



## Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins

December 16, 1954 - December 25, 2024

Deacon Ronald M. Adkins died peacefully and entered his heavenly home on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 with his family by his side. He had recently celebrated his 70th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

He was born December 16, 1954 to Willie E. and Mary Adkins in Holden, WV. Following graduation from Lenore High School in Lenore, WV, he proudly served in the US Army as an Airborne Ranger in the 1st Battalion 75th Infantry at Fort Stewart, Georgia. This is where he met the love of his life, Margaret (nee Gromosky). After their service in the Army, Ron and Margaret moved to Ohio, ultimately making Concord Township their lifelong home. They shared 46 years of wedded bliss and created a beautiful family together, including children: Paul (Allison), Luke, Frances (Matthew) Comer, David, and Mary Ann (Eric) Himes, grandchildren: Lucy, Helen, Hattie, Dorothy, and Winston. He was loved dearly by his siblings: Roger (Sandra) Adkins, Cecelia (Harold) Hanshaw, Eddie (Thelma) Adkins, and Debbie (Bobby) Hall, many brothers and sisters-in-law, and an abundance of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant brother, Drexel.

Ron delivered mail and smiles to the residents of Mentor as a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service, retiring after 35 years. Amongst his busy life as a postal carrier, husband, and father of five, he found his calling to serve the Lord as a Deacon in the Catholic Church. He was ordained by Most Rev.

Anthony M Pilla in the Diocese of Cleveland in 2000, where he had the honor of serving the Catholic Community of St. Gabriel in Concord Township. He found immense joy in his ministry as a Deacon.

Ron relished the opportunity to cheer on his children and grandchildren in their many activities. He shared his love of sports with his family and friends, especially his love for the West Virginia Mountaineers, Cleveland Guardians, and Cleveland Browns. He was known for his fondness of a delicious meal and a smooth sip of bourbon, but he enjoyed them most when shared with loved ones. His infectious smile, witty sense of humor, and selfless love will be deeply missed, but we know the Lord has big plans for him in heaven.

Vespers will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Concord, OH 44077.

Visitation will be immediately following Vespers until 8:00 p.m. Bishop Martin J. Amos will preside, and Deacon Bob Grgic will be the homilist.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025, also at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the main celebrant, and Father Frederick Pausche will be the homilist. Funeral mass will be livestreamed, click on this link: <https://boxcast.tv/view/adkins-funeral-rh-u5dtxrn2qisg6xugix>.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, C/O of St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord, OH, 44077 and Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

A private inurnment will take place at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Seville, OH at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and  
Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Vespers

JAN 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.  
Concord Twp., OH 44060  
(440) 352-8282

## Visitation

JAN 9. 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Concord Twp., OH 44060  
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## Funeral Mass

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Phil, Shannon, Collins Hogan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.



Phil, Shannon, Collins Hogan - January 09, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ France's , Matthew and Family you have my deepest condolence.  
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Andrea Graham ( Aunt Sissy ) - January 08, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.

January 06, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.



January 06, 2025 at 06:25 PM

FF

“ From Your Chase Properties Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.

From Your Chase Properties Family - January 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM

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“ From Your Chase Properties Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.



From Your Chase Properties Family - January 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM

AW

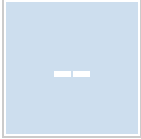
“ Ron was my Great-granddaughter Lucy's grandfather. Ron was a kind, wonderful person whose faith guided him in all his endeavors. Sincere sympathy to his family. He will be missed. Anne White, Sharpsville PA, 16150

Anne White - January 06, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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“ -- planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.

-- - January 05, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ -- purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.



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“ Dear Margaret and Family,  
Our sincere condolences to you. Ron was a dear friend to us and it was a privilege to have known him and to share our faith with you both. Our prayers and love to you.  
Joe and Donna Mangano

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**Donna Mangano** - January 05, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ The Starkey Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.



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**The Starkey Family** - January 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ The Starkey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.

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**The Starkey Family** - January 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ My condolences to Luke and family. I know he was a wonderful man especially being a fellow Mountaineer fan! Love and prayers to all.  
Amy Rankin  
Let's Gooooooooo Mountaineers!

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**Amy Rankin** - January 03, 2025 at 08:54 AM

KK

“ Ronald and I grew up together. We went from grade school through high school.  
The Adkins family are so well thought of in our community.  
Ronald always had a smile on his face.  
I remember how well he played sports being on our basketball team.  
To his beautiful wife and children please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband and father.  
Ronald will always be remembered his former classmates.

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**Kathy (Barger) Kitts** - January 02, 2025 at 11:35 AM

AB

“ Dear Lucy and Luke,  
Thinking of you and sending hugs and prayers to you and your family.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Aunt Anna and Uncle Dan  
Cousins: Austin, Angelica, and Maximo

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**Anna Bianco** - January 01, 2025 at 11:35 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.*



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December 31, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Megan Behanna, Audrina, Aaron & Ella purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Deacon Ronald M. "Ron" Adkins.*



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**Megan Behanna, Audrina, Aaron & Ella** - December 30, 2024 at 10:31 PM