



Ronald Cash Lapham

April 16, 1942 - December 29, 2019

Ronald Cash Lapham age 77, a longtime resident of Center Line, died on Sunday December 29, 2019 at Ascension Macomb Hospital in Warren. Dear husband of Jane Lapham for over 40 years. Father of Jesse (Jackie) Lapham. He is also survived by his Grandchildren; Alexander, Aria, Alessia and his sister JoAnn (Winifred) Sears. Ron was born in Detroit to the late Jesse and Josephine Lapham. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School, Class of 1960. After graduation, He served in the United States Air Force both active and reserve from 1961-1967. Ron started his career as a police officer in the City of Center Line in 1966 after graduating from the Police Academy in Detroit. He was responsible for the first K 9 unit in the City. 11 Years later he would venture to Edmond, Oklahoma where he worked for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Returning to Michigan in the late 80's, Ron became a teacher of criminal law for Warren Consolidated Schools at Melby Junior High for 2 years and before landing a job with the Sheriffs Department at the Macomb County Circuit Court Juvenile Division.

Ron loved his community of Center Line and was concerned about what was happening. He was voted in as a City of Center Line Councilman and served the city for 12 years. His lone vote often opposed the majority as he was adamant in protecting the citizens of the community. He stood for what he felt was the right thing to do. No visitation will be held. A Life Celebration will be held at a later date and time to be determined. Please visit www.rudyfuneral.c

om to light a candle or share a memory

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Ron, was a " true good man " that I met at St. Peters Catholic Church. This man truly touched my heart. To his wife Jane and family God bless you all and celebrate his life, as I think he would want it that way..

Respectfully :
Rick Kaiser .

Rick Kaiser - January 03, 2020 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ The Lapham Family, I hope this message finds it way to for your viewing. Maybe someone here on FB knows the Family. In Center Line during the 1960s a sickly kid, I grew up in a violent alcoholic household. There was plenty of love, but too much domestic violence. The Generation Gap of WWII and Viet Nam found its footing in a fist swinging, alcohol fueled, holes in the wall, screaming violence in our home. Our house was one of the “Large Red” push pins on the map at the Police Headquarters. Two very frightened and youngest members of this Family could always find relief, and a strong helping hand in the presence of authority with Officer Lapham, who always quickly removed us first from the mayhem. So often that he remembered both of us as the years went by, calling each other by first names, handshakes and hugs over the decades from someone who was there for us in the worst of times.

Much Respect to Lapham Family, Thank You Ron, you really made a difference..
Johnny Selaty

Johnny Selaty - January 01, 2020 at 08:57 PM

PE

“ *What a legacy you had Ronny. You were a Kramer Kid who did well. All the good times and talks we had with you hanging out at our house with Ed Raquel and Lynn Caps. You would have us rolling on the floors*
You have a beautiful family and you will be missed Sorely friend
God bless them with peace

Kay & Pati Elam

pati elam - January 01, 2020 at 01:00 PM

RM

“ *Knew Ron from Lincoln High School and as a CLPD. RIP my friend. Condolences and comfort to his family.*
Ron/Sally Muschong, Punta Gorda, Florida



Ron Muschong - January 01, 2020 at 09:58 AM

FR

“ *So very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He will be sorely missed by the residents of Center Line as he contributed so much! Prayers to his family. Godspeed Ron.*

Fran - December 31, 2019 at 07:28 PM

DC

“ *Ron and I may not have always agreed when it came to the business of managing a City. As we came to know each other, we both began to listen and respect each other's opinions. Ron was a man of integrity, faith and loyalty, who loved his community, serving the people with the highest level of ethics, dedication and commitment. He will be missed!*

Dennis E. Champine - December 31, 2019 at 05:54 PM

ET

“ I worked with Ron in the early 70's . He was a breath of fresh air from old Chuck Woods and Barny Tomas. That was a D. B. that was.

Will miss ya.

Ed Tomlinson

Ed Tomlinson - December 31, 2019 at 05:33 PM

PH

“ Ron was a Great man, I first met Ron when I became a Reserve Officer 20 years ago. The past 2 years we worked together on Council together . I could always go to him for the straight up, honest answer, as he never sugar coated anything. We spoke about his health, as my father was battling some of the same issues he had and I would get his opinion. My Heart goes out to his wife Jane, and the rest of Family.



Peter Harenski

Peter Harenski - December 30, 2019 at 04:35 PM

PH

Patricia Capps Hughes-I thought the world of Ron in Lincoln High in Van Dyke Schools. He was best friends with my brother Lynn Capps who left us Dec. 30 ,2019. He was like family spending many fun times with our family. My sympathy to his family and friends. May Ron Rest In Peace! He was very loved and respected.

Patricia Capps Hughes - January 01, 2020 at 08:57 PM

RM

Thought the world of Ron,great guy,he will be missed

Randy Moore - January 02, 2020 at 11:29 AM

SM

I met Ron shortly after moving into Center Line at a city council meeting. He served our community with dedication and I always respected his willingness to make sure the residents were well represented. My condolences to his family during this difficult time.

Scott Manteuffel - January 06, 2020 at 12:33 AM