



## Ronald C. Rashka

August 16, 1935 - November 24, 2016

RASHKA, Ronald C. – 81

Ronald C. Rashka born on August 16, 1935 in Moon, WI after living on 8 different farms, he moved to Mosinee in 1943. Living on a dairy farm was difficult, but he worked tirelessly and it was a passion he loved. He was an excellent clarinist, and made it to the state finals three times. He began his career with Cutco in 1955. He has been the only salesman to achieve a 50 year award. He was also a salesman for Wearever, and had continued to sell both Cutco and Wearever. He specialized in repairing Wearever pots and pans and sharpening Cutco knives for customers.

He married Elizabeth C. Atkinson in 1958. Ronald moved to Neenah, WI and in 1967 made the move to Lafayette, IN.

Surviving are 3 children, Jeffrey S. Rashka, Laura J. (Rashka) Floyd-Poppe, and Joni C. Rashka-Schuessler. Also surviving, 3 siblings, Gustavus Rashka, Robert Rashka, and Patricia Rashka-Filiatrault, 8 grandchildren, Erika Rashka, Sonya Rashka, Justin M. Floyd, Erica A. Floyd, Michelle C. Floyd, Michael Schuessler, Kevin Schuessler, and Brian Schuessler.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 11 (1801 S. 9th St., Lafayette, IN 47909). Simplicity Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences at <http://www.simplicity-funeralcare.com>.

# Events

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**DEC** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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The American Legion Post 11

1801 S. 9th St., Lafayette, IN, US, 47909

# Comments

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“ My apologies for this very late remembrance. A good friend of mine, Mike Murphy and I were recruited by Ron to sell Cutco in Lafayette in the summer of 1967. I was a student at Purdue, and Mike was attending Indiana University, but we came together during that summer. Ron had a passion for Cutco which he passed on to us. Mike and I began knocking on doors, and the experience and skills we learned from Ron to communicate and connect with others lasted a lifetime.

Mike went on to work for John Deere after school, and eventually ran his own dealership, using those same skills he learned selling simple knife sets to sell multi-million dollar contracts for complex farm and construction equipment.

After stints in the Navy and grad school, I went to work in consulting and eventually wealth management. Once again, the skills I learned from Ron, and the quiet confidence he passed on to me about being able to set and achieve difficult goals were essential as I helped found several wealth management firms over a 35 year period. The last company, Savant Capital Management is currently headquartered in Rockford IL with over 170 employees and 5,000 clients.

From little acorns, mighty oaks grow, and so it was with Ron. Without his guidance, encouragement and example-setting, I might not have taken the path I did, and it certainly would not have been as easy without his training!

My very delayed condolences to the entire Rashka family. The world has been diminished by Ron's passing, but it was made so much better for him being here with us.

God bless you all!

Glenn G. Kautt

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