

**Ronald Kenneth Holm,**  
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**May 25, 1942 - June 9, 2018**

**HARLAN** – Ronald Kenneth Holm was born the oldest of seven children to Henry and Elizabeth Holm in Fort Dodge May 25, 1942. Ron graduated from Fort Dodge High School in 1960.

He was married to Sandra Casady, June 22, 1963 in Fort Dodge. On his own since 16, Ron managed his first grocery store when he was 21. Ron worked in the grocery business most of his life leading Ron and Sandy to Harlan. In Harlan, he worked at

Hy-Vee both as manager and deli manager. Ron went on to be the warehouse manager at Variety Distributors where he retired in 2007.

Ron and Sandy lived in Algona for a short period, returning to Fort Dodge, moving later to Ankeny, and then settling in Harlan, where they built their dream home in rural Harlan in 1992. Ron moved to Elk Horn in 2010 and to Salem Lutheran Home in 2016. Ron enjoyed wood working, hunting, golf and being involved in the community.

Ron worked hard and spent a lot of time providing for his family, but he also found time to share his hobbies with his daughters. He fished with them — even after one threw in a good rod and reel because she caught an eel. He took them hunting, built whatever cabinet, hope chest, or craft table they “designed,” and made impromptu road trips when necessary to help out. He shared his love and humor with his grandchildren leading them on adventures and teaching them some of his favorite songs.

Ron's tender heart had a great impact on everyone he met. From the people he managed, boards on which he served, activities to which he donated, to the nurses and aides who cared for him in Salem Lutheran Home, he was always generous, showed loving hospitality, and was ready to fight for their best interest.

Ron died June 9, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife Sandy, his parents, three brothers, Donnie, Lyle, and Jim and two sisters, Audrey and Doris.

Ron is survived by one sister, Lois, and one sister-in-law, Linda. He is also survived by his daughters and their husbands, Mike and Julie Horton of Maryville, TN, and Clark and Susan Ahrenholtz of Elk Horn. Ron and Sandy had four grandchildren Emily Petty and husband Daniel, Riley Horton, Connor Horton, and Aaron Allen.

The family will have a private burial service at a date to be determined.

