



## Ron Driskill

December 10, 1946 - May 31, 2016

Ron Driskill, 69, of 1423rd Lane of Madrid, Iowa passed away at the Boone County Hospital in Boone, Iowa on Tuesday evening, May 24, 2016. He was born on December 10, 1946 in Leon, Iowa to Perry and Marjorie (Brady) Driskill. On July 8, 1967, he married Carla Payton in Des Moines, Iowa. Ron was a 1965 graduate of Des Moines Technical High School in Des Moines. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1966, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and served as a Crew Chief aboard a KC135 before being honorably discharged in 1970. Following his discharge, he was employed at Des Moines Flying Service and was Cor Pac Service Administrator for the Midwest region. In 1986, he was awarded Man of the Year by Piper Aircraft for his expertise in aircraft maintenance and service. He later worked for Elliott Beechcraft in Omaha, Nebraska and for over 24 years served as an inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration until his retirement. He obtained his Master Parachute Riggers certification. Ron enjoyed working in his yard, planting flowers and trees, and planting his annual vegetable garden. He enjoyed feeding all of the birds and going through his bird book to identify all the different types in his backyard. He loved nature and watching all the deer, squirrels, foxes, and chipmunks. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing, and motorcycle riding. He was very handy with all kinds of tools and an expert woodworker. He liked to use his skills to help others including volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. Ron was also an avid airplane pilot in addition to building and flying remote control airplanes. He was a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Boone; the VFW and American Legion in Winterset, Iowa; the Madison and Boone County Gun Club; the Patriot Guard Riders of Iowa; and the Republican Central Committee in both Boone and Madison County. His parents and one son, Matthew in 2004, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Carla of Madrid; 2 daughters, Dana Heldenbrand and husband Chuck of Madrid, Iowa and Jenny Larson and husband Steve of Asheville, North Carolina; a granddaughter Savannah Heldenbrand; a brother Jonnie Driskill, his wife Rosalee and their family of Truro, Iowa; Bob, Tabitha, Jared, Owyn, Piper, and Sam Payton; his Schnauzer shadows, Harley and Molly, who followed him everywhere; and many other loved family members. Visitation will be held on Tuesday morning, May 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church at 309 South Greene Street in Boone, Iowa. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Augustana Lutheran

Church with Pastor Dan Solomon officiating. A light luncheon will be served immediately following the funeral service. Interment with military honors and presentation of the flag conducted by the American Legion Green-Rogers Post #184 and VFW Post #8142 of Winterset, Iowa will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Gordon Cemetery in Winterset, Iowa. In memory of Ron, memorials may be directed to the "Augustana Lutheran Church - HVAC Fund" in lieu of flowers.

# Comments

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“ Carla--so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. He was so much fun to work with and get to know. I hope you are doing OK.....let your Winterset friends know if we can do anything (I was out of town for a couple weeks and it took time to go thru all the newspapers/mail.)

**G. JoAnn Collins** - June 14, 2016 at 03:17 PM

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“ Carla and Family-  
I am so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a great friend and I appreciated his help in many campaigns. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Senator Julian Garrett** - May 30, 2016 at 10:10 PM

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“ Carla and family we are saddened to hear about Ron's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. He will be missed by all who knew him.

**Rick and Deb Williams** - May 30, 2016 at 08:37 PM

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“ Carla and family, my heartfelt sympathy to you in this time of sorrow. You have lost a wonderful husband and father and I pray that warm memories of times together will help to ease your pain.

**Sue Kula** - May 30, 2016 at 08:22 PM

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“ Carla, I can not express how sorry I was to see this. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. Please take care of yourself, will talk later.

**Deb Tucker** - May 30, 2016 at 07:02 PM

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“ My condolences to Ron's family. I knew Ron when he worked for Elliott's. I always enjoyed talking to Ron, and will remember his kindness, and laughter.

**Craig Martin** - May 30, 2016 at 08:49 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. I worked with Ron At Des Moines Flying Service in the 1970's and have known him ever since through other jobs and when he was an FAA Safety Inspector at ISU when I worked there. He was a great guy and I enjoyed knowing him. I will especially remember his great sense of Humor.

**Maurice Conley** - May 29, 2016 at 07:45 PM

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“ I would like to express my sorrow and regret at learning of the passing of Ron. I worked with Ron as a mechanic at the Des Moines Flying Service in the early seventies. I enjoyed knowing him.

Condolences to the Family,

**Rick Atkinson** - May 29, 2016 at 05:32 PM

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“ I am so sorry to learn of cousin Ron's death. My memories of him are few. I recall a visit to the Lakehouse out at Lake of the Ozarks. He was helping Grandpa Brady with something, and was making us laugh. I know he will be missed.

**Kerry Gifford Keller** - May 27, 2016 at 07:03 PM