



Ronald Basham

November 2, 1956 - April 30, 2024

Ronald Wayne Basham loved Jesus and loved his family. Born in the hills of West Virginia to Carnice Ferlin Basham and Garnet Marie Basham in 1956, Ron grew up exploring the holler with his friends, enjoying the outdoors, playing football and running track. He met Charlene Kay Foraker in school and they became high school sweethearts, marrying in 1975 before heading off to college at his beloved Alma Mater, Virginia Tech.

Both Ron and Charlene graduated from Virginia Tech, along with his younger brother by 12 years, Kevin, and his nephew, Chase, many years later.

Ron studied chemical engineering and had a long and successful career, starting as a co-op during college with Borg Warner Chemical. He stayed on at Borg Warner throughout the company's transitions to GE Plastics, and later SABIC, from where he retired. Ron's job with GE Plastics took him and Charlene to Ottawa, Illinois, where they began their family.

Ron and Charlene had twin daughters, Christina Marie and Cassandra Dawn in March 1984, but they passed away shortly after birth. A year later, their oldest son Nicholas Charles (Nick) was born, followed by Christopher Scott (Chris) two years later, and Alexander Neal (Alex) two years after that.

Another opportunity with GE Plastics took the young family to southern

Indiana, where Ron and Charlene would settle on the Westside of Evansville and build their forever home. It was in Evansville where the couple raised their boys, with Ron coaching them in junior league football, throwing ball in the backyard, taking them camping, fishing, and golfing, and attending countless school functions and games. Ron and Charlene became firmly embedded into their Westside community and loved attending Reitz football games as their boys played and during the many years since.

Ron loved Jesus and instilled that love in his family, leading them faithfully and by example his entire life. Every meal, family trip, celebration and holiday started with a prayer from Ron while family and friends held hands in a circle. He taught Sunday school and children's church for years and served on the boards of First Assembly of God in Ottawa and Eagle's View in Evansville. He and Charlene most recently attended Vineyard Community Church in Evansville. Ron exemplified Christ throughout his life, sharing his faith and the message of salvation whenever he could.

Ron loved the outdoors – he was a member of the West Side Sportsmans Club and a commander within the Royal Rangers program for decades, leading countless camp outs and retreats. He and Charlene were avid hikers and enjoyed exploring parks and trails together. He also cherished the chance to spend time with his father and brother, camping and hunting back in West Virginia during Thanksgiving week every year until his father's passing. Later, when Ron purchased a large plot of land in southern Indiana he would dub "The Bashlands", he moved the camper the three of them shared out to the property, where he could share that experience with his sons and grandchildren.

Ron adored his grandchildren and spent as much time with them as he could. Their "Paw Paw" loved to play "tickle monster", give silly kisses, entertain with his "popper" (making a funny popping sound) and wrestle. Ron took his older

grandchildren out to The Bashlands whenever he could, where they camped, hiked, fished, kayaked, did archery and rode four-wheelers. He and Charlene also attended as many of their grandchildren's school functions, games and meets as they could, while also helping to run them between practices and other activities.

Ron was an incredible handyman, and enjoyed building and fixing things at home, church and for others. He also never knew a stranger and could strike up an extended conversation with anyone at anytime, many times leading to eye rolls from his kids, especially if it was after a long church service. He loved to share bad puns and jokes, frequently received with the same eye rolls. Ron treasured his family, and always set aside time on Sunday afternoons for long calls with his mother and brother.

Ron and Charlene were married for 48 years. He is preceded in death by his daughters, Christina and Cassandra, and his father, Ferlin. He is survived by his wife, Charlene, sons Nick (Rebekah), Chris (Tara) and Alex (Kelly), grandsons Sawyer and Finn, granddaughters Austen, Aslan, Freya, Greysen and Jamesyn, mother Garnet, brother Kevin (Tanya) and nephews Chandler (Emily) and Chase.

A remembrance service will be held at Pierre Funeral Home on Saturday, May 4, at 11:00am, with visitation for friends and family at 9:00am until service time. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Convoy of Hope or the Evansville Junior Football League.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Remembrance Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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2601 West Franklin Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ronald Basham*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 03:56 PM

TH

“ *Charlene, our hearts were saddened at Ron' passing. Please know that Barb and I are lifting you and the family up in prayer. May God's peace and comfort carry you forward as you grieve and may God's Word and friends and family be a constant source of support and inspiration. In Christ, Terry and Barb Huber.*

Terry Huber - May 19, 2024 at 03:22 PM

LP

“ *Charlene - Losing someone you love is like losing a part of yourself. You miss them and you miss who you were with them. When you love someone, you trade souls with them. They get a piece of yours and you get a piece of theirs. But when your love dies,....a little pieced of you dies with them. That is whey you hurt so bad. Trust that your friends and family members share in your sorrow during this difficult time. You will find your path.....*
Larry Pile

larry pile - May 13, 2024 at 08:54 PM

KW

“ My deepest condolences to the Basham family. Ron taught me allot, and the Mt Vernon site will be eternally grateful for everything he did for GE/Sabic.

