



Charles "Ron" Kuhl

February 21, 1939 - July 16, 2020

Charles Ronald (Ron) Kuhl
Manchester, Michigan

Ron Kuhl, 81, an area Manchester farmer, passed away at the Kuhl Family Homestead, on July 16, 2020. Ron was the fourth-generation to operate the farm that has been in the family since 1873. Farming was Ron's life and career starting at the age of ten years old to help with chores, milking and driving a team of horses.

Ron was born on February 21, 1939 at the farm and remained in the home for the rest of his life. He was the son of the late Charles F. and Alta K. Kuhl. His elementary education included attending Rowes Corners School which is adjacent to the farm and was purchased by Ron to be a part of its property many years later. Ron graduated from Manchester High School with the class of 1957. He attended Michigan State University for a variety of short course agricultural studies. During the winter months he did sheep shearing in the Washtenaw County area for many years to come.

Ron is survived by his two sisters, Janet A. Kuhl and Donna A. (Kuhl) Newgord and brother-in-law Noel Newgord, all of Racine, Wisconsin. He has two nephews, Gary E. (Kelly) Newgord of Austin, TX and Kurt M. Newgord of Racine, WI. His great nephews and niece include Marlo, Odin and Soren Newgord. Ron is survived by many relatives, long-time farming friend Michael Hall, a long list of farming friends and acquaintances from the area and beyond.

In later life, after the sale of the dairy cattle, Ron enjoyed traveling to Australia and New Zealand during which time he developed a group of friends that annually gathered at their area Midwest farms to share their farms and local interests. His travels included Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, China, Russia and areas of Central and South America; picking up friends along the way.

Community Involvement was also part of his life as a 4-H member, leader and supporter

for many years, helping with the Manchester Chicken Broil, Barn Quilts Committee, Manchester Fair, continuing his interest in Historic Barn Restoration and other community events. He was a Michigan state sheep shearing champion and Farm Bureau member.

Ron has requested that no funeral will be held. A Celebration of Life will be hosted at a later date due to the COVID-19 directives. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Ronald McDonald House. Funeral arrangements will be handled by the Eineder Funeral Home of Manchester. Please leave your messages of condolence to www.einederfuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ I am sad to learn of Ron's sudden passing. I was totally unaware of his condition and, of course, he didn't announce his problem. I knew Ron through our memberships in the Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN). He looked like "my kind of Guy" when I first met him.....at an MPBN meeting. Thereafter I sought him out at each meeting and we had many great visits. I learned that he had graduated High school with another couple common friends. Bill Wheeler, a retired Voc-Ag. teacher cohort of mine.....and Dr. Peter Spike, a FarmHouse Fraternity brother of mine at MSU.

His obit mentioned his being a champion Sheep Shearer....which I never knew but would have been another conversation topic as I had sheep....way earlier in my life,,,and actually sheared them...an occupation I would not pursue!

I learned a lot from Ron and always enjoyed our visits. I will cherish my memories of RON KIHL as I know his family and friends will. May he RIP!!!

Sincerely, Robert W."BOB" Wiles

Robert WARD WILES - August 30 at 08:54 AM



“ My husband and I moved to a farm down the road from Ron in 2010. He was always a kind neighbor and took interest in our budding new farm. We bonded over growing flowers and talked about his travels. He will be greatly missed.

Megan DeLeeuw - July 25 at 07:32 AM



“ Ron was always very pleasant when we crossed paths when i was his mail carrier. So sorry for your heavy hearts.

Debrah - July 23 at 12:39 PM



“ Ron has been a friend of mine for 30 years. He allowed me to Deer Hunt his property for helping with Welding projects around the Farm.

I have been Blessed to have that privilege all these years. Ron is the most determined and hard working Man I have ever met.

I will always think of you Ron when I look at my Deer mounts and drive past the Farm on my way down Pleasant Lake Road.

Thanks Ron,
Randy

Randy Ramsey - July 22 at 12:36 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Ron Kuhl (Koolie) since 1957 when I would ride out to the Kuhl family farm in my brother Bill's Model A Ford. I remember one occasion when Ron's dad Chuck came walking across the road from the barn. He was about fifty at the time. He said "when I was younger, I used to be able to lift the rear wheel of a Model A off the ground. He backed up to the A grabbed the spokes and lifted it on his second attempt.

