



Ronald Gene Bottens

January 30, 1939 - July 10, 2020

Dateline: Alton

Ronald Gene Bottens entered his heavenly home on July 10, 2020. He was born January 30, 1939 in Jacksonville, IL, the son of Wilber and Fern (Schertz) Bottens. He married Joanne (Jansen) Klostermann in 1998. Along with his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Marissa Bottens, Bethany (Todd) Henry, and Tirzeh (Frank) Delsing, 8 grandchildren, Kaite, Noah, Nick, Kaiden, Haven, Brianna, Kaori, and Ken-zhi, and one great-grandson, Grayson. Also surviving are five step-children, Keith (Vicki) Klostermann, Kevin (Tina) Klostermann, Karl (Kelly) Klostermann, Kent (Denna) Klostermann, and Kay (Keith) Meyer, 13 step grandchildren, Jon, Kyle, Heather, Zak, Maria, Collin, Kirsten, Ella, Carson, Amber, Jacob, Lexi, and Devon, and 6 step great-grandchildren, Maddison, Charlie, Audrey, Abbigail, Piper and Maverick, one brother, Bob (Connie) Bottens and a sister-in-law, Glenna Nordsiek, his former wife, Mary Kay (McGinnis) Mosby, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Paul Jansen, Alfred Jansen, Elmer Jansen, Marcel (Phyllis) Jansen, Larry (Rose) Jansen, and Pat Jansen. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Wayne Bottens and Clifford (Donna) Bottens, and his brother-in-law, Andy Jansen. Ron served as a minister for 44 years in various Christian churches throughout the Alton area (Browning, Literberry, Milton, Community Christian in Alton, West Alton and Brighton). Due to COVID restrictions, a private memorial service will be held at First Christian

Church in Wood River on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for immediate family. Walter McCaslin and Jim Johnston will officiate. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Breese, IL. If you would like to join us in celebrating his life, join us at www.fccwr.com and select "Watch Us Live." Memorials may be made to Lincoln Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL or First Christian Church in Wood River or a Charity of Choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Since we can't be together in person, the family would love for you to take a few minutes to share your memories or stories with them by visiting the online guestbook found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Ellwood Cemetery

Breese, IL

Previous Events

Funeral

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
Wood River, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Gene Bottens*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ronald Gene Bottens*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My prayers are with you and the family. I wish you comfort and peace.
Blessings,
Helen Nellie Broderick*

Helen Nellie Broderick - August 06, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Thinking of you all this morning, particularly Marissa, Bethany and Tirzeh. We will be "attending" the funeral celebration this morning on line. Joanne, I know you've had many wonderful memories of your years with Ron and know you will miss him greatly. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ruth Ann Long - July 17, 2020 at 09:26 AM

MW

“ Dear Bethany and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss, at the same time we are rejoicing with you in your Dad's victory. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

His humble service was an example to many and touched many lives, and I am one of them. Sometimes the smallest of actions can have the greatest impact. That's where my journey and your Dad's crossed. As a young child something happened that troubled me deeply. Now, as an adult, I can see that the circumstance wasn't nearly as earth shattering as it was to me at the time...still, I summoned all the courage my 9 or 10 year old self could muster. I remember knocking with some trepidation on the door of his tiny church office. I poured out my trouble to him and he listened as if it were the most important issue of the times. I don't really remember his advice, but I do remember that he listened and he cared and that was more than enough to encourage me. As an adult, this is a great life lesson...Listen and Care! This world can use a lot more of that. I will be forever grateful for that act of kindness and his influence on my life, and pray that more of us can follow his example. He was faithful in ministering even to the problems of a child.

I love the book of Hebrews. There, I find a couple of verses that I think your Dad exemplified in his life and would encourage us to embrace and would bring great joy to him to see fulfilled in our lives...

*"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23,24
In this day and the days to come, praying you and yours will rest in our assured hope and in God's faithfulness to bring comfort and peace and see you through.*

Love and prayers, Marcia and Barney

Marcia Wells - July 17, 2020 at 08:03 AM

SD

“I always looked forward to seeing Ron at a family gathering. He always made a point to acknowledge everyone with kindness, his smile was contagious. He was a perfect match for our loving Aunt Joannie.

Condolenses to all in his large family he will be missed but will always be in our hearts”

Selina (Jansen) and Randy Daniels

Selina Daniels - July 16, 2020 at 09:23 PM



CJ

“ We always enjoyed the warm welcome from Ron whenever we were at a family gathering. His warmth and kindness was consistent along with a ready smile. Rest in God’s arms and love.

David and Charlene Jansen.

Charlene Jansen - July 16, 2020 at 09:06 PM



LL

“ I first met Ron at Lincoln Bible Institute(now Lincoln Christian University) in Lincoln,IL where we were in school together. He was a junior when I was a freshman. We have known each other a long time and what I want to share is not a story, but his character. We had a lot of communication over the years about ministry in the church and most of the time when he called me it was not about him, it was about other people. He was either giving me an update about them or asking how they were doing. He was a true pastor at heart. He served faithfully all of his life and "to God be the glory" for Ron Bottens

Lynn Laughlin - July 16, 2020 at 05:22 PM

LB

“ He always knew how to make light of any situation. Had a unique laugh. Thank you Joanne for taking good care of him. Thanks Bethany for the last time I got to see you, condolences to you and your sisters.

Lisa Bottens

Lisa Bottens - July 16, 2020 at 02:56 PM

AD

“ Ron was our minister at the West Alton Community Church for many years. I had been away from the Church and when I returned Ron was there. I learned more from Ron than any other Minister I have ever known. We know he is better off but the world has lost a great man. My sincere condolences to his family.

Arendell David - July 13, 2020 at 09:02 PM

KJ

Joanne and family, Gary and I are so very sorry for your loss. I remember Ron's warm and friendly smile. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Gary and Kathy Jascur

kathy and gary jascur - July 17, 2020 at 05:12 PM

TM

Nancy and I were glad to get to know Ron and Joanne at First Christian Church in Wood River. I was so impressed with how both pitched in and served from the very beginning. I will miss Ron in Bible class, leading the seniors meetings, leading the devotionals at the men's breakfasts, and coming to our home every week for our small group studies and being such an active participant. We will greatly miss our elder and Christian brother in Christ.

Tony Martin

Tony Martin - July 19, 2020 at 01:07 PM