



Ronald Harley Herr

October 15, 1944 - February 3, 2018

Ronald Harley Herr, 73, of Sheshequin Township, PA went home to be with the Lord early Saturday morning, February 3, 2018 from the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Ronald was born in Springfield, Ohio on October 15, 1944 the son of Amor Herr and Mary Thuma Herr. He was a graduate of Newton High School, Pleasant Hill, OH with the Class of 1962. Following high school, Ronald attended Messiah College in Grantham, PA for 2 years and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Goshen College in Goshen, IN.

Mr. Herr taught junior high science in Piqua, OH and Seven Mile, OH for several years.

Ron and his wife Erma moved to Bradford County in the fall of 1978 where they purchased property to begin dairy farming, making extensive renovations to an older farm house, building their dairy barn, and growing their own vegetables and crops. Ron also served as a substitute teacher in the Wyalusing Valley School District. Ron was a dedicated member of the North Rome Wesleyan Church where he served in various capacities and also worked part-time. He enjoyed coaching Bible quizzing and had many successful teams. He and Erma were also very involved with the young adult community in the area through participating with the Happenin' which met for years in Rome every Friday evening.

Ron's utmost priority in life was to love the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul and strength and his neighbor as himself. He had genuine love, concern and

respect for everyone he met and served his family, friends and neighbors wholeheartedly both here and abroad. He and Erma served in southern Zambia for many years where he facilitated rural villages to mobilize their own energies and resources to build dams and boreholes with little more than picks, shovels, ox carts, wheelbarrows and a lot of sweat and sore muscles. Through his efforts, along-side the local people, many generations of Zambians now have access to year-round clean water and the ability to irrigate their crops and be healthier. He returned back to Bradford County in April of 2012 but left a huge part of himself in Zambia.

His family includes his wife, Erma R. Mann Herr, daughter and son-in-law, Tandi and Owen Simwale and their children, Kara, Caleb, Jesse, Micah, Ezra and Eden Simwale, sisters, Winifred Knepper and husband Carl of Ohio, Eleanor Poe of Mechanicsburg, PA, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many close friends.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Marshall Poe.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the North Rome Wesleyan Church with Pastor Ed Torres officiating.

The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, PA is assisting the Herr Family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Donations in Ron's memory may be made to www.IPSAHD.org This organization was started by his niece and nephew, Phillip and Krista Erbele, both medical doctors, who have dedicated their life work to improving public health in the country of Bhutan in South East Asia.

The family would like to express heartfelt appreciation to all those who are praying and helping them through this time, especially the North Rome Wesleyan congregation.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Rome Wesleyan Church
Rome, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Harley Herr*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Ronald Harley Herr*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Ronald Harley Herr*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ronald Harley Herr*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Ronald Harley Herr*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Sara Wingert - February 10, 2018 at 01:13 PM

SW

“ 2 files added to the album Zambia



Sara Wingert - February 10, 2018 at 12:10 PM

MW

“ To Errma and family: My sympathy to you. I now live in a retirement community in Pleasant Gap, PA. to be near Leigh and family in State College. Sincerely, Marilyn Wheeler.

Marilyn Wheeler - February 10, 2018 at 09:29 AM

RE

“ It was special to have roomed with Ron for one year at Messiah College. The things that endeared him to me were his perpetual smile, his positive attitude and his intense focus on everything he did. He volunteered to take the top bunk and the first morning I was awakened by a loud thud. It was Ron jumping to the floor. That became my every morning wake up alarm. Ron's ministry and Christian influence does not end but continues on in the lives of people he has touched.

Ron Engle

Ron Engle - February 09, 2018 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ Ron gave real meaningful service to people in Zambia, Africa! He has worked hard providing for his family on their farm. Also he through his life has done great service for his Lord. Barb Stansfield.

Barb Stansfield - February 09, 2018 at 05:03 PM

EB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Erma, in Ron's sudden home going. Our memories are good and many, not the least of which was living in the house you called home for many years in Zambia. Thought often of you and Ron as we saw your influences in and around the house and connected with people whose lives you touched in significant ways.
May you know the abiding peace of our Lord during these days.
Sam and Ej Bert

Erma jean Bert - February 09, 2018 at 04:25 PM

JN

“ Sending much love your way as you navigate through this difficult time. ~ Jen, Wayne, Maisie and Emma Neuber

Jennifer Neuber - February 09, 2018 at 02:32 PM

BB

“ Top 1% of good people I have ever known in life. Ron always put himself on the same level as others, even though it was obvious he was well learned and capable. He loved to draw out the best in people, and my life was enriched by knowing Ron and his great family. I'm sure he will have some thoughtful observations to share with us about his new home when we get there.

Bryan Boone - February 09, 2018 at 09:09 AM

LB

“ I am praying for all of you as you pass through this most difficult time. Ron was so genuine in his love for the Lord, family and friends. Loine Bert

Loine Bert - February 09, 2018 at 07:43 AM

RO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Erma. I'm so sorry to hear of your husband's passing and am sure that God will help you through this. Ruth Owen

Ruth Owen - February 09, 2018 at 07:17 AM

LH

“ What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful man. Prayers go out to Erma and her family. Lori and Steve Hurd

Lori Hurd - February 09, 2018 at 06:59 AM

JH

“ I just want to send my condolences to Erma and family at Ron's sudden going home to be with our Lord. I have memories of both Ron and Erma from our days in the BIC churches of southern Ohio. Joe filled me in on your lives on your farm near Ulster including your solar home you are building.

May God's blessings and peace be with you, Erma and family, as you celebrate Ron's life that touched so many in your community there as well in Zambia.

*Jesse Haines
Albuquerque, NM*

Jesse Haines - February 08, 2018 at 10:04 PM

PE

“ My condolences to Erma and the whole family. One of my last memories was in 2011 when we had dinner together in Livingstone, Zambia. Ron picked me up at the hotel where I was spending the night and we joined Dwight and Carol Thomas. Good memories of being in your home in Choma and having you in my home in Bulawayo. May God supply all that you need at this time. Love, Phyllis

Phyllis Engle - February 08, 2018 at 07:56 PM

 Vickie
Lee
Rhodes

“ Our deepest sympathy. Prayers to Ron's family. Jonathon & Vickie Rhodes

Vickie Lee Rhodes - February 08, 2018 at 05:33 PM

MJ

“ I want to give my condolences to Erma and Tandi. It has been a long time since we have spoken, but my memories with you are fond. I hope your memories help you with the grief. Mimi Johnson

MaryAnn Johnson - February 08, 2018 at 03:46 PM

NE

“ I remember Ron when he was a boy in Ohio. My sympathy to Erma and the family. Ron will live on in our memories.

Nevin Engle - February 08, 2018 at 10:51 AM