



Ronald "Ronnie" G. Welker,, Sr.

September 2, 1928 - April 18, 2016

Ronald "Ronnie" G. Welker, Sr., of Shawnee, KS, passed away on Monday, April 18, 2016 at Garden Terrace at Overland Park at the age of 87. Ronnie was born the son of Logan O. and Nellie J. (O'Dell) Welker on September 2, 1928 in Kansas City, KS. Ronnie retired after working many years as a Lumberman for RL Sweet Lumber Company. He enjoyed traveling with and spending time with his grandchildren. Ronnie especially liked spending winters at South Padre Island. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting with his dogs, Boomer and Gretchen. Survivors include a son, Ronald G. Welker, Jr., and his wife Mary; daughter, Gail Ann Gourley and her husband Tom; sister-in-law, Kay Welker; five grandchildren, Ronald Pruitt, Kathryn Welker, Sarah Brocker and her husband Benji, Willard Gourley and Amanda Gourley; nine great-grandchildren, Bram Pruitt, Chris, Michael and Sam Williams, Greta Gourley, Lucas & James Chestang, Ethan Brocker, Amelia Hardison and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Doris C. Welker; brother, Darry Welker and wife Mary. A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 6-8:00 PM at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in Ronnie's honor to Garden Terrace of Overland Park-Serenity Garden, 7541 Switzer Rd, Overland Park, KS 66214. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" G. Welker,, Sr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 21, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *Ronald "Ronnie" G. Welker,, Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Ronald "Ronnie" G. Welker,, Sr.*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



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“ I see that my son, Darry, wrote a very nice memory of our Uncle Ronnie. He is way ahead of me. I didn't know we could do this online. As uncles go, our Uncle Ronnie was the best. I loved hunting and fishing growing up and it Uncle Ronnie knew that a kid like me would look forward with real anticipation each month to a copy of NRA and Field and Stream magazines. He bought me a subscription to both that I received for years. He loved to laugh. You knew which laugh in a room belonged to him. He was honest about his feelings, and he would voice them whether you agreed with them or not, but he kept true to this honesty so there was no guessing about it. I appreciated this honesty. He was always fun. Always. Unless you were playing cards, on his team, and wasn't very good at it. I haven't kept in touch like I should have with family back home. But whenever I did call, it was always like no time had passed and Uncle Ronnie never made me feel like this lack of character and not calling was an issue. You were family he was glad to hear from. You will be missed Uncle.

Mark Welker - April 20, 2016 at 02:17 PM

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“ Uncle Ronnie was a character to say the least. Growing up, I was in awe of the knowledge of things he would talk about. He was well read and had a unique memory. I would generally sit back and listen to him talk with my folks or grandparents and loved listening to his stories growing up and his views on world politics. I think his views entertained me the most and I think anyone who knew him would agree. If I was ever daring enough to sit in and play cards, I'd come away scared to ever sit down and play with him and Aunt Doris again. Man, they loved playing cards. Like his father Logan, he loved to garden and was methodical about his planting and what was produced. My dad later told me how he kept records on what he planted each year and the yields per each plant. Uncle Ronnie was like his brother Darry, they were both hard headed but true to their individual beliefs. I truly respected him. I was very fortunate to have got to grow up and enjoy being around Uncle Ronnie and Aunt Doris. They seemed to be a permanent fixture at my grandparents house for holidays as well as coming over to play cards and shoot the breeze. Like my grandparents, he had a lasting positive impression on me and I will miss him dearly. I have a lifetime of memories and he was part of them. God Bless you Uncle.

Sincerely,
Darry Welker

Darry Welker - April 19, 2016 at 06:18 PM

RJ

Very nice Darry !

Ronald Welker Jr - April 20, 2016 at 10:58 AM