



## Ronald W. Levra

January 26, 1940 - May 12, 2024

Ronald W. Levra

age 84, of Park Falls died peacefully on Sunday May 12, 2024 at Park Manor Nursing Home. He was born on January 26, 1940 in Iron Belt, Wisconsin, the son of William and Dorothy (Strick) Levra. His early life and schooling were in Iron Belt. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army and served his country. In 1963 he married Karen Doering. Together they raised three children. Ronald worked as police officer for the Wisconsin State Patrol and American Motors in Kenosha before moving his family to Park Falls in 1972 and working for the Park Falls Police Department. He was later employed at Napa Auto Parts and known as "Napa Ron". After the death of his wife, he went to seminary and served as a priest for a short time before retiring. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron loved his house plants and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by three children; Colleen (Brian) Phillips of NC, Dan (Tina) Levra of Butternut, Dale (Tami) Levra of Elkorn, NE, and by numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Karen, and sister JoAnn (James) Pilon.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday May 28, 2024 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Military honors under the auspices of

the Park Falls American Legion Post 182 will follow.

A visitation will be held from 9:00am until the hour of the service on Tuesday May 28, 2024 at the church.

Interment will take place at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls at a later date.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.  
[www.birchstreetfunneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfunneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 5th Ave South  
Park Falls, WI 54552

## Funeral Mass

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

“ To the Family of Fr. Ron Levra

*To all those who called Fr. Ron a family member, Friend, Pastor and/or a fellow parishioner in Christ.*

*Our deepest heart sympathy especially to his family.*

*I was shocked to hear of Father Ron's passing. Then a warmth feeling flooded me with thanksgiving after I realized I was so lucky, like so many others, to have had him in our life.*

*He lived life to the fullest, just look at his obituary and as I remember all his interactions while attending Diocesan Deacon Class, around the early years of 2000's.*

*He was always a joy to have in conversations, with his huge smile.. I loved his passion for his Fellow Parishioners, and friendships, and his true commitment to God, Christ and Holy Spirit.*

*He always was nurturing the flock as they say.*

*I loved his passion to assist others thru many of his wide variety of activities and aspects of our Catholic Faith. Looking at his Life history is so impressive and is a testimony to his commitment to share the saving Grace of God.*

*May your family savor the fond memories of what your family shared with one another.*

*And we all cherish those moments in time. Life is always too short, but we can make*

*those memories, bring a bright and cheerful life, with everyone.*

*Not everyone Embraced their life, as much as Fr. Ron.*

*You could tell he Breathed every breathe, and lived every moment in Christ,*

*while sharing it with Parishioners and Friends. Thank You Ron.!!*

*Here is poem may summarize his life's journey, I believe.*

*A reading by a man who stood up to speak at the funeral of a friend.*

*He referred to the dates on their tombstone from the beginning to*

*the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and he spoke the following date, with tears.*

*But said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.*

*For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on the Earth.*

*And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.....*

*We don't choose our birth date or death date, but we do decide how we live the in-between and make the most of your life....*

*The Greeks did NOT have Obituaries  
They only asked.. "Did they live with PASSION??"*

*In Greek AGAPE means "Love as an Action" -  
Act as what you Do, makes a Difference.*

*"Tears are God's gift to us. Our holy water. They heal us as they flow."*

*—Rita Schiano*

*Grief is the price we pay for Love. – Queen Elizabeth*

*Death is inevitable. Our fear of it makes us play safe, blocks out emotion.*

*It's a losing game. Without passion you are already dead.*

*(Fr. Ron did LIVE with Passion)*

*--Paritoshik Sharma*

*No one is ever lost in death,  
As long as, they are not forgotten. \*\*\*\**

*-Unknown*

*There are No words to overcome grief.  
Other than being a good friend to others, and continue to live with*

*integrity.*

*-A Chaplain in Onalaska*

*May God comfort all the family, Parishioners and friends of Fr. Ron.*

*God Bless you all*

*Lynn Beck & Daniel Beck Phillips, Wi*

*One Big bear hug to your entire Family.*

*Thank the Heavens for Fr. Ron Levra.*

*We are sure Fr. Ron is looking down now, on all of us.*

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**Daniel Beck** - May 25, 2024 at 08:25 PM

KK

“*Kristine Keesler lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald W. Levra*



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**Kristine Keesler** - May 22, 2024 at 11:11 PM

DP

“ In over 55 years of friendship we remember Ron's smile, upbeat personality and willingness to help. Memories include:

*Sharing rides to work in his little white Rambler American station wagon.*

*Trusting him with a key to our house to help ready it for our sons wedding guests.*

*Helping a newlywed friend and his wife, in a last minute panic, prepare a Thanksgiving turkey..*

*And finally , his decision to serve God as a priest.*

*It's been a full life Ron. As you join Karen in heaven, may you rest in peace.*

*We offer our sincere condolences to his family.*

*Dave and Jenny Pfeuffer*

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**Dave and Jenny Pfeuffer** - May 22, 2024 at 03:19 PM

JA

“ Fr Ron was a very kind and caring man. He will be missed by many.  
Our sympathy to your family

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**Joanne and Don Antczak** - May 22, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Levra



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May 18, 2024 at 05:21 PM



*I have know Ron since high school. He was such a great person and I will miss our talks. Fly high and give my dad and brother a hug!!*

May 18, 2024 at 05:22 PM

MO

“*Sorry for the death of your father, I am sure he’s in the best place with the Lord. I grew up in Iron Belt and remember the times all of us in the “up the hill area” would get together at the end of the road near his home and play softball. We reconnected after many years when he was ordained and our daughter played polka masses at some of the churches he was at, stayed at his home, enjoyed his cooking and homemade bread.*

*A few years back I received a call from him when he was at a nursing home here in Superior when he realized he did know someone in Superior. I became his Eucharistic Minister and we enjoyed our visits,*

*I plan on coming for the funeral if all works out and look forward to that.*

*Our sympathy to you all. Blessings and Peace to You All.  
Mary and Emil Osacho*

**Mary Osacho** - May 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM

VK

“*Vicky Kilger lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Levra*



**Vicky Kilger** - May 18, 2024 at 09:09 AM

AN

“ Our Koinonia family will dearly miss Fr. Ron's spiritual guidance, his jokes, his infectious smile and even his eye-rolls!! Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

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**Annamarie Novak** - May 17, 2024 at 12:34 PM