



## Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets

December 11, 1942 - April 16, 2020

Ronald "Ronnie" Eugene Sheets, 77, also known as "Pillar" the oldest son of John Donald and Cleora "Sue" Humble Sheets, was born December 11, 1942, in Ottumwa, Iowa. He passed away April 16, 2020 at Mercy One Hospital in Des Moines. Early on Ronnie worked on the family farm and helped care for his siblings, On March 22, 1962, Ronnie was united in marriage to Barbara Jean Nelson. Ronnie worked at Ruby's Fur Farm, Track Gas Station, and Oskaloosa Produce. Last he worked at Pella Corp. (Rolscreen), where he and Barbara retired after 34 years. Even though he was retired Ronnie felt as if the job was never done. His goal in life was to keep the family together by camping, motorcycle riding, Ham Radio (KB0WCV), CB Radio, hunting, water skiing, and gardening. Later in life he raised chickens, which became his pets and pride and joy (Erkie Berkie). Ronnie was a very kind and giving man. He enjoyed helping the neighbors as much as the neighbors enjoyed helping him. He became "Grandpa Ronnie" to many even those that were not blood relatives.

Ronnie has left his family many great memories, including: camping at Lake Arrowhead, fishing at Lake Sugema for Crappie, setting lines on the river, using scare tactics like the Wampuss Cat to keep his grandchildren safe, whisker burns, trips to Colorado to see the mountains, wiggling his ears, driving all around town in his trusty orange tractor with his sidekick Benji, showing off his chickens and delivering their eggs. He especially liked to share trivia facts with his family his favorite was letting them know that Iowa has 99 counties. He always looked forward to special events especially planning the fourth of July gathering with Rob. He enjoyed steak night at the VFW and wasn't afraid to line dance and sing karaoke with his family and friends. He enjoyed eating breakfast at Julie's Café in Oskaloosa and visiting with his friends. He loved life and sharing it with his family and friends, he was always looking for a new challenge and a reason to get together.

Currently, he was planning a 16th birthday bash for eight members of his family that were turning 16. This was an important birthday for Ron as he remembered Barb's mother having a huge birthday bash for his 16th birthday. It was a memory that stuck with him his whole life and he was eager to share that memory with his family.

His family includes his wife, Barbara Sheets of Beacon, four daughters, Rhonda Sheets of Oskaloosa, Missy (Doug) Walker of Oskaloosa, Micky (Brian) Huedepohl of Parnell, and

Angie (Larry) Mathes of Beacon; eight grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren; his step father, David Pearson of Agency; his brothers, Jim (Nancy) Sheets of Bloomfield, Dave (Debbie) Sheets of Rock Island, Illinois, Mike Sheets of Agency; four sisters, Shirley (Mike) Courtney of Ottumwa, Sharon Orman of Calumus, Martha Ohlinger of Ottumwa, and Carol Sheets of Ottumwa; brother and sister in laws, Darlene Hoyt and Carl "Tommy" Nelson; and many nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Terry Sheets; his father and mother in law, Thomas and Esther Nelson; a brother in law, Pat Orman; and a great grandson, Maddox Van Kooten; a sister in law and her husband, Betty and Bob Raines; and 2 nieces and a nephew.

A private family graveside service and burial will be held in the Beacon Cemetery with Pastor Dave Brown officiating. Due to the restrictions put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The graveside service will be private. However, on Monday evening from 5-7 the Barb and the girls will be at the funeral home and encourage those that would like to express their sympathy to drive through the Bates Funeral Chapel parking lot and wave or share a condolence out the window. We ask that you enter the funeral home parking lot from the southeast corner and exit the west end of the driveway. Please show your support to the Sheets family by bringing a written memory that may bring them comfort in the following days. Memorials may be made to the Oskaloosa V.F.W.

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## **Beacon Cemetery**

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# Comments

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“ Paulette Schneider lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



Paulette Schneider - April 20, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ 151 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - April 20, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets.



April 20, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



Jill Ewing - April 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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“ Cindy Albright lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



Cindy Albright - April 20, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ Ronnie had the biggest heart of anyone body I know! He gave some wise advice..Not always the safest but it was wise! Lol He will be dearly missed in our family..Sorry for your loss..



Tiffany Tewell - April 20, 2020 at 07:29 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of working with Ronnie and Barb at Pella Corporation. They are two very special people to me. My thoughts are with Barb and her family.

Mike Braden - April 19, 2020 at 07:21 PM

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“ Dear Barb, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Ronnie was a very special person and always so friendly to others. He was always ready to help out Bill over the years, especially when it was “ham” related and always had a joke to share.

