



## Ronald Dale Dobbs

October 29, 1951 - July 25, 2018

Ronald “Ron” Dobbs, age 66, of Soldiers Grove passed away on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at the Bland Bekkedal Center for Hospice in Viroqua. Ron was born in Richland Center on October 29, 1951, the son of Gaylord and Betty (Hartley) Dobbs. Ron graduated from Richland Center High School in 1969, where he became the first wrestling state champion in school history. He married Cheryl Kaderavek on September 18, 1971 in Richland Center and together they raised three children on a farm in rural Richland County.

Ron farmed his entire life and worked at Foremost Farms for 15 years. Ron & Cheryl (along with Steve & Kathy Dobbs) won Outstanding Young Farmer in 1986. Ron was inducted as an inaugural member of the Richland Center Wrestling Hall of Fame and an inaugural member of the Richland Center High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Ron loved John Deere green. He enjoyed farming, collecting tractors & memorabilia, and thoroughly enjoyed working on and maintaining all types of farm equipment. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren, and one of his favorite pastimes was taking them on tractor, bulldozer and four wheeler rides.

Survivors include his wife Cheryl Dobbs of Soldiers Grove; three children, Brad (Ashley) Dobbs of Black River Falls, WI, Rachel (Tim) Hallett of

Rochester, MN, Greg (Colleen) Dobbs of Fremont, WI; four grandchildren, Noah and Harper Dobbs, Mira and Lydia Hallett; two brothers, Gary Dobbs of Blue River, WI, Steve (Kathy) Dobbs of Richland Center, WI; a mother-in-law, Ann Kaderavek; brother-in-law, Dennis (Sue) Kaderavek; sister-in-law, Lori Kaderavek all of Hillsboro; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, James Kaderavek.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home with Ron Fruit officiating. Visitation will be held at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin or UW Carbone Cancer Center. Online condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *RA winner never quits and a quitter never wins. Coach Norris Hatelstad favorite saying. Ron never quit and continued to be winner throughout his life. He was always humble always modest and always smiled. It was an honor to be on the same winning wrestling team as Ron Dobbs. I will always remember how Ron set the example of good sportsmanship went out on the mat, never got mad and always thumped his opponent with a smile at the end of the Match. Nine out of 12 wrestlers went to state in 1969 following Ron as a team Captain. I would trust Ron with my back any day of the week. My Sincere condolences to all of Ron's family. Peace be with all of you.*

*Retired Chief of Police  
Dennis M. Dosch 165 lb.  
ichland Center*

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**Dennis M. Dosch** - July 31, 2018 at 09:17 PM

MJ

“ *Ron was certainly a true friend--one of the best. He never hesitated to help someone, always at the ready to pitch in. One had to really twist his arm to be allowed to help him. Ron showed all of us that we can choose our attitude when dealt with difficult times. He persevered in life no matter what was handed to him, a lesson we should remember. Ron never judged others, his acceptance made a mark on many. This world would be a better place if we could all follow his footsteps. How blessed many were to call him a friend. I miss him.*

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**Mary Jo** - July 31, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ 131 files added to the album *Ron's pics*



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**Clary Memorial Funeral Home** - July 30, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of **Ronald Dale Dobbs**.



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July 30, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *Ron was a very patient person. One thing I will always remember, is that he had the courage to teach me to drive. He took me on the hill with the farm truck and on the road with our car. He also did not mind taking the little Sister in Law, on a careful, worry free trip, on his motorcycle. He was defiantly a nice guy, and a good person. Ill miss his humor. I will miss him.*

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**Lori Kaderavek** - July 30, 2018 at 06:32 PM

AK

“ Ron was a great guy and a kind and wonderful Father and husband. Jim and I were proud to call him our Son-in-law. He will be missed.

Ann Kaderavek - July 30, 2018 at 06:20 PM

TS

“ We were both classmates of Ron's and graduated in 1969 with him. What a nice, nice guy he was to all. Although we lost touch over the years our memories live on. Sending you prayers of comfort at this sad time. Jim and Terrie (Anderson) Sandmire

Terrie Sandmire - July 30, 2018 at 05:43 PM

EK

“ Eric & Kacie purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ronald Dale Dobbs.



