



Ronald W. Downing

September 3, 1947 - August 16, 2014

Ronald W. Downing, age 66, of Davison, died Sat. Aug. 16, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Thurs. Aug. 21, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Patricia Harton officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-9 PM Tues and Wed. Mr. Downing was born in Flint on Sept. 3, 1947, the son of Parmer and Inez (Seder) Downing. He was a retired firefighter and fire chief having served the cities of Flint, Flushing, and Swartz Creek. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #174 F&AM, the Elf Khurafeh Shrine Center, the Bay City Consistory, the ROJ Court 74, and many other organizations. He was a life member of the Association of Fire Chiefs. Surviving are 2 children, Jeff (Laura) Downing of Davison and Jamie (Robert) Cairnduff of Fenton; 7 grandchildren, Alexandria, Rene, Taylor, Nicholas, Jackson, Brandon, and Parker; mother Inez Downing of Flint; 2 brothers Roger (Jody) Downing of Okemos and Robert Downing. He was preceded in death by his wife Lyndia; his father, and special friend Bill Miller. Memorial donations may be made to Stand Up To Cancer or the Elf Khurafeh Shrine Transportation Unit. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
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Holly, MI 48442
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Visitation

AUG 19. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - August 19, 2014 at 12:13 PM

KN

“ *Kristine Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



Kristine Nelson - August 27, 2014 at 12:17 PM

SH

“ *So terribly sorry and sad to hear of Ron's passing. I have so many happy and funny memories of the times Roy and I spent with Ron and Lyndia. Gone to soon for all of them. Rest in peace. Suzanne (Salgat) Hammond*

Suzanne Hammond - August 21, 2014 at 09:12 AM

LK

“ Rest in Peace Chief Downing, you will be greatly missed, my condolences to the Downing family in this time of sorrow.

Lee Keeney

Lee Keeney - August 20, 2014 at 04:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Downing.



August 19, 2014 at 09:55 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during these trying times. Sorry we can not make it to share are feelings with you in person. Please give Inez a hug for us.

John and CJ Brummeler

John Brummeler - August 19, 2014 at 11:44 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Downing.



August 19, 2014 at 09:15 AM

SC

“ Ron, we had so many memories from the time we were little, playing in your backyard with all your Tonka trucks, You riding Silver, my horse, up on our farm. Remember the prank we pulled on Chuck? Sorry I got so far away for all these years. Love you. Sandy

Sandra Costanzo - August 19, 2014 at 09:04 AM

MM

“ Mike Mooney lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Mike Mooney - August 19, 2014 at 05:32 AM

KG

“ When Ron tasted my mothers cooking he asked Lyndia if my mother would adopt him! He will be missed.

Katharine Gallop - August 18, 2014 at 09:35 PM

GP

“ Gary Peterson lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Gary Peterson - August 18, 2014 at 07:49 PM

SD

“ Steve Colonna {ret. Lt. Flint Fire Dept} lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



steve colonna {ret. lt. flint fire dept} - August 18, 2014 at 06:27 PM

OY

“ Our Love, Prayers & Hearts R With You, lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Our love, prayers & hearts r with you, - August 18, 2014 at 05:13 PM

DS

“ Deb Scottt lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



deb scottt - August 18, 2014 at 05:06 PM

JH

“ Jim Johnston And Michelle Hagenbuch lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Jim Johnston and Michelle Hagenbuch - August 18, 2014 at 03:35 PM

DH

“ *David & Diane Hall lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



David & Diane Hall - August 18, 2014 at 12:42 PM

DD

“ *Our condolences to the Downing Family on the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He was a genuinely good man, and we miss him dearly.*



Drew and Jackie

Drew Downing - August 18, 2014 at 10:45 AM

SW

“ *Susie Winebrenner lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



Susie Winebrenner - August 18, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ *To the Downing Family, I'm So Sorry to hear This About Ron, He was Always Such A Nice Man. We Were High School Friends, and Roger I'm Sending My Condolences and Prayers From Florida. God Bless Your Family and Friends!*

*Ms. Gwendolyn Hopkins Bird
(Wendy Hopkins)*



Gwendolyn Bird - August 18, 2014 at 03:30 AM



“ *Sending My Condolences for Ron, Prayers flowing from Florida to Your Family and Friends. Roger I'm So Sorry for Your loss, Haven't seen You since High School, Hoping You're Doing Good!*

*. Ms. Gwendolyn Hopkins Bird
(Wendy Hopkins Bird)*



Gwendolyn Bird - August 18, 2014 at 03:20 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Downing Family. As a Fire Chief I could always rely on Ron to head me in the right direction when I had a problem or just enjoy coffee at the station with him, he will truly be missed.
Chief Rick Johnson, Mt.Morris Township Fire Department.*



rick johnson - August 17, 2014 at 08:54 PM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathies to the Downing family! I have 50 years of memories since I was one of Ron's classmates all threw the years. What a wonderful, compassionate man. May he rest in peace with our Lord. Sincerely. Sheila Riddle Johnston



Sheila Riddle Johnston - August 17, 2014 at 08:06 PM

Judy Blakemore

“ Judy Blakemore lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Judy Blakemore - August 17, 2014 at 07:58 PM

DJ

“ I never understood why, but as a young boy I clung on to you one family reunion and always looked for you to be there at each subsequent one. Maybe it was just because you were an awesome, caring guy! Thanks for the great memories Ron!

Don Seder Jr. - August 17, 2014 at 07:39 PM

TF

“ The Shaler Family lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



The Shaler Family - August 17, 2014 at 06:33 PM

BL

“ Beverly Laney lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Beverly Laney - August 17, 2014 at 05:58 PM

CJ

“ My sympathies to the Downing family. Spent may an hour in his Office at the Flint Fire Dept. He was a great mentor to a young fire officer.



Curtis St. John - August 17, 2014 at 05:18 PM

BS

“ Brandon, Jenna, Rowan And Stella lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing



Brandon, Jenna, Rowan and Stella - August 17, 2014 at 05:05 PM

BS

& Jenna

Brandon, Jenna, Rowan and Stella - August 17, 2014 at 05:24 PM

DM

“ *David And Deb Miller lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



David and Deb Miller - August 17, 2014 at 04:56 PM

CD

“ *Connie Davis lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



connie davis - August 17, 2014 at 04:27 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Chief, you were a man of great honor an integrity and it was a privilege to know you, you will be truly missed.*

Dave Plumb - August 17, 2014 at 02:53 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Austin Castle lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Downing*



Barbara Austin Castle - August 17, 2014 at 02:32 PM