

## **Ronald C. Cummings**

Age 54, of Butternut, Wisconsin died Friday, November 19, 1999 at the Flambeau Hospital in Park Falls, Wisconsin. Ron graduated from Appleton High School in Appleton, Wisconsin, and from the Lake Shore Technical College in Cleveland, Wisconsin, completing his Journey Man Molders Apprenticeship and later an Associate Degree in graphic Arts. Ron won a State of Wisconsin Molders Contest and numerous awards for his work in drawing, stained glass, ceramics and photography. He enjoyed his work as a journeyman molder, printer, Chemical Resin Technician, Security Guard and hobbies in stained glass, photography, ceramics and wood working/refinishing. On August 26, 1998, Ron fulfilled his dream as a business owner with the purchase of Ron's Northern Pines Resort and Restaurant. Ron worked tirelessly on improving the resort, initiating many changes and improvements often in the face of criticism. Ron offered to open the business free of charge to any organization for meetings and club activities at any time. He especially enjoyed working with DARE and Big Brothers/Big Sisters because he felt a special bond with children and their welfare. Ron considered his children and grandchildren his greatest accomplishment and took special pride in their uniqueness and talents. Ron felt blessed by having the love and support of his nieces, nephews and extended family members. He made a positive and lasting impression on all he met by refusing to heed gossip and rumors, always trying to see the good in others. When family or friends needed him they could count on his being there for them to the end. Ron cared about and valued his employees for their hard work, talent, support and for the friendships he shared with each of them, considering them his second family.

Ron is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jonita; His sons Kevin Michael and Jeffrey John and special friend Dicia Ingles and family; daughter and son-in-law, Kim Michele and Bernard Kunert; grandsons, James Heitzmann, Mathew and Michael Kunert; Godsons, Dennis Johnson and Brian Sprang; his mother Viola Cummings; brother and wife, Larry and Sue Cummings; sister-in-law Melanie Cummings; step-brother and wife David and Pat Mueller; step-sisters and husband, Dawn and Byron Bartel, Darlene and Al Hagen; mother-in-law, Loretta Lewandowski; sister-in-law and husbands, Margaret and James Eggener, Ina and Wilbert Johnson; 14 nieces and nephews, special friends Evelyn and Glenn Heitzmann, several aunts, uncles and cousins. Ron was preceded in death by his parents Majorie and Melvin Cummings, brother Vern Cummings, nephew John Cummings, niece Shelley Vanderlois, sister and brother-in-law Pearl and Jim Domke and father-in-law Florian Leewandowski. Ron was a member of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, Wisconsin Tavern League and a former Cub Scout leader..

Funeral services will be held at Novizke Funeral Home in Park Falls, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 23, 1999 at 4 pm with the Rev Loren Barker officiating. Cremation will follow. There will be a visitation on Tuesday, November 23, 1999 from 1 p.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home in Park Falls, Wisconsin.

In accordance with Ron's wish to make his life and death beneficial to others, he became an organ/tissue donor. Ron was a gentle giant dearly loved and valued and greatly missed by his family and friends.