



Ronald E. Himsel

August 8, 1941 - November 22, 2024

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Ronald E. Himsel, age 83, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 10:10 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2024, at home surrounded by his family.

Ron was born on August 8, 1941, in Huntingburg, Indiana, to Luther and Geneva (Brittain) Himsel. He married Connie Leinenbach on July 27, 1968, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana.

He attended grade school in Boone Township, graduated from Jasper High School in 1959, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness from Purdue University, where he was a member of the ROTC.

A proud U.S. Army veteran with over 20 years of service, Ron commanded Company D 151st Infantry Rangers (Airborne Unit) in Vietnam. The Indiana Rangers were the only National Guard in Combat during the Vietnam War. 151st Rangers were the most highly decorated combat Company during the Vietnam War. Ron retired with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Professionally, Ron worked as a district manager for International Harvester, was a former co-owner of Hopf-Himsel (Agribusiness), and later served as a

sales manager for Sternberg International.

He was a devoted member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana. His affiliations included being a Gold Legacy Life Member of the V.F.W. Post #673, a Life Member of the American Legion Post #147, and a Life Member of the 40&8. Additionally, he was active in the Ireland Lions Club, Ireland Sportsman's Club, Huntingburg Country Club, Ireland Historical Society, Dubois County Museum, the Greater Jasper School Board, and the Sheriff's Merit Board.

Ron's faith was the cornerstone of his life, and he made cherished friendships through his participation in Christ Renews His Parish. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, yard work, gardening, making pancakes for his grandchildren, and cheering for the Purdue Boilermakers and St. Louis Cardinals. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and attending their activities and events.

Ron is survived by his wife of 56 years, Connie Himsel, Ireland, IN, five children: Heather (Scott) Yarbrough, Jasper, IN, Christopher (Kristie) Himsel, Ireland, IN, Gretchen (Shaba) Derazi, Atlanta, GA, Joshua (Nikki) Himsel, Ireland, IN, and Jared (Heidi) Himsel, Fishers, IN, 17 grandchildren, one sister, Judy (Chuck) Kerkhove, of Colorado, two brothers, Tom (Brenda) Himsel, Westfield, IN, and Jerry (Bev) Himsel, Ireland, IN, one sister-in-law, Debby (Greg) Doyle, Greenwood, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brother, Ken Himsel.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ronald Himsel will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Indiana National Guard Ceremonial Funeral Detail Unit along with local Honor Guards from VFW Post

673 and American Legion Post #147 will conduct military graveside rites. There will be a military tribute given by Retired Major General Marty Umbarger at 9:30 a.m. in the church prior to Mass.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. A parish rosary will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, Tunnels to Towers, the V.F.W. Post #673, or to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4071

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2829 N 500 W
Ireland, IN

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Sorry for your loss May GOD bless all of you and remove the sorrow from your hearts. May Ron's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of GOD rest in peace. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday Unseen unheard but always near Still loved still missed and very dear
A slow AIRBORNE hand salute to you My Brother.
Requiescat in pace
Sorry we couldn't attend Ron's service we were call out of town for a family members passing.
Don Worthington

Donald Worthington - December 07, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Ron's family. He was a good neighbor and great friend. John & Becky Bundy

Robin Bundy Cox - December 01, 2024 at 01:36 PM

MM

“ Prayers for family and friends. I have known Ron as VFW member for many years, respected him for his service to our Country and VFW. RIP Ron

Marsha Miller - November 30, 2024 at 10:35 PM

CB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ron’s passing. It was an honor to know him. He was a great friend to us through the years — we will cherish the memories. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the entire family.

Carolyn Wehr Blemker
Marilyn Wehr Bueltel

Carolyn Wehr Blemker - November 29, 2024 at 03:47 PM

AS

“ Ann And Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Himsel



Ann and Mark Schulte - November 27, 2024 at 12:03 PM

PF

“ Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers said for you and your family.

He indeed was a special person to so many.

Pat (Schitter) Fowler - November 26, 2024 at 11:19 PM

AB

“ I have known Ron for several years even though we haven't been in touch. I taught school with Connie and knew her quite well. My sympathies to everyone. He was quite the individual, and a beautiful person.

Allan Bradley - November 25, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JH

“ Jeff AndTeresa Henke lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Himsel



Jeff andTeresa Henke - November 25, 2024 at 10:19 PM

EH

“ RIP Ron. Prayers & Condolences to all family members.



Ed Herzog - November 25, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to family & friends! Most respectful 🕶️🇺🇸🙏

James Birkle - November 25, 2024 at 02:12 PM

DL

“ The whole town of Ireland will be missing him. Sympathy to all family and friends 💔



Donna Mike Linette - November 25, 2024 at 11:02 AM

PR

“ thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the whole family.....Ron was always friendly and never knew a stranger..... "well done, good and faithful servant"....God Bless you all



patrick renner - November 25, 2024 at 09:53 AM

CR

“ Ron was a great leader of Company D Rangers!! He was well liked and respected by all the men and we Rangers were proud to serve with him in Vietnam!!! In the years that flowed we all kept in touch with each other thru regular reunions and lunches. Ron was present at all of them other than the last one in August. We have monitored his condition thru his series of cancers and he has remained then and will be forever in our hearts. RIP dear Ranger Ron. You lead the way for all of us!!!

C Larry Rhodes - November 24, 2024 at 09:52 PM

JK

A nice tribute, Larry. I think he knew how you felt about his leadership. He was proud to serve.

Judy Kerkhove - November 25, 2024 at 01:57 PM

GE

“ God bless Ron's memory.. To friends & family who didn't know— Ron attended Redeemer Lutheran Church occasionally, where I served as pastor for almost 3 years.,, ... and he always sat in the back row. He referred to himself as the 'back row sinner'!! I shall never forget his smile & his love for his God. Pure Gift.
Pastor Gretchen

Gretchen Enoch - November 24, 2024 at 08:48 PM

TH

“ To a wonderful big brother who taught me much about farming, equipment mechanics, driving tractors, trucks and straight shifts, how to water ski, my first taste of cheesecake, how to be a loving father and about many of the wonder years of growing up, I say thank you and a life’s job well done because your family displays all goodness you had to give all the successes in all the right places. A true patriot who served his country well and a Christian who is still serving GOD. His soul is blessed. Brother Tom

Tom Himsel - November 24, 2024 at 08:08 PM

GR

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Greg Raiké - November 24, 2024 at 07:55 PM

DP

My sympathy to Ron’s family. Enjoyed his comments on Facebook. May he rest in peace 🙏🙏

Debbie Pickett - November 25, 2024 at 10:50 AM