



Ronald Thurston

November 4, 1950 - May 31, 2026

Ronald Thurston, age 75, of East Bernstadt, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Jeanine Erwin Thurston; two children, Clayton Thurston & wife Kate, Wesley Thurston, all of Romeoville, IL; one sister, Joanne Hyndman of Leesburg, IN; four grandchildren, Delaney Thurston, Landon Thurston, Andrew Thurston, Hayley Thurston; his nephew, Edward Sult; his niece, Dawn (Scott) Smith; his bonus sons, Ralph & Mark; plus a host of other family and friends to cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Spencer & Ione Smith Thurston; his sister, Barbara Jean; and by his nephews, Larry Dean Sult & James Dwain Nichols.

Ronald retired from the 3M Company after many years of dedicated employment. A hardworking and dependable man, he took pride in his work and in providing for those he loved. Beyond his career, Ronald devoted five years of service as a firefighter and EMT, always willing to answer the call to help others in times of need.

A passionate motorsports enthusiast, Ronald was a devoted NASCAR fan and proudly served as an official for open-wheel racing. Whether at the

racetrack or watching from home, he found great joy in the excitement and camaraderie that racing brought into his life.

Ronald had a wonderful sense of humor and was well known for his playful nature. He loved to pick on family and friends, always bringing smiles and laughter wherever he went. A gifted storyteller, he could captivate an audience with tales from his life, often leaving everyone entertained and wanting to hear more.

Among the many things he loved were his faithful dogs, who brought him companionship and happiness throughout the years. Above all else, Ronald treasured his family. He was a loving husband, devoted father, proud grandfather, caring brother, and beloved uncle whose presence brought comfort, strength, and joy to those around him.

Though he will be deeply missed, Ronald's legacy of kindness, humor, service, and unwavering love for his family will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. His stories, laughter, and the countless memories he created will be treasured forever.

A memorial service honoring Ronald Thurston will be held at a later date. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I absolutely adored Ron he had a fun loving nature that I miss dearly and No doubt he is in enjoying picking on people in heaven lol. And may God comfort his precious wife and hold her in the palm of his hands 🙏

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