



## Ronald L. Reeves

July 8, 1942 - April 11, 2016

Ronald L. Reeves

ADRIAN- Ronald L. Reeves passed away on April 11, 2016. He was born on July 8, 1942 in Pontiac, Michigan, and grew up in Rochester, Michigan, the son of Alfred and Shirley (Priestap) Reeves. Ron was preceded in death by his father.

Ron married the love of his life, Kay D. Reed of Adrian in 1963. He graduated from Adrian College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He worked for Carnation Company and Hallmark Cards in western Michigan before returning to Adrian as the Adrian College Alumni Director and then Executive Director of the Adrian Chamber of Commerce. He served as Vice President of Sales at Saxmayer Corporation and Vice President /General Manager of Venchurs Packaging. After his planned retirement from Venchurs, he was recruited to serve as Vice President of Development at Adrian College, a position he officially held for seven years.

Ron was a dedicated supporter of his community. He served as a board member and officer of numerous organizations including Adrian College, Boys Scouts of America, the Salvation Army and the Lenawee County Education Foundation.

He was also very active in the First United Methodist Church of Adrian, serving in several capacities, including lay leader, Sunday school teacher and most recently on the finance committee. Ron was instrumental in raising millions of dollars for the organizations he served and the communities he loved.

He received several awards for his valuable community service, including the Salvation Army Citizen of the Year, the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award from Boy Scouts of America. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Maple Leaf award in 1999 which recognizes an individual for extraordinary leadership and community service.

Ron is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kay, their sons Aaron (Molly) and Matthew (Olivia) five grandchildren, Cameron, Bree, Katie, Hannah and Adrienne, his mother, Shirley, sister Kaye (Paul) Hamman and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Herrick Chapel at Adrian College with Rev. Chris Momany and Rev. Chris Brundage officiating. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home Friday, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Contributions in Ron's memory are suggested to Adrian College, Office of Development, 110 S. Madison Street, Adrian, MI 49221-9946; Boy Scouts of America, c/o Ron Reeves Memorial, 137 S. Markel Place Blvd, Lansing, MI 48917; or Salvation Army, 217 W. Church Street., Adrian, MI 49221. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Herrick Chapel, Adrian College  
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Adrian, MI 49221  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald L. Reeves*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *What a tremendous asset to the Community. Most recently I enjoyed serving with Ron on the Lenawee County Education Foundation. What a great mind!  
You'll be missed Ron, but never forgot!  
Garry Clift and Family*

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**Garry Clift** - April 16, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Ron was a community leader. and a person who was always ready to pitch in. I was able to work with him on several projects and I'm glad to be one of his many friends. My deepest condolences to Kay and your family. Ron will be missed.  
Sincerely,  
Alden (Al) Smith*

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**Alden Smith** - April 16, 2016 at 07:49 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kay and the Reeves family on the passing of Ron.

*I worked with Ron on Boy Scout activities about 35 years ago when I was the BSA District Executive for Lenawee County. I truly enjoyed working with Ron, and his commitment to Scouting was tremendous. I also have fond memories of getting to know Kay, Aaron and Matt while working with Ron in organizing and participating in many Scouting events. May God's grace and love support you through this time of grief.*

*Dennis & Barb Rice*

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**Dennis Rice** - April 15, 2016 at 07:46 AM

JO

“ *Adrian College has lost its greatest ambassador. Ron has been a dear friend for 56 years as well as a fellow brother in TKE. I am a better person as a result of my friendship with Ron. I share the sadness of loss with Kay, Arron, Matt and the rest of Ron's wonderful family. There are so many special memories from our college days. Our friendship continued to grow after college sharing many trips together, weekends, cross country skiing, serving as trustees, too many bridge games to count and long weekends in Florida. The results of his leadership and hard work he gave to many community groups will continue stronger as a tribute to him. Ron will be missed by many but never forgotten. John and Sheryl Safran*

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**johnsafran** - April 14, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Reeves.*