Ron was my 4-H tractor club leader. In the summer he would take us to Edgewater Amusement park in Detroit (Seven mile and Grand River) where we would ride the Big Beast roller coaster and other rides all day. Ron took us to the Massey Ferguson tractor assembly plant in Southfield where we watched tractors being assembled.

Ron was an excellent farmer and business manager. He is the only farmer I know who could back a hay baler and two wagons. He won the backing contest at the 4-H fair. Ron was tall but limber, he could compete with the best sheep shearers.

Ron was a good friend. My prayers go out to the family.

Jack Wheeler

Jack Wheeler - July 21 at 11:47 PM



“ Ron was a good friend from our class, he accomplished a lot in his life.

Rita Huber - July 22 at 09:13 AM



“ Ron always told me that my lambs were top notch. I remember 9 years ago my wife and I was at the bridge for the tractor crossing and he was sitting on my trailer in front of our hotel. We watched the truck show that night. He always had a good word to say to me and wanted to see me do good. He shored sheep with my dad for AI. I always looked forward to the phone call from him about the bridge crossing usually a week before I left with the tractor. Then again the week after it he would call to see how I made out with the Crossing. I know I am really going to miss him.



John Schiel - July 21 at 10:09 PM



“ I was blessed to know Ron as a neighbor, landlord, and friend for the past 15 years. He was considered a part of our family and we shared a lot in those years. I'm thankful for the quality time I had with him, right up until the end. He was one of the most unique people I've ever met, and I'm better for knowing him. Rest in peace, Ron. You're dearly missed by many.

Tamara Guest - July 21 at 07:59 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie. He was a life-long family friend. He'll be missed.

Brad Frey - July 21 at 02:29 PM



“ Ron and I were classmates and friends for many years as we enjoyed tractors and agriculture. Ron made an impact on my teaching career in agriculture as he helped me out over the years to keep my lesson on the cutting edge. He always brought my mom flower during the summer. He was a great farmer and friend. our prayers go out to his family.

Bill Wheeler - July 21 at 12:11 PM



“ Along with all the accomplishments in Ron's obituary, Ron was a key part of Manchester High school's basket ball team and I believe he won the State title for either FFA or 4-H in Wagon backing competition. I enjoyed many lunches with Ron at Linda's Diner.
Jim Mann

James Mann - July 21 at 09:03 AM



“ I was Ron's Nurse. He was fun to be around even when it wasn't fun for him. Ron lived by his rules and in his way. He believed in Jesus and was a friend till the end. I remember him also from my childhood shearing sheep in my Father's (Elvin Meyer's) barn on Lima Center Road, Ann Arbor MI. I saw Ron at most events around Manchester.
His barn quilts made me smile.
I hope he knows,
I loved him!
Bless you Ron,
I'll meet in heaven,
Rest in the arms of Jesus!
I want to thank all the people who have helped him over the course of his illness, God sent you to do this for Ron, it was your calling. Bless you also in your sorrow. Continue LIVING!
That would be what Ron wanted!
Mary Beth Baker

Mary Meyer - July 21 at 05:44 AM



“ We moved here only a year ago. Transplanted from Saline, only 14 miles away. Ron was one of the first people I met sitting and watching the fair parade 2 years ago on the bench up town. He already knew me sorta. He'd met my husband up at Linda's diner and he knew my family from Saline as we were also dairy farmers. He was proud of his place and I still love seeing his sheep on the drive to my home! He brought us blueberries and I baked him a few things. He always asked me to take a bouquet of whatever he had blooming, tulips, glads, whatever! I took pictures of his glads last here and always wanted to drop them off. I heard he was sick and then COVID hit. So I mailed them. I hope someone shared those pictures with him and they gave him joy like the many kind things he did for me. Rest In Peace Ron. Go rest high on that mountain. I know you'll find a farm in heaven that needs you!

Grace (Kohler) Greaves - July 20 at 08:51 PM