



Ronald Edgar Nordin

November 4, 1939 - April 22, 2019

Native of Sterling Heights, Michigan... a West-Sider.

A committed family man and father of 6 children.

Began his career as a stock broker, then quickly demonstrated a keen sense for commodities trading. After success in trading gold and silver, he transitioned his insight to the midwest steel industry.

An entrepreneur at heart, and after working for some of the region's largest steel manufacturers as a leading salesperson, he branched off to form his own companies. In 1984, he founded Nordin Industries, a leading steel brokerage firm, and later Bulldog Steel Processing, which handled specialized fabrication of steel products nationally.

Ron was a recognized antiquarian, a lifelong passion he pursued with his wife and best friend, Elayne. They were known in the industry as The Crazy Pair. After developing specialized knowledge of rare timepieces, he enrolled in school and became a certified horologist, capable of assessing value and repairing some of the most delicate and complicated instruments.

He was a lover of music which he instilled in all of his children. A profound musician, himself, he played the guitar and harmonica. Playing the Blues was

his passion.

A lifetime member of the Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association, Wolverine Knife Collectors Club and Michigan Antique Arms Collectors.

Ron was dedicated to his family and community, playing an active role in Cub Scouts and local Youth Soccer leagues, always looking for more time with his children.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or a charitable organization of your choice.

Survived by:

Wife, Elayne (an East-Sider) for 57 years.

6 children: Michele(Andy), Erik (Mae), Chris (Michelle), Adam (Michele), Jennifer, Israel (Amanda).

8 Grandchildren: Josh, Nicole, Corey, Jacob, Lucille, Norah, Gus, Lilah

1 Great-grandchild (Riley)

1 Sister: Ann Nickoloff (Carl)

1 Niece: Anita Yeager

1 Nephew: Dr. Steven Nickoloff

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Edgar Nordin*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Ronald Edgar Nordin*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



May 08, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



May 08, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



May 08, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *We send our thoughts to your family. We remember our visit in Michigan with the Swedish dinner with stinky fish. We are happy that we could meet at that time.*
Therese & Gerd Öberg (Sweden)



Therese - May 07, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ *The Chaffee Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



The Chaffee Family - May 06, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



May 06, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



May 03, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss. Every time I spoke with him he just exuded passion for everything he was involved in, particularly his family. My deepest condolences.*

Jamie Moran

Jamie Moran - April 30, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Saddened to hear the loss of Mr. Nordin. I was friends with Ron at Cooley high school and in the early 60's. My thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Larry Yoho



Lawrence Yoho - April 28, 2019 at 04:26 PM

JJ

“ *My deepest condolences. I worked with Ron @ J&L Steel*

Joe Johnston

joe johnston - April 28, 2019 at 09:39 AM

PH

“ *To the Nordin Family,
I'm saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Nordin. Growing up in our little corner of Sterling Heights, I was one of the lucky kids who passed through your love filled home as us boys played, attended Cub Scout meetings and celebrated birthday parties. Ron and Elayne ran a house that was happy and creative and, as already stated, full of love. Those are the riches that matter and I'm sure they have continued in your lives to this day. Sadly, I will be visiting my mother in Florida on May 10th so I will not be able to attend the memorial. Please know my thoughts are with you. Peace to you all.
- Paul Hemsworth*

Paul Hemsworth - April 27, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin.*



April 26, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *To The Nordin Family,
We were saddened to hear of your family's loss. We have heard many stories of your father and from them know that he was very important in your lives throughout your lives.*

We wish you peace in this time of grief,

Glenn & Carole

Glenn Pulice - April 26, 2019 at 09:32 PM

SK

To the Nordin brothers 4 and your sisters and family. God bless you all in this time of great loss. Just losing our Mom in January I feel for all of you! Parents are awesome and very special people who hopefully love and guide us all through life! It sounds like you guys had a great Dad!! Not knowing him but reading now about him, I can say his legacy is his children!! You have all worked so well together in and out of family businesses and that's a beautiful thing to see! He lived and lives on thru all of you! Steve and Sue Kehrig

Steve Kehrig - April 27, 2019 at 07:08 AM

ER

Sonny, so special in so many people's eyes. Intelligent, the smartest man, but most humble. Kind, honest, my soul mate. What man would close his business and take us on a 19,000 mile, 6 month trip, to see every National Park, from Oregon to Mexico... 6 children, ages 2 through 12 packed in a VW van, forever singing. Drive every night after work, for 3 months, to visit me while I was at U of M hospital. We were the Crazy Pair in the Antique World. Always together up to your last second. Allowing me animals galore, to stay at home, raising our children, I thank you for it all. Amazing that you called the silver market 6 months in advance, to the day, then printed a book on it. You were the expert on it all. Watches, knives, guns, the market, and antiques. We met, dated 11 times, then remained married for 57 years. I thank you for everything, for being YOU! Love forever, your Rosalie.

Elayne / Rosalie - April 29, 2019 at 10:27 PM

JO

To the Nordin Family

I was very sadden to receive word from Elayne of Ronald's sudden passing on Easter Sunday.

Ronald was a great man, who always showed his kindness and caring to all.

He was a person of integrity, a very shrewd businessman and above all, He loved his wife Elayne and

Their children - always placing them first - ensuring their needs were well taken care of before he conducted his

Business.

During the short 3 or 4 years

of knowing Ronald -

we would meet for a nice dinner with Elayne, Israel and Ananda -

followed by our business (dealings) which I found very quickly how shrewd Ronald was. Each time we met I grew more and more

attracted to him and his great family.

I lost a great friend which I cannot replace - but Ronald lives forever in his beautiful wife Elayne and in his children.

They share the fine traits

a very special husband and father.

It was an honor to know such a special man.

Now, Ronald is in heaven smiling and watching over his

Beautiful family.

Ronald will live in my heart forever and he will never be

Forgotten

Fondly,

John Orban

John Orban - April 30, 2019 at 07:55 PM