April 14, 2016 at 04:55 PM

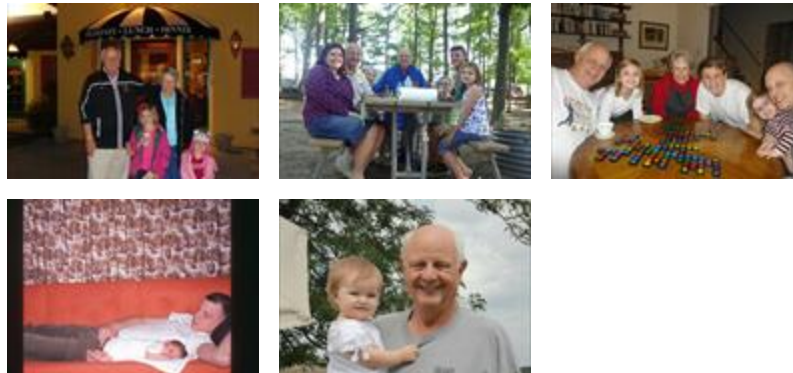


“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I,m sorry for your loss.*

**Floyd Rodgers** - April 13, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *12 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Aaron Reeves** - April 13, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ *Kent & Suzi Sanderson, Todd Sanderson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ronald L. Reeves.*



**Kent & Suzi Sanderson, Todd Sanderson** - April 13, 2016 at 05:51 PM

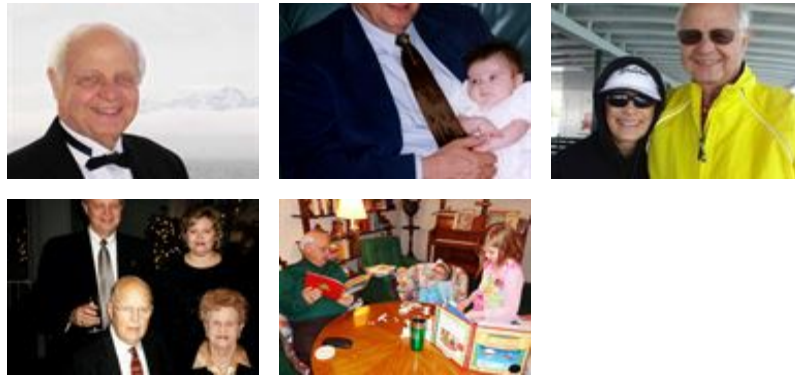
SA

“ Kay, so sorry for the loss of Ron. Praying for peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Sheri Arquette - April 13, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wagley Funeral Home - April 13, 2016 at 01:25 PM

AP

Thanks for the great photos! I do not recognize myself in the junior high school shot with shorts and Scottish sox -- must have been Ron's clothes! Great memories, of a great family, Alan

Alan Price - April 13, 2016 at 01:54 PM

ZS

Mrs. Reeves,

Our family is very sorry for your loss. Although I only remember him briefly from childhood I know Mr. Reeves was a dear friend of my Grandparents and mom and he will be missed.

Sincerely,

Zach

Zachary Stornant - April 13, 2016 at 04:12 PM

TS

Kay,

*I would also like to extend my brothers thoughts. We are deeply saddened by Ron's passing and pray for comfort in the days to come. What a pillar in the community and all around great person.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Trevor Stornant and family*

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**Trevor Stornant** - April 14, 2016 at 02:48 PM

KP

*I have known "Ronnie" Reeves as a classmate in junior high school. He was an important part of Alan and my friendly clique of boys and girls, boyfriends and girlfriends, and later husbands and wives. He was the "life" of our gatherings with his cheerful thoughtfully friendly ways.-- As I have grown more perspective in my older years, and knowing Ron for 60 years, I know he created his unique charm and good works from his underpinning of a deep belief in his God. And, I am grateful to him for making me a stronger Christian because of his example.--Thank you Ron for your example to us all, "for a life well lived." God bless your soul and God bless us all. Kathy Price*

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**Kathy Price** - April 16, 2016 at 01:06 PM

IM

“ *Dear Kay so sorry for your loss you have many wonderful memories warm thoughts Isabel*

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**Isabel Murray** - April 13, 2016 at 08:18 AM

JM

“ *Been so many years, but that twinkle in the eyes, and smile has never changed. Let all the good memories help fill the holes left in the heart by your loss. The good Lord has welcomed home another wonderful person. Jan ( Stevens ) McIntosh.*

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**Jan ( Srevens) McIntosh** - April 13, 2016 at 07:27 AM

RK

“ *As a student in Rochester, MI, Ron was always tops. Good student and good man in life. He will be missed. Ron Kevern, Scottsdale, AZ*

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**Ron Kevern** - April 12, 2016 at 11:47 PM

PC

“ *Ron's smile is the same as always. It is a beautiful memory of a beautiful life. Our sincerest sympathy to his family and large group of friends.*



*Pat (nee Elwood; class of 1960) and John Clausen*

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**Patricia Clausen** - April 12, 2016 at 11:38 PM

KG

“ *My deepest sympathies are with you from afar, Kay. May all your wonderful memories be held closely to you now as you grieve the loss of your wonderful husband, Ron. I was blessed to know Ron during my Adrian College/Chi Omega days. He was a gift to all who knew him. My prayers are with you...Kelly Kerby-Gough*

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**Kelly Gough** - April 12, 2016 at 07:50 PM

SH

“ *Kaye, Shirley and families,*

*Wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain.*

*With heartfelt sympathy.*

*Love, Rick & Sharon*

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**Sharon** - April 12, 2016 at 07:46 PM

SR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Sharon & Rick Rowden - April 12, 2016 at 07:44 PM

GG

“ My heartfelt thoughts and most sincere condolences to you Kay and family

Glenn Goist

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glenn goist - April 12, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Reeves.



