



## Ronald D Chapman

August 21, 1946 - January 25, 2020

Ronald Dean Chapman, 73, of Forest City, passed away at his home at 12:13 a.m., on Saturday, January 25, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born August 21, 1946, in Mound Township, in McDonough County, Illinois, to Harley and Leona (Peterson) Chapman. He married Elisa Nebel on August 31, 1991 in Havana.

Mr. Chapman is survived by his wife, Elisa, of Forest City; five children: Ronelle (Zachary) Chapman Seibold, of Madison, TN, Sarah (Aaron) Gibson Boehl, of Havana, Nicholas Gibson of Forest City, Joe (Kelly) Chapman of Tennessee and Nancy Chapman of Quincy, IL; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and his beloved companion, Abby. Also surviving are five siblings, Evelyn McCormick, Shirley Weaver, Donna Wells, Larry Chapman and twin brother Donnie Chapman. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jerry and one niece.

Mr. Chapman started driving a semi truck as soon as he turned eighteen years old. He was able to visit 49 states driving his semi. He liked to hunt, fish, garden and generally, spend time outdoors. He was always working or tinkering. He spent some time farming and had helped Darrell Pfeiffer on his farm. He was known to take in any stray dog or cat that showed up on his doorstep. He especially loved spending time with his grandkids.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Graveside services will be held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Forest City, at 11:00 a.m., following the visitation. Chaplain Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with a headstone. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Ronald's family would like to recognize the wonderful care that he received through Hospice Compassus from his nurse Wendy and her team.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

28798 East Co Road 1900 N  
Forest City, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
28798 East Co Road 1900 N  
Forest City, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald D Chapman*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Valerie Thompson Crosier lit a candle in memory of Ronald D Chapman*



**valerie thompson crosier** - January 29, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *Much respect for your dad, Nancy and Joe, and condolences to you and your family! Whenever I see your old homestead, I envision seeing your dad's semi truck from time to time. I'm glad to have known him.*  
*Tammie (Orr) Brown*



**Tammie Orr Brown** - January 28, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ *Jan Danner lit a candle in memory of Ronald D Chapman*



**Jan Danner** - January 27, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald D Chapman.*



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January 27, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Ronnie was that cousin a young will full girl cousin looked up too and belived, he convinced me on a visit that their jersey milk cow was tame enough to ride,well I had to try her out, she was not as "tame" as he said. I can still hear his laugh and always will. Love you Ronnie and see you later.*

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**Susan Carson** - January 27, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Lisa and kids... My heart hurts for you all..Ron was a good man and will be missed by many. Sending love and hugs*



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**Jen Gordon** - January 26, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LM

“ Many years ago on a very snowy Christmas Eve following the opening of gifts and sharing a meal at my parents, it was time for Patty, the boys and I to head back to Jacksonville but the highways were snow packed and pretty much travel at your own risk. Ron at that time was working for an oil drilling company in Rushville. Because of his duties he had a truck with a plow. Yes, he led the way for us to get back to an open highway closer to home. Because of him we made it back safe and sound to have Christmas morning at home with our boys. That’s just one of many stories about Ron. He had a big big heart and his kindness will never be forgotten. Extending sympathy to all.

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**Larry Moore** - January 26, 2020 at 08:35 PM

PE

“ Ronnie was always the crazy and fun uncle. Always had a smile and laugh and often a joke that was just on the edge of being off color. Rode in the truck with him to Chicago to unload a dirt scraper at McCormick's Place....I had to drive the truck around the parking lot....I wasn't hardly big enough to push the darn clutch in!!!! He laughed so hard at me. Rest in peace Uncle Ron. Tell Grandma, Grandpa and Debbie I said I miss them. See you on the other side one day.

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**Peggy** - January 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM

RM

“ Ronald&Deborah Mcgrane lit a candle in memory of Ronald D Chapman



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**Ronald&Deborah Mcgrane** - January 26, 2020 at 05:56 PM

KG

“ I have lived here in South Carolina for 25 years now. Some of you may know that when the South receives snowfall or ice, things just shut down. Well I remember two snow events that we have had and Uncle Ronnie called to check on us. Another time that was special to my boys, Michael and Ryan, was when Uncle Ronnie had to make a delivery near S.C. and he stopped by. He took the boys on a ride in his semi and they thought it was the best and how cool it was to have a bed and microwave in the cab of his truck. ❤️ My sympathies to the family.

Kathy Gibson - January 26, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald D Chapman.



January 26, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JB

“ I will always remember my cousin Ronnie with love and a smile. Ronnie was one of a kind and didn't know a stranger. Years ago, when he was driving a truck and in my area, he'd call on the CB radio and would talk all the way through his travels. I have such great memories of Ronnie when growing up and think I may have had a "crush" on him. He was the most fun and always had a laugh. The onrey trouble he could find was innocent but unmatched. He gave Uncle Harley and Aunt Tony a run for their money. Rest in peace Ronnie, I will see you on the flip side one day. I'll love you forever.

Juanita Bainter - January 26, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DW

“ Dan And Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ronald D Chapman



Dan and chris Wilson - January 26, 2020 at 04:35 PM

LW

“ Lori Wright lit a candle in memory of Ronald D Chapman



Lori Wright - January 26, 2020 at 04:20 PM

NC

“ There are many wonderful memories that I could share with everyone about you, dad.

*One that was brought to my attention by Tanya Gentle Clark was the following; we had a snow day one day and Tanya and I had been out shoveling snow for various people. We came back home and decided to bake some homemade cookies; it was our first attempt at making cookies. Instead of putting in the appropriate amount of sugar, we put in the inappropriate amount of salt. We were so proud of our accomplishment and took the first cookie out for him to taste. How that man kept a straight face and ate that entire cookie today still perplexes is to this day. He politely told us they were hot and moist but he felt me MAY have in too much salt and not enough sugar. Tanya and I still laugh about our “oopsie” today.*

nancy chapman - January 26, 2020 at 04:04 PM