



Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst

November 19, 1934 - May 7, 2025

Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst

age 90, of Park Falls, died peacefully on Wednesday May 7, 2025 at Waterford Assisted Living. He was born on November 19, 1934 in Park Falls, the son of Joseph and Annarose (Trem) Ernst. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1952 and enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served his country for 3 years, including overseas in Alaska before it became a state. When he returned home, he met and married Joan Smith on August 22, 1959 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He attended college at UW Superior where he studied architect design. After his schooling, he worked for GM in Detroit before moving back to Park Falls and working for John Peterson Lumber Company. On April 1, 1971, Ron and Joan purchased the lumber company in Fifield that would become the well-known and respected, Ron Ernst Lumber Inc.

Ron was a hardworking man who was known by many for his compassion, generosity, and integrity. He was a devoted husband, dedicated father, wise businessman, and faithful Catholic. He was a lifetime member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Jaycees, Park Falls American Legion Post, The Dukes of Musky Land Drum and Bugle Corp, Happy Dancers Polka Club, as well as the Sno-Gypsies and Lost Patrol Snowmobile Clubs. Ron enjoyed woodworking, snowmobiling, polka dancing, and spending time with his family and friends. He was also an avid Green Bay

Packer fan and enjoyed watching the games. Ron and Joan were even in attendance at the famous Green Bay Packer Ice Bowl.

He is survived by his children; Brian (Krissy) Ernst of Phillips, Rick (Carole) Ernst of Park Falls, Paula (Tom) Neberman of La Crosse, (8) grandchildren, (8) great-grandchildren, his best friend Sally Meeks, and by nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Joan, and sister Judy (Jerry) Krause.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Fr. Shaji Pazukkathara will officiate, assisted by Deacon Chet Ball.

Interment and military honors under the auspices of the Park Falls American Legion Post 182 will follow at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9:30a.m. until the hour of the service at the church.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church
276 S 5th Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143
(715) 762-4494

Funeral Mass

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside

MAY 10 (CT)

Forest Home Cemetery
Old 70 Road and Krucky Road
Fifield, WI 54524

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Our family did a lot of business with your family , Lola L Baars*

Lola Baars - May 19, 2025 at 09:55 PM

SS

“ *We so enjoyed spending time with Ron at Polka dances. He was a great guy and will be truly missed. Send our deepest sympathies to his family and Sally. Skip and Sherry Soper*

Sherry Soper - May 10, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JS

“ *my condolences to the family of ron ernst, always thought highly of this man. sincerely, john fierek sr,*

john fierek sr. - May 09, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Juliette Draxler lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst*



Juliette Draxler - May 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM



Ron was a great man and so patient with me when drawing up our plans for the house. I came to him with a basic design of what we wanted. He drew the plans up and I came back several times to revise them. He always had a smile and reassured me that we could do the changes. Both he and Joan were a please to see every time we stopped in, which was often. So very sorry for all the family at this loss. Prayers for all.

Juliette Draxler - May 08, 2025 at 09:09 PM

VK

“ Vicky Kilger lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst



Vicky Kilger - May 08, 2025 at 06:17 PM

PB

“ Pauline Borgen lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst



Pauline Borgen - May 08, 2025 at 02:27 PM

PB

So sorry for your family's loss.

Pauline Borgen - May 08, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Karen Dums lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst



Karen Dums - May 08, 2025 at 09:42 AM



Ron was such a nice man, the highest compliment I can give anyone. When we built our house, more than 30 years ago, he was full of wisdom and understanding of the whole process and more than willing to share that with a couple of "green" kids. May he rest easy.

Karen Dums - May 08, 2025 at 09:45 AM

CL

“ My deepest condolences! ☐☐



Cindy Larson - May 07, 2025 at 08:51 PM

BZ

“ Bonnie Zoesch lit a candle in memory of
Ronald "Ron" J. Ernst



Bonnie Zoesch - May 07, 2025 at 07:23 PM

BL

“ Brett Larson lit a candle in memory of Ronald
"Ron" J. Ernst



Brett Larson - May 07, 2025 at 04:54 PM