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April 12, 2016 at 06:05 PM

PF

“ Ron was a great man that I had the highest regard for. As a friend and fellow A/C board member Ron was always positive and a pleasure to be around. Ron truly left the world a much better place. Debbie and I will always have fond memories of Ron and know he will always be on campus in spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kay and the family. Rest in peace my friend...

Love

Pat & Debbie Farver



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Patrick Farver - April 12, 2016 at 03:54 PM

DG

“ Ann and David Guldin send heartfelt sympathy to Kay and family on the death of Ron.

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David and Ann Guldin - April 12, 2016 at 02:23 PM

CA

“ Ron Reeves was an icon to me growing up in The Salvation Army. One of those men I held with as much esteem as my own father. He will be truly missed, and I know the work he did for the Army can never be matched by another. May your memories keep him alive in your heart. I know he will live on in mine. Candace (Warren) Aranda

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Candace\_Aranda - April 12, 2016 at 12:49 PM

PS

“ A dear friend for almost 60 years, Ron's absence will forever leave an emptiness. What a pal. What a buddy. Since our days in high school Ron was always looking for a way to help, whatever the need. His strength of character and generosity have been enviable traits by anyone's standard. Our many adventures together -- double dating in high school, water skiing on Sylvan Lake, snow skiing in Rockford, biking in the rain, the sand dunes on Lake Michigan, San Antonio's River Walk, Belize and the underground river, Alaska, The Danube, the motor home trip to Branson, are all forever etched in our memories not to mention the numerous New Years we have ushered in together.

*Betty and I feel so privileged to have called him our friend. Our hearts are aching for Kay, Aaron, Matthew, Shirley and the entire Reeves family. You are not alone in your sorrow.*

*Farewell my friend,  
Perry & Betty Sanderson*

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**Perry Sanderson** - April 12, 2016 at 12:08 PM

RS

“ Ron was a great boss and a wonderful friend. In the 12 years we worked together he taught me a lot, he was my business mentor. I will miss his smile and his laughter. Ron was an inspiration to a number of people.

*God bless him and his entire family.  
Ron Sneary*

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**Ron Sneary** - April 12, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Reeves.*



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April 12, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *The world is a lesser place today with Ron's passing. He was a friend and Classmate (Rochester High School - Class of 1960). I remember our clique's many parties, usually in our parents' basements, dancing to those songs from the '50s. Ron was always the life of the party. What a great sense of humor he had. We mourn his passing but we are greatly comforted to know that he is in the arms of our Savior where he has heard the words, "Well done good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:23*

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**Michael J. LaFave** - April 12, 2016 at 09:26 AM

AP

“ Kathy and I (Alan) in Texas share the sadness of our loss today of fine and close friend, Ron, who we had known and loved for almost seven decades in Rochester and Adrian. I remember how Little Ronnie Reeves grew into Big Ron Reeves, always an aggressive but friendly competitor in every sport. When we were in elementary and junior high school, he used to get all us neighborhood boys on North Hill walk down to the swamp wen it froze over to play ice hockey, and he (all decked out in protective gear) would hit really hard slap shots into our shins to score goals In recent summers, he would take me to golf and would hit towering drives over the trees, just to show me he could - big and fearless. But he always a warm and loving friend, son, husband, and father -- a genuine treasure to all of this friends and to his community. God bless him and us all.  
Alan Price



Alan Price - April 12, 2016 at 01:24 AM

LB

Too many memories of Ron to share just one ,, He was always there to help out with whatever was needed at The Salvation Army,,No one will ever know how many lives he touched with his service ..He truly was one in a million , my condolences to Kay and the family, ,,

Lora Byers - April 13, 2016 at 08:44 AM

BB

*Dear Kay and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We were so shocked and saddened to hear about Ron. Too soon. Brenda & Frank Baker*

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**Brenda Baker** - April 13, 2016 at 03:11 PM