat career. May the Lord grant you peace in this time of grieving.

Genda Saletzki

Genda Saletzki - March 21, 2019 at 12:00 PM

RS

“ Our prayers and sympathy to Johnnie and family. We were very saddened to read of your loss. We have fond memories of school days and especially Alex and our son Eric in the Spelling Bee and other activities.... We all must think on the good memories and cherish them and know we will be together again when we see Jesus Christ face to face as he just has. Trust in God "He is our peace". Eph 2:14 and know you are in our prayers.

Ron and Lorraine Stotts - March 21, 2019 at 10:56 AM

LM

“ My Dear Sister and Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. God brought you this far—He will not abandon you now.. Keeping You Close in Thoughts and Prayers. Love. Lenora and Lisa Mckoy

Lenora and Lisa Mckoy - March 20, 2019 at 09:13 PM

SS

“ Dear Johnnie
I am so sorry to read that you lost Ron. He was one of the brightest people I ever knew. My prayers for peace for you and your children.

Shelby Stilley

shelby stilley - March 20, 2019 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Forrest Locker*



Joanie Brown - March 20, 2019 at 12:22 AM

LB

“ *The Tri-County Urban League Board and Staff sends our sympathy to the Locker family on the loss of your loved one. The Locker family were strong supporters of the TSTM Program over many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

*Laraine Bryson
& Urban League Family*

Laraine Bryson - March 18, 2019 at 11:26 PM

MJ

“ *My prayers and deepest sympathy to the family. I worked for Ron around 1979-80 when he was the department head for Pricing and Scheduling located in Building A at the Caterpillar Industrial Plant in Mossville, IL. He was a great boss! Mary Jenkins*

Mary Jenkins - March 14, 2019 at 11:02 PM