

Ronald Barrett, 77

Oct. 4, 1936 - March 16, 2014

MONROE, MI — Ron-

ald Royal Barrett was born in Treynor on October 4, 1936. He was the son of the late Dorcas Faith (Racobs) and William Galen Barrett. Ronald graduated in 1955 from Tennant High School. He began a twenty year career with the United States Navy in May 1955. He served during the Vietnam War as an Aircraft Flight Engineer earning five Good Conduct Medals, Antarctica Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Ron also served in the support group for the Blue Angels.



Ronald married Joanne L.

Jorgensen on June 15, 1957 at Naval Air Station Moffet Field, CA. Six children were born of this union. Ron retired from the military in September 1975. He began employment as a truck driver in 1975 working for several employers before being self-employed the four years prior to retiring in 1998.

Ronald married Sally (Leonard) Dykes on July 2, 1982 in Monroe, MI. Ronald was a good man who loved his family and friends. He was helpful and generous with a heart of gold. He enjoyed deer hunting, camping, and was an avid fisherman. As a trucker, Ronald enjoyed the CB Radio carrying the handle "Rotten Ron". He was a lifetime member of the Monroe VFW Post 1138, American Legion, American Military Society, and HART (Highway Aid by Radio Truck). Ronald, age 77 of Monroe, MI passed away at 3:40 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2014.

In addition to his parents his passing was preceded by a brother: Gary Arlin in 1941 and a grandson: Brock Barrett in 2007. To cherish his memory Ronald leaves his wife: Sally of Monroe, MI; two daughters: LaVonne Barrett of Lone Jack, MO and Jannette (Michael) Marsh of Osawatomie, KS; four sons: Michael (Mari Alice) Barrett of Overland Park, KS, Daniel (Pam) Barrett of Olathe, KS, Gary Barrett of Shawnee, KS, and Ronald (Lisa) Barrett of Buckeye, AZ; sister: Kathy Jean (Joseph) Gasko of Bridgeport, PA; two brothers: William (Kathie) Barrett of Shelby and Gayle (Barb) Barrett of Council Bluffs; ten grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

A Celebration of His Life took place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014 at Merkle Funeral Home with Reverend James Jacobs officiating. Graveside services were at St. Joseph Cemetery under the auspices of Monroe VFW Post 1138.

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