

Ronnie C. Close

11/24/1958 - 06/07/2021

Ronnie C. Close, age 62, of Omro, died Monday, June 7, 2021, at home. He was born November 24, 1958, in Waukesha to the late Charles "Jack" and Margaret (Smith) Close. Ron was a 1977 graduate of Waukesha North High School. On June 4, 2011, he married Dawn Westphal. Ron had been a member of the Eagles Club in Waukesha, and was involved in New Life Community Church-Oshkosh. He enjoyed bowling, old cars, including Dodge Demons, GTs, and Pontiac LeMans, attending shows and belonging to car clubs. Ron also was one of a group of the "Welcome Back Kotter Sweathogs." He lived his life with a full heart and faced life challenges with kindness.

Ronnie is survived by his wife, Dawn (Westphal) Close, of Omro; daughter and son-in-law, Amy (Close) Bogatzki and Todd Bogatzki, of Waukesha; daughter and her companion, Katrina (Reynolds) Letcher and Tony Sanchez, of Omro; grandchildren, Serena, Tyler, and Aaliyah Letcher; sons, Nick Reynolds, of Omro; Corey Reynolds, of Winchester; and Trevor Kolodzik, of Omro. He is also survived by a brother, John Close, of LaFarge, WI; sister, Jude DePaolis-Feingold and her wife Lisa DePaolis-Feingold, of Foxboro, MA; nephew, Lt. Renato and Celia DePaolis, and their children, Adv. Sienna, Guliana, Isabel, Renato II, and Leonardo, of Boston; niece, Stacia Goyette, her companion, Matthew Callahan, and her children, Anabel and Adam, of North Attleboro, MA; nephew, Samuel Feingold, niece, Margurite Feingold, Sarah DePaolis Feingold, all of Foxboro, MA; sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Mark Poepple; nephews, Nick, Justin, Bell, and Kyle Poepple, of Waukesha; niece, Becky Yourkovick, of Waukesha; nieces, Brenda and Barbara. Also surviving Ronnie is his Aunt Mary Dodge, who is cherished by her love as the youngest sister of his father's large family of aunts and uncles; many cousins, the Johnson's, Dodge's, Hunkins, Smith's, and family times with them. He was guided in friendship and brotherly love for his childhood friend, Rick Lufter and his wife Chris and family. Family fun and special love for his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. His love and commitment as a brother, husband, father, and particularly as a grandfather brought his great joy.

Along with his parents, Ronnie was also preceded in death by a stillborn infant daughter, Marie Lynn Close; and a sister, Ruth Marie Anderson.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, June 11, 2021, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Jason Koontz officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh on Saturday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: the National Children's Cancer Society www.nccservices.com/donate OR the Wisconsin Humane Society

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