



Ronald J. Butcher

May 7, 1949 - October 7, 2019

Ronald J. Butcher, 70, passed away Monday, October 7, 2019 in Des Plaines, IL. He was born May 7, 1949 in Waukegan and had been a Libertyville resident for the past 39 years. Ron was a graduate of Waukegan High School, attended Augustana College, the University of Wisconsin, Parkside and was a graduate of Elmhurst College. He was a lifelong musician, chemist and Mac computer enthusiast who enjoyed playing the guitar and played in several bands over a long career.

Surviving is his wife of 38 years, Carol Butcher; 2 children, Amy M. (Derek Sturn) Butcher and Thomas M. Butcher and by a sister, Barbara Butcher.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the celebration of life service at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville.

Memorials can be made to the Musicians Relief Fund for the Chicago Federation of Musicians, 656 W. Randolph, #2W, Chicago, IL 60661. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PK

“ I was watching a PBS show with folk musicians from the 60s and early 70s and I felt transported in time back to around 1978-80. That was a lifetime ago. I knew Ron then. We shared an apartment. He was an amazing man and I sm so glad to know he went on to be married for a long time and had his children. My only wish is that I could have told him I regret I didn't appreciate his kindness at the time. However his memory was important to me and I will always be happy I knew him all those years ago. To all his family. I am very sorry for your loss.

Patricia Koch - December 07, 2021 at 11:04 PM

LD

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We are deeply sorry for your loss. Words are never adequate in moments like these but our hearts go out to you. We will always remember the joyful memories that we are privileged to have had in knowing, working with, and celebrating with Ron. We wish you and your family peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Linda and Cornelius DuBose - October 21, 2019 at 11:57 AM

 Lisette
Christine

“ Ron was a steady ray of sunshine in our building and such a wonderful help to all. He was the kindest guy around, and consistently. His loss is such a loss for our staff here at LFHS. To his family, our love and condolences...

Lisette Christine - October 18, 2019 at 12:59 PM

SD

“ Thank you Butcher family for sharing Ron with us at Lake Forest High School. Ron was a consummate Pro, always willing to help and eager to solve complex problems. I learned so much from him and leaned on his extensive knowledge to best support my students. He always knew what was coming next on the Apple horizon and "tested" it out for us so we didn't have to. I loved the honest shake of his head when things didn't pass muster. "Naaaa, wait until the next release" is all I needed to hear. What often went unnoticed was that our lab was already updated with that new update months later. He would come in and do his work hours before students would even get to school. He did so much work behind the scenes to serve our students and we miss him deeply. Thank you again for sharing him with us.

Steve Douglass
LFHS New Media

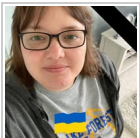
Steve Douglass - October 18, 2019 at 12:58 PM

CM

“ Ron was in a class all by itself. A very special man, a kind man, a wonderful soul. Always a gentleman and always, always there to help. He just made people happy. We were the best of friends and I will miss him forever.

Christy

Christy Mahru - October 18, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Drea Serrato - October 17, 2019 at 09:32 PM

PR

“ *My condolences to Carol and the rest of the Butcher family. I am truly sorry for your loss.
May you find comfort knowing that he will be remembered as a good friend and as respected musician.*

Pat Rice - October 16, 2019 at 05:35 PM

SF

“ *So sorry to hear of Ron's passing, he was a very kind soul.*

Susan Frew - October 16, 2019 at 03:43 PM