



## Ronald P. Merchant

May 27, 1928 - April 16, 2020

Ronald P. Merchant, 91 of Markle, Indiana passed away on Thursday afternoon, April 16, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ron was born on May 27, 1928 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Edwin L. & Helen (Weaver) Merchant.

He graduated from East Union High School in 1946. Right out of high school, Ron worked at the Zanesville Locker Plant and helped build the facility from the ground up. On December 29, 1950 at the EUB Church in Zanesville, Ron & Beverly A. (McClenny) were married. Two weeks later, Ron was drafted into the United States Army, and the newly married couple moved to Germany where Ron served for 2 years and was honorably discharged with the rank of Private First Class. The couple moved back home with a newborn son and set up their home in Waynedale, later moving to the Zanesville area. Ron returned to working as a meat cutter for the Kroger Company at area store locations for 25+ years. Ron and Bev also owned and operated the Slumber Inn Motel in Markle for 18 years.

Ron could often be seen working in his garden or in his woodshop. He was very detailed in his woodworking projects and made many beautiful projects for his family. Ron built 2 houses and even built his own airplane in his garage and flew it at a local air strip. This was probably his favorite place to be, flying in a plane that he built with his own hands!

Ron and Bev happily enjoyed 68 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on December 20, 2018. He was a 30+ year member of Hope

Missionary Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include their two children; David P. (Marquita) Merchant of Markle and Sharon A. (David) Scheiber of Churubusco, Indiana. He was a loving Grandpa to five grandchildren; Benjamin (Amber) Merchant, Sarah (Paul) Ziegler, Randy (Konny) Merchant, Justin (Priscila) Scheiber and Theresa (Justin) Brown, along with 9 great-grandchildren; Avery, Atticus and Atlas Merchant, Chloe Ziegler, Paige & Mason Merchant and Eden, Naomi and Corah Brown. He is also survived by a sister, Shirley (Kirby) Mossburg of Markle.

Private family services will take place at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating. Burial will follow at Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville. Memorials may be made in Ron's memory to Samaritan's Purse, through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Hoverstock Cemetery**

11698 N 300 W  
Zanesville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald P. Merchant*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - April 21, 2020 at 01:11 PM

KH

*Uncle Ronnie was always such a calm and patient man. I have such fun memories of he and Aunt Bev when they came to East Hartland Ct. for a visit with my parents. I realized even as a young girl, how much my parents loved them and David and Sharon as well. We are truly saddened by Uncle Ronnie's passing but know he is safe in the hands of the Lord.*

*We love and miss you,  
Alan and Karen Watson Hill.*

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**Karen Watson Hill** - April 23, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Ronald P. Merchant*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MR

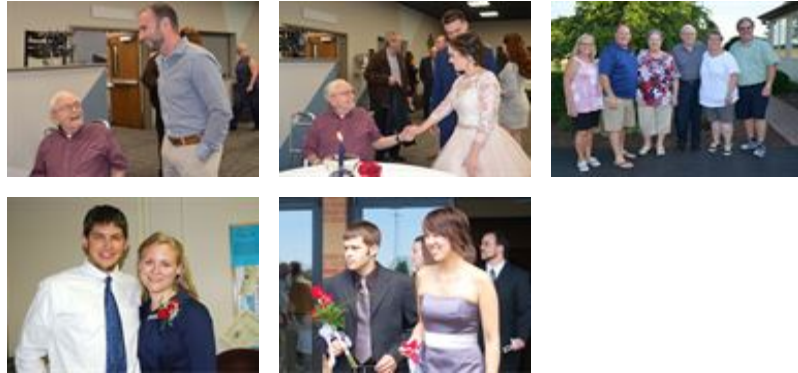
“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS....I REALLY LIKED RON.....mark reed*

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**MARK REED** - April 21, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 20, 2020 at 04:27 PM

KT

“ Dave, Marquita and family, Our heart and prayers are with you and your family in your dad passing on to heaven. Phil and Kat Teeple

Kat Teeple - April 20, 2020 at 03:13 PM

JR

“ Neal and I were sorry to hear of Ronnie's death. We are sorry for your loss, and wish we could be with you in person. We have many fond memories of our friends in Zanesville and area, and it would have been nice to visit with you. These are hard times. We will be thinking of you.

Your friends in Christ,  
Neal and Judy Rice

Judith Rice - April 20, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 20, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald P. Merchant.



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April 19, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Ronald P. Merchant.



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April 19, 2020 at 02:18 PM

BM

“ Sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there but times are hard right now.

*Bruce Merchant*

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**Bruce Merchant** - April 19, 2020 at 09:02 AM

RT

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for you and your family  
Richard and Carol Teeple*

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**Richard and Carol Teeple** - April 19, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MH

*Wow did we ever love your mom and dad. Always had great attitudes. We always felt like they were our cheerleaders. You always felt like you had someone in your corner. Always so gracious and kind and warm. What a legacy to leave behind! Enjoy the memories.*

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**Matt Hartsell** - April 20, 2020 at 01:18 PM

SW

“ *Dave and Sharon, I am so so sorry for the loss of your father. He has surely led a very active and busy life, and raised two wonderful loving children. May God hold him closely in his loving arms. God Bless you and your family  
with love, Susie (Scheiber) Woodward*

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**Susan M Woodward** - April 18, 2020 at 10:57 PM

BJ

“ Ron loved coming to our Bible Lessons class at River Terrace. He shared his faith with others and made us even stronger believers. He especially befriended a Jewish gentleman and shared his Christian beliefs in a loving way. He will be missed by us all. He would also talk about his wife often, which I was also blessed to know. We are so sorry for your loss and ours, but also smile knowing he will be in his heavenly home.

*Much Love to you all!*

*Becky Jackson and His friends at River Terrace*

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**Becky Jackson** - April 18, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald P. Merchant.



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April 18, 2020 at 08:23 AM