



## Ronald Lee Vestal

October 29, 1948 - August 17, 2024

Ronald Lee Vestal, Beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather, Passes Away at 75

Longton, KS - Ronald Lee Vestal, a lifelong resident of Longton, Kansas, passed away peacefully in his home on August 17, 2024, at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family.

Ronald, known affectionately as Ron, was born on October 29, 1948, in Independence, Kansas, the only child of Loren and Vera (Newbill) Vestal, who preceded him in death. He spent his entire life in Longton, a community he was proud to call home. Ron graduated from Longton High School in 1966 and always appreciated the simple, close-knit life that the community offered.

On April 4, 1972, Ron married the love of his life, Barbara Jo (Edwards) Vestal, in Moline, Kansas. The couple shared 52 wonderful years together, raising three daughters and creating a life filled with love, laughter, and joy. Ron dedicated many years to serving his community as a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Longton, KS. His commitment to his work and the people he served was a testament to his strong work ethic and kind-hearted nature.

In addition to his professional career, Ron took great pride in caring for his family farm, located two miles south of Longton. He enjoyed tending to the land, raising cattle, and ensuring that the farm remained a cherished part of the family's legacy.

Ron was a man of many talents. He was known for his love of woodworking, fishing, gardening, and tending to his flowers and cattle. His inventive and creative spirit shone through in the projects he took on, and he was always ready with a joke, a prank, or a card game to share with family and friends. Ron had a deep appreciation for music and a particular fondness for his sweets.

Above all, Ron treasured the time spent with his family. He was a devoted father to his three daughters: Alisa Ashenfelter (Mark) of Longton, KS, Julie Vestal of Bartlesville, OK, and Polly Dvorak (Matthew) of Olathe, KS. His grandchildren, Isaiah, Madison, Callie, Abigail, Sydnee, London, Elijah, Benjamin, and Mikah, along with his great-grandchildren Weston and Archer, were the light of his life.

Ron's legacy of love, humor, and ingenuity will be cherished by his family and all who knew him. His pride in being a lifelong citizen of Longton and his dedication to his family farm will be remembered as integral parts of his life. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to be part of his life.

A graveside service will be held at Elk Falls Cemetery at 10:30 am on August 24, 2024, where family, friends, and the community will gather to celebrate Ron's life and bid him a fond farewell. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Elk Falls Cemetery  
HWY 160  
Elk Falls, KS 67345

# Tribute Wall

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“Ronnie and I became friends when we both worked for my father-in-law, Joe Tindle, at Longton Dehydrating and Milling. This was in the early 1980's. I enjoyed work because of Ronnie. His dry sense of humor could not be matched. He took me fishing S.W. of Longton once to a place on the Elk River named Chamberlain Ford. He showed me the old crossing that the old timers used. We probably didn't catch any fish but I enjoyed the outing with him more than anything. I also recall going out to the farm one morning to help work calves. It was just me and Ronnie but being around a good friend made work enjoyable. I always admired Ronnie due to the fact that he had the God given ability that he could do about anything. In his day there was no Google, just encyclopedias and good teachers! I pass along my sincere condolences to the family of Ronnie Vestal. He will always be my friend.

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**Joe Nichols** - August 23, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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“I am so sorry to hear about Ronnie's death. He was my cousin—His father was a brother to my father. He took his mail carrier's job very seriously. He was my parent's mail carrier for many years and he pulled up to their mailbox every day at 11:30 on the dot, rain, snow or shine. May God comfort all of you and Bless you during this difficult time.



**Carol Ann Wiseman**

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**Carol ann Wiseman** - August 19, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Vestal.*



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August 19, 2024 at 04:03 PM