Eric & Kacie - July 30, 2018 at 08:37 AM

KD

“ Our deepest sympathy. Joe and Kristi Durst



Kristi Durst - July 29, 2018 at 09:20 AM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of Ron’s passing. I worked with him at Foremost and he was one of the best people I have ever worked with. Prayers to the family!



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**cheryl stussy** - July 28, 2018 at 07:15 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear this news. In 1969 this humble guy became a true hero to all of southwestern Wisconsin. Everyone at RCHS was so proud to have our first state champion wrestler, and to realize it was Ron Dobbs, a super nice, humble, hard working farm kid made everything seem almost magical. Later that summer when man first walked on the moon, that historical event almost seemed ho-hum compared to what Ron had accomplished for us! Despite his success, Ron would still smile & associate with all of us regular underclassmen in the halls & lunchroom at RCHS. He never acted like he even knew what a hero he was to many of us. I always enjoyed our chats at farm auctions or other events where we would meet. Richland County was truly blessed to have had Ron stay in our area through an admirable life lived well. Carl Bethke

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**Carl Bethke** - July 28, 2018 at 12:45 PM

GG

“ Georgia Goodyear lit a candle in memory of Ronald Dale Dobbs



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**Georgia Goodyear** - July 27, 2018 at 12:17 PM

GG

*Cheryl, You have my very deepest heartfelt sympathy*

**Georgia Goodyear** - July 27, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Dale Dobbs.*



July 27, 2018 at 12:09 PM

PC

“ *My sincere sympathies to Cher and family on the passing of your husband and father. Ron and I were very close friends in high school and we graduated together in 1969. He had such a great sense of humor and always kept everyone laughing. I have thought of him often over the years and will continue to do so. I thank God for these memories and the opportunity to know such a wonderful person. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time of sorrow. Let your memories of him ease your pain.*

*My God bless each and everyone of you.*

*Patrick & Diane Clements*

**Patrick Clements** - July 27, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was a classmate from 6th grade through high school. He was always a truly "good guy". May your memories console you at this sad time.*

**Alice Pehlke** - July 27, 2018 at 09:41 AM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Cheryl; Brad and Ashley, Rachel and Tim, Greg and Colleen; Noah and Harper, Mira and Lydia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you move forward without your husband, dad, and grandpa. May many wonderful memories fill the empty spaces in your hearts.  
*Bob and Maureen Smith*

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**Maureen Smith** - July 27, 2018 at 08:06 AM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss. I grew up in the same area as Ron and his family and went to school with him and his brothers for many years. My sister Barb and brother Todd and I were actually just talking about their family and growing up in that area. Many find memories.

*Bonnie Zimpel Fortney*

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**Bonnie Fortney** - July 27, 2018 at 01:36 AM

JP

“ My heroes have always been wrestlers and Ron was my first hero. A gentle giant in my eyes as a youngster, Ron was always willing to sit and talk wrestling which I loved. As the years went by I heard he was farming and working another full time job and he was my hero all over again. Rest in peace Ron - heroes are never forgotten....

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**Jaimie Perkins** - July 26, 2018 at 09:24 PM

AW

“ I send my deepest sympathy to each of you. I was a classmate of Ron's at RCHS, class of '69.  
*Prayers and heartfelt condolences to you. Sincerely, Ann Ulrich Walker in Santiago, Chile*

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**ann c walker** - July 26, 2018 at 05:53 PM

RH

“ Please accept my deepest condolence on the loss your husband and father, Ron. I attended High School and played football with Ron. I have vivid memories of being pinned many times by Ron in Mr Hattlested's gym classes! May God provide your family with strength and comfort during this sad time. Bob Hill, Independence, Iowa

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**Robert Hill** - July 26, 2018 at 02:09 PM

BM

“ To the Dobbs family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We send you thoughts of sympathy.

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**Bob and Ellen Miller** - July 26, 2018 at 10:58 AM

SM

“ So very sorry for your tremendous loss. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and in our hearts. Sincerely, LeRoy and Sherri McKittrick

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**Sherri J McKittrick** - July 26, 2018 at 10:42 AM

CK

“ I can think back when I spent a birthday with Cherrie when we were in High School all she talked about was a handsome wrestler and sure enough they ended up married. Two people meant to be together. So sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family. Leo and Cindy Kraft

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**Cindy Kraft** - July 25, 2018 at 10:45 PM

DN

“