



Ronald Watson

January 28, 1944 - March 1, 2018

Ronald Watson, 74 of DeSoto, MO, passed away March 1, 2018 in Farmington MO. Ron was born January 28, 1944, in Piggott AR to Russell Dale Watson and Lou Haywood Watson Ridge. Known as Ronnie, he attended Piggott High School where he excelled in Football and Basketball. After graduating, he wed his high school sweetheart, Sue Smith (Krodinger) of Corning AR and together they raised three children, Kimberly Watson (St Louis), Jacqueline Speer (Tim) of Farmington MO and Brian Watson (DeSoto). Ron served in the Army National Guard before relocating to St Louis to work for The Corvette division of Chevrolet. After leaving St Louis, he farmed with his Father in Aberdeen MS before deciding to join his brother as an insurance agent with MFA/Shelter Insurance. In addition to his career at Shelter Insurance, Ron also founded many other businesses in the DeSoto area and served as the Mayor of DeSoto. Ron was most proud of his family and the involvement he had in the community. It has been said that he changed many lives with his dynamic personality.

In addition to his children, Ron is also survived by his four grandsons, TJ Speer (Farmington), Christian (Destinee) Speer (Farmington), Cole and Gavin Watson (DeSoto). His older brother, Rex (Joyce) Watson of Searcy AR, one niece (Denise) and two nephews (Tony and Jeff Watson). He is preceded in death by his parents, Russell Dale Watson and Lou Haywood Watson Ridge, his oldest brother, Roger (Sue) Watson and his great-nephew Seth Ross (Piggott, AR).

He will be interred privately at Piggott Cemetery with his parents.