



Ronald C. Waechtler

July 17, 1936 - February 22, 2026

Ronald C. Waechtler, 89, of Fairmount Health Center, Willoughby, OH, went home to be with the Lord, on Sunday, February 22, 2026. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Ronald was born on July 17, 1936, in St. Louis, MO, and was a longtime resident of Downers Grove, IL, where he lived with his wife Audrey, raising their three daughters.

Ronald graduated from St. Louis University with a degree in business. He worked for Amoco Oil Company as a marketing manager from 1960 to 1994.

Ronald lived out his Catholic faith serving as a Board member of Illinois Citizens Right to Life, President of St. Joseph School and Church Council, Downers Grove, IL, and President of the Dad's Club, Benet Academy, Lisle, IL.

Ronald was also active in his community serving as a member of the Downers Grove Planning Commission, and, after retirement, working for the political campaign of Al Salvi, the Illinois Republican nominee for the United States Senate.

Ronald is survived by his daughters: Karen (Thomas) Tercek, Sandra

(Timothy) Thompson and Tama Waechtler; grandchildren: Rebecca (Matthew Tierney) Tercek, Benjamin (Grace) Tercek and Katherine (Chuck Eiben) Tercek Eiben, Allison Thompson, Janyne, Jonathan and Matthew Zambole, and sister: Pamela Brennan. He was the beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews and will be missed by many cousins and family friends.

Ronald is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years: Audrey A. (Paul) Waechtler; parents: Reinhart and Gertrude Waechtler, sister: Delores Gagel, and brother: Robert Waechtler.

Ronald, as a young man, converted to the Catholic faith, under the tutelage of the Jesuit priests at St. Louis University. He was a man of great faith and touched many lives with compassion and God's love.

A celebration Mass of Ronald's life will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, March 28, 2026, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Mentor, OH. 44060.

A private family Interment is at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Illinois Right to Life, P.O. Box 511, Chicago, IL 60690, or EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), 5817 Old Leeds Rd. Irondale, AL 35210.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Mass

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I used to be active with Illinois Citizens for Life along with Ron. We went to conventions and speaking engagements together. He was a kind, loving, gentle, compassionate man and took great care of his wife Audrey when she was ill. I will never forget him. He is in heaven watching his family. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Mary Perona - April 22 at 11:57 AM

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“ Karen, I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I will always remember how kind he was to me while I worked at Fairmount. Always such a gentleman. My prayers for you and your family 🙏

Kathy Raudabaugh - March 25 at 03:04 PM



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Marilyn Kulage - February 25 at 01:09 PM

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“ Ron lived out his faith, and it was very evident. A very fitting tribute and I see that legacy continuing in the lives he touched. Our condolences and prayers for his family. A great loss but also a great joy seen through the eyes of faith that he so clearly testified to.

David Bateman - February 24 at 01:30 PM