Bill and Phyllis Klaus

Bill & Phyllis Klaus - April 19, 2020 at 06:55 PM

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“ He always had a way to put a smile on my face I recall a joke he once told me but it is inappropriate to repeat here. I will miss him. As my mother would say, may God keep all the Sheets family safely in the palm of his hand

Mike Lewis - April 19, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ I have known Ronnie most of my life truly he was a good person I’m sorry that I didn’t get to spend time with Ronnie that my loss I regret not being able to my heart is with u all in this time of sorrow but I feel we lost Ronnie but god gain another angel bless all of you  
Bob Hubbell

Robert Hubbell Sr - April 19, 2020 at 04:07 PM

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“ Gretchen Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



Gretchen Schmidt - April 19, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Some funny memories of your Dad. He always made me laugh when I would go to your parents house. Such a sweet soul.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God provide you some comfort and peace during this time.

Heaven needed another Angel...

Love, Gretchen

**Gretchen Schmidt** - April 19, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ Sorry for your lost he a Great guy.Prayers to the Family..,



**Dan Zickel** - April 19, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss Rhonda I will say a prayer for you!

**shelley johnson VanRheenen** - April 19, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ Brook & Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



**Brook & Brenda Todd** - April 19, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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“ Ronnie, You left many good memories of our child hood. You will always be remembered. May you rest in peace.

Verl Sheets - April 19, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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“ Rhonda, Missy, Micky, Angie and all the family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that the Lord will help ease your pain and sorrow by filling your heart and mind with all the happiness that your father brought you all during your lives. Just know that he is still watching over you all.

Ginger Allsup



Ginger Allsup - April 19, 2020 at 05:09 AM

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“ John Locke lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



John locke - April 19, 2020 at 02:37 AM

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“ So deeply Sorry for your loss. We have known Ronnie for a Lifetime. His unforgettable smile & sparkling eyes. He never met a stranger & would help anyone. Rest in Peace !

Dick & Diana Crook

Dick & Diana Crook - April 19, 2020 at 02:32 AM

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“ I didn't personally know Ronnie but over the years heard a lot about Brother Ronnie and Uncle Ronnie through Martha and Shirley and my son-in-law Ryan and grandkids Josie and Cayden. I sure wish now I had known him for the wonderful happy person I've heard about. Prayers to you all!

Diana Allman - April 18, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets.



April 18, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ I remember when we used to go to their house when they lived in Beacon and his parents would go their to socialize. I remember when we would go fishing with them sometimes. Danny and I are so sorry for your loss and we keep you & your family in our prayers. Danny Raley

Danny Raley - April 18, 2020 at 08:52 PM

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“ I loved seeing Ronnie threw the years he had a beautiful soul. Always friendly and always a joke to tell me. I know he will be greatly missed by all. Barb and family I send prayers and you are in my thoughts as you grieve take care of each other.



Connie Walraven - April 18, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ Marla Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



**Marla Thomas** - April 18, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ June Almond lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



**June Almond** - April 18, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ Victoria Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Sheets



**Victoria Johnson** - April 18, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ my late wife and i went with ronnie and barb and another couple to visit mount rushmore and stayed in rapid city and visited keystone and sturgis and dead wood.. had a great time on that vacation.. i remember ronnie having to talk to every good looking woman we seen, especially if she was driving a motorcycle... we listened to him many times on the amateur radio, barb would send him to the store and he would see someone he knew and talk to them and forget what he was sent after.. so he would call home on his radio and ask what it was he was to get... over all a super great fun loving guy...having lost a loved one, i know it's hard on the family, and my heart felt condolences go out to barb and the rest of the family... 73's buddy, NOSJF  
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**Vernon Stanley** - April 18, 2020 at 07:13 PM

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“ Ronnie was not just a great guy. He was a great human being. Sending prayers to Barb and the entire family from Joy & myself.

Ron & Joy Dykstra

**Ron Dykstra** - April 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ Ben Mess by family

**Daniel Allison** - April 18, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ I remember Ronnie and Barb when I was a little girl.... My sister Donna was a friend of theirs... I am the baby of the Watters girls Barb I am so so sorry for your loss.....it is very hard. My heart goes out to you and your family.



**Patricia Draughn** - April 18, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ Sorry for your family's loss. We'll be thinking of you.  
Bruce and Donna McBurney

Donna McBurney - April 18, 2020 at 06:14 PM

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“ He was one of the friendliest people I know, always a kind word. We're gonna miss him!  
Praying for peace and comfort for his family.



Sharon Aschinger - April 18, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. He will be missed



Bonnie Richards - April 18, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family at this time of celebration of life! Such a great guy.  
Sheryl Waddle Jennings  
Steven Waddle  
Stuart Waddle

Sheryl Jennings - April 18, 2020 at 08:29 PM