



Ronald Lee Dame

December 24, 1937 - December 11, 2025

Ronald Lee Dame, 87, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the West River Health Campus.

Ron was born on December 24, 1937, in Flint, Michigan to the late Allen Hayes and Connie (Clayton) Dame. At the age of 4, Ron's family moved to Evansville where he attended Washington Grade School and graduated from Central High School in 1955. After high school, Ron attended Evansville College, now U of E, while working full time at Sears & Roebuck where he became a department manager. Ron graduated from Evansville College with a degree in Business in 1960 and was a member of the Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Ron started his career at Faultless Caster in 1962 as a product manager. Six years later, Ron went to work for Springfield Wire as Plant Manager; he then moved to Chandler Industries as Marketing Manager before returning to Faultless Caster in 1977. Ron retired from Faultless in 1997 as the President and CEO of the company. Because he was so well known and respected in the caster world, after retiring from Faultless he was asked to help a struggling caster company, Shepherd Caster in St. Joe, Michigan. As President of Shepherd, he took a struggling company and made it successful again.

Ron was a longtime, devoted member of First Christian Church. He served on

many of their boards and committees until March of 2025 and spearheaded the building of a new church building. In his younger years, Ron taught Sunday School to the youth of the church and later a senior class.

Ron volunteered with SCORE where he counseled clients who wanted to start their own small business. He also taught classes at Ivy Tech in “Starting a New Business”. Ron was also very involved with the American Red Cross and was a lifetime board member. Serving as Past Board Chair, Disaster Service member, member of Chapter Solutions and Collaborations, Committee for Service Area 5 chair, Chapter Services for SWIN and served as the Interim Executive Director for SWIN. Ron served as the onsite, lead coordinator of six disasters.

Ron was a very kind, loving person. He always treated others with respect from the janitor to his executive staff which is why he was so loved and respected.

Surviving Ron are his wife of 35 years, Nancy (McAtee) Dame; two sons and their wives, Tony and Laurie Dame and Tim and Rhonda Dame; grandchildren, Sidney Waddington, Ashton Dame and Logan Dame; great grandchildren, Grayson, Olive and Myer; sister, Jo Masterson and brothers, Mike (Rita) Dame and Keith (Michelle) Dame. Ron is also survived by his stepfamily who he loved as his own; daughters and their husbands, Christy and Tom Wilson and Amanda and Jim Griese; and grandchildren, Allie, Charlie, and Amy Griese, Annabelle Wilson and Lindie Hansen. Also surviving Ron are two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Dame and Erin (Jim) Gidcumb and brothers-in-law, Kenny (Rita) McAtee and Carl Muensterman.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Bob Chambers; by brothers, Jim, Gary and Ed Dame; sister-in-law, Terry Muensterman and brother-in-law, Berlin Masterson.

Funeral services for Ron will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Jerry Clark officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday and from 10:00 AM until service time on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 29 S. Stockwell Road, Evansville, IN 47714 or to First Christian Church, 2845 Beaumont Drive, Evansville, IN 47725.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
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Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



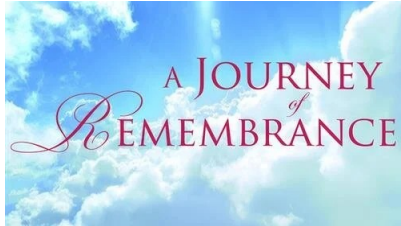
“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ronald Lee Dame*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Lee Dame*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 14, 2025 at 05:23 PM

CP

Nancy, Tony and Tim I was sorry to hear of Ron's passing. My Larry was across the hall from Ron at West River. Nancy was so faithful in taking care of Ron. Tony it was so good to run into you at the nursing home. It's been a long time. I am recovering from gallbladder surgery so I will be unable to attend the service. He was a good man.

Connie Parker - December 17, 2025 at 09:47 AM

CB

“ Nancy and Family, I want to send condolences and prayers as you all deal with the passing of Ron. I have been a member of FCC since 2002 and have gotten to know Ron over the last many years. Ron stands out because of his professionalism and how he treated people. Also, his wisdom, leadership and dedicated service to his church and community were an inspiration. I enjoyed my conversations with him especially learning about his earlier experiences working at Sears. He will be missed!

Clay Bigham - December 16, 2025 at 10:34 AM

ID

“ Ron Dame was one fine gentleman, he had a strong faith and lived it everyday, he shared his time and talents unselfishly with anyone in need. The one thing my husband, Denny, and I loved so much about him was his devotion and love he had for his wife, Nancy. We were best friends and had many wonderful special times together. We could all take his example, live by it and make the world a better place

Isabelle Denton - December 15, 2025 at 08:46 PM

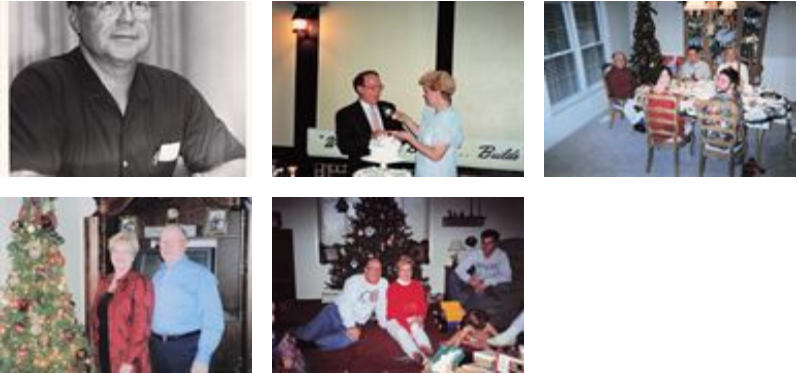
JS

“ Worked with Ron when he was at Springfield Wire and I was at Whirlpool. Ron was an outstanding businessman but even more importantly he was an outstanding person. Condolences to Ron's family. I have great memories of Ron and am glad I had the opportunity to work with him.

Jack Smith - December 15, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ 296 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 14, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Dame.



December 13, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Jo & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Lee Dame.*

Jo & family - December 13, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Extending heartfelt condolences to Nancy and entire family. Sorry for your loss.*

Greg Grotius - December 13, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MS

“ We started going to First Christian Church and sat close by to him. He was so friendly and made us feel so welcome! He will be missed.

Mike and Dee Schneider

Mike and Dee Schneider - December 13, 2025 at 11:48 AM

RM

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for the family.



Randy and Connie Mitchell - December 12, 2025 at 06:01 PM

EE

“ Tim, Rhonda, and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Dr. Kim Haywood-Pfender and the team at Evansville Eyecare Associates

Evansville Eyecare - December 12, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JM

“ Josh, Katie, Ethan, Hailey, and Mason purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Lee Dame.



Josh, Katie, Ethan, Hailey, and Mason - December 12, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JM

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Josh, Katie, Ethan, Hailey, and Mason - December 12, 2025 at 02:25 PM