



## Ronald D. Pond

October 15, 1947 - December 14, 2017

Ronald Dean Pond, 70, of Tallula passed away at his home December 14, 2017. He was born October 15, 1947 to Stanley G. and Edna (Clark) Pond-Woodrum in Tallula, IL.

Ronald is survived by: his daughter Kristia (Steve) Merriam of Portland, ME; two grandchildren; Evianna and Avella Merriam, nieces and nephews Erin Hogan, Ryan Pond, Michael Pond, Brian Pond and Craig Pond; and brother Michael "Mick" (Barbara) Pond of Mt. Airy, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Keith (Barbara) Pond, and nephew Bruce Pond.

Ronald served his country in the Navy. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in Philippines and on shore in Da Nang. Later he worked as a Rail Road Operator. Ron was an accomplished softball player and known as a big power hitter. His mother was his biggest softball fan. He was past commander of Tallula American Legion. He was a proud owner of a Chevelle and GTO and was an avid classic muscle car enthusiast.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 1:30 pm at Greenwood Cemetery in Tallula, IL. Visitation will take place an hour before at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL from 12 to 1 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. Online condolences can be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral

Home in Petersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery - Tallula

Tallula, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 21. 1:30 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery - Tallula  
Tallula, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald D. Pond*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Angela Hembrough lit a candle in memory of Ronald D. Pond*



**Angela Hembrough** - November 20, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *Margie Richardson Green lit a candle in memory of Ronald D. Pond*



**margie richardson green** - December 26, 2017 at 02:18 PM



*Still missing my friend...*

**Angela Hembrough** - November 20, 2018 at 07:30 PM

AH

“ Ron was an incredible person, neighbor and friend. He absolutely loved my horses and always called them his buddies. He helped me in more ways for which I could never thank him enough. It will be very difficult to look past my pasture into his and not see him over there. He will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to his family.

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**Angela Hembrough** - December 22, 2017 at 07:50 PM

EC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Ronnie and I was in the same class in high school, we graduated together, Back in the mid 60's we hung out together, he was at my parents house often. He was a great guy. He will be missed, but, never forgotten. God Be with you and your family during this time.

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**Ella Mae Brown Chambers** - December 21, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ Kristia,  
We extend our deepest sympathies to you on the passing of your father. You resemble him alot, especially his smile. Our prayers are with you.

*Love, Kevin and Laura*

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**Laura Heubner** - December 21, 2017 at 10:23 AM

GH

“ What a sad day. Tallula has lost a very special man. Ronnie was always so sweet and respectful. I will miss seeing his latest projects. He will be missed by many. RIP  
Gailyn (Smith) Hudson

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**Gailyn Hudson** - December 20, 2017 at 11:57 PM

KE

“ Ron and my brother Mike were good friends when in school. I remember him coming to our house and they would play with Mike's train set. He was always polite and respectful. When Mike died in 2004, Ron a note to my mom which she found very comforting. I was sorry to hear he passed away and hope he is at peace.

*Kathy Kern Edens*

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**Kathy Kern Edens** - December 20, 2017 at 10:19 PM

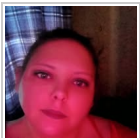


“ I became friends with Ronnie when he returned to Tallula from serving our country with honor. He loved music with a passion and always went crazy when Whole-lota-love came on the radio or juke-box. He always wanted to be a drummer in a rock and roll band. I moved to Texas and when I would think about home, Ronnie would always cross my mind. Rest in peace my friend and we'll meet up again someday. God bless you.

*Gary Boehm*

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**Gary Boehm** - December 20, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ Im so sorry for the loss of Ronnie's family. He was a good friend to me. I've known him since I was twelve years old. He was a good man with a huge heart. My daughter Abigail would call him grandpa Ronnie. He will be missed and loved. Rip my dear friend til one day we see each other again.



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**Jessica Black** - December 20, 2017 at 09:29 PM

BP

“ You were one of my favorite neighbors and a great friend for many years. You will be greatly missed. Until we meet again, RIP Ronnie.



Brenda and Chris Payne - December 20, 2017 at 08:08 PM



“ Ronnie you will be so missed in your hometown of Tallula from Mikey to fix his bike tire to us crazy fools that would stop by on the Lawnmower Poker Run . Always loved talking to you about the old days and the fun we all had at all the ball games .... RIP MY FRIEND I WILL MISS YOU !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Penny Christy - December 20, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ I will miss my friend forever.

Linda McCombs - December 20, 2017 at 07:26 PM

TN

“ Kristia,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Seeing his photo's makes me so aware of just how much you look like him. How blessed my life is because of you. Prayers for peace during this hard time.  
Love you,  
Trish

Trisha Nichols - December 20, 2017 at 12:08 PM

HR

“ *Kristia,  
Seeing your Dad's picture reminds me of our time growing up together. I am so very sorry for his passing. He was a good friend of my parents and I know that he will be missed. Sending many prayers to you and your family.*  
*Heather McCombs Reeves*

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**Heather McCombs Reeves** - December 20, 2017 at 11:48 AM