God Bless you all

Kevin Wassmer

Kevin Wassmer - May 06, 2024 at 08:37 AM

PC

“ My name is Paul Cross. I worked with Ron after GE Plastics acquired Borg Warner Plastics. Ron was a GOOD Product Developer for GE Plastics. He had creditability with the team, a nice guy, and certainly an asset to our business. He will be missed. You have our sympathy.

Paul Cross - May 05, 2024 at 09:46 PM

SS

“ Ron was a great guy. Enjoyed working with him as a safety technician. Also had fun working out with him at fitness center. He always spoke so highly of his family, the most important thing in his life RIP my friend

stephan searvy - May 04, 2024 at 09:35 PM

AB

“ I've known Chris Basham for many years- and while I never met his father, in all the time I've spent with Chris, he has spoken of times with his father, and it is so clear how Chris radiates a love for life and a care for people, animals, and the environment that can only be deeply connected to a father who raised him to be who he is today. My condolences to the whole family, and Chris - I'm with you today in spirit, and soon in person for a hug. -Aaron

Aaron C Bruewer - May 04, 2024 at 09:51 AM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss may God help you thru this difficult time. Prayers for you and your family . Carol and Rick Stroud

Carol Stroud - May 04, 2024 at 07:47 AM

SS

“ We are heartbroken about Ron's passing. He was Randy's best friend in high school. We are sending loving thoughts to the Basham family at this incredibly sad time.

Sara Spencer - May 03, 2024 at 09:27 PM

RD

“ We will miss Ron's humor and friendly personality. He was a great colleague and a talented engineer, always ready to help and mentor.

Roxana & Constantin Donea - May 03, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ronald Basham.



May 03, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DM

“ Deaconess Clinic Memorial purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald Basham.



Deaconess Clinic Memorial - May 03, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ Ron was truly one of the kindest people I have ever known. Always had a smile on his face and such a great attitude. Love and prayers for you all. Until we see you again Ron.

Cindy Coleman - May 03, 2024 at 10:11 AM

SG

“ We pray for the entire Basham family in their loss of Ron. May the Lord comfort all of you in this time of grief.

SuzAnn Hull Gunter - May 03, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MR

“ It has been wonderful to share Basham, Johnson, and Wagner, grand-kiddos through the years! All the kids love Paw Paw Ron, and as they got older, weren't ashamed to roll their eyes at some of his corny jokes! As we come together through this year at sporting events with the kiddos, I know we will share very fond and loving memories of Ron and he will be greatly missed. Know our family is continually in my prayers.

Miriam Rogers - May 03, 2024 at 10:06 AM

MD

“ So sorry for your loss Charlene. I know Ron was a Godly man. He will be missed. Yet, I know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. You and your family will be in our prayers in the coming days. Continue to trust in the Lord. He will guide you and keep you through these difficult times. Mike Douglas

Mike Douglas - May 02, 2024 at 09:56 PM

GU

“ *Charlene, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family for now and the days ahead. Aunt Gracie*

Grace Underwood - May 02, 2024 at 09:00 PM

YF

“ *Your New Life Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Basham.*



Your New Life Family - May 02, 2024 at 06:37 PM

HB

“ *Garnet I am so sorry for the loss of your son, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family may the Lord keep his loving arms around you and your family, and may you and your family find peace strength and comfort in our Lord.*

*Love and prayers,
Eddie and Heather Bates &
family*



Heather Bates - May 02, 2024 at 06:11 PM

BB

“ *Our family will continue to have you all in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss, and pray the Holy Spirit will give you the peace that passes understanding.*

Brian Burkett - May 02, 2024 at 04:43 PM

CF

“ My deepest sympathies to Charlene and family. She and Ronnie were a true love story. Sending love, hugs and prayers.



Cindy Casto Fleming - May 02, 2024 at 04:24 PM

AJ

“ Ron and I had all our classes together at Franklin Junior High. He was always smart and kind. I will miss catching up at our high school reunions. Prayers for Charlene and his family 🙏

Ava James - May 02, 2024 at 02:34 PM

TK

“ A fun memory involves a 7 on 7 at Notre Dame back in summer of 07. Kameron got to go as the center (not his position). Somehow, all the plans were not all as they should be and the Basham's and the Kolb's had the boys divided amongst in our rooms and cars. To top it off, Basham (Alex) got way-laid and got golf-carted off by none other than Charlie Weiss (Norte dame's coach at the time)! If I am correct, our boys won the competition and then went on to win State that year. Reitz football was always a great time with the Basham's. Ron...you will be so missed but the stories of you will be legendary!!! Basham family-you are in our thoughts and prayers ❤️
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Tracey Kolb - May 02, 2024 at 02:32 PM

MS

“ I send my deepest condolences to the Basham family. Ron held a special place in my heart, I will always remember Ron in the fondest of ways. Caring, friendly and loving. We shared a brief childhood together where I was taught the meaning of God and family. Rest in peace Ron. You will never be forgotten. God’s peace.

Mike Shrader - May 02, 2024 at 12:48 PM

JB

“ Jim, Brittney, Lou, Barrett & Owen Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Basham.



Jim, Brittney, Lou, Barrett & Owen Brown - May 02, 2024 at 10:14 AM