



Ronald Dean Thorpe

August 15, 1944 - March 13, 2015

Ronald Dean Thorpe was born August 15, 1944, in Lenapah, Oklahoma, to Richard (Dick) Thorpe and Lavonne (McAfee) Thorpe. He died Friday, March 13, 2015, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, at the age of 70 years. Ronald graduated from Delaware High School in Delaware, Oklahoma, in May of 1962 and later graduated from Coffeyville Community Junior College in Coffeyville, Kansas, with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. He worked for a short time in Broken Arrow as a clerk. He then went to work for Funk Manufacturing Company on June 25, 1964 as secretary to the Personnel Manager. He was then promoted to the position of hiring the hourly employees. He retired from John Deere and Company (They bought out Funk Manufacturing) after thirty seven years of service. He married Margaret Cary from Edna, Kansas, and they had a daughter Dana Leigh Thorpe. They later divorced and Ronald remarried to Tommilene Braschler. He served in the military from May 1966 until October 1997, serving in the active Army, Army Reserves, and finished his career with Kansas Army National Guard 174th supply and service Battalion rank of Master Sgt. He was a member of the board of directors with the People's Choice Credit Union for more than 20 years. Also, he was a life member of VFW Post 1022 in Coffeyville, Kansas, working his way through the ranks to Post Commander. He was also a life member of American Legion Post 20 in Coffeyville. Loving family members include: Daughter and Son-In-Law; Dana and Michael Conner, of Broken Arrow Grandchildren; Kelcie Wiedemann and husband Shane, of

Broken Arrow Hunter Conner, of Broken ArrowBrother; Gary Thorpe, of
GroveRonald was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Tommilene.
Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at
Mount Washington Cemetery in Lenapah, Oklahoma. Arrangements and
services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.[www.moweryf
s.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)'

Tribute Wall

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“ *I enjoyed very much working with Ron at Funk Manufacturing. But I enjoyed more being his partner in the Company Golf League and golfing together in other outings.* ”

Bill Rollison - March 23, 2015 at 01:50 AM

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“ *Thank you so much for your patriotic service Comrade Ron. You will always be remembered and missed at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1022 in Coffeyville.*
Paul Melies
Sr. Vice Commander
Post 1022 Coffeyville ”

Paul Melies - March 20, 2015 at 03:47 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I was in the Guard with Ron and have known him for many years. Lots of good times.* ”

David Kendrick - March 18, 2015 at 08:18 PM

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Knew Ron well. He hired me when I went to work in the seventies at Funk. He was a good friend. I remember when he bought a new 1971 bronze colored Ford Torino when he was married the first time. Good friend and I miss him very much.

Ralph Mcdaniel - April 28, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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Ron was also a good friend of my Dad. My dad retired from Funk. Ron also knew Cotton Price which proceeded him in the personal department.

Ralph Mcdaniel - April 28, 2025 at 10:07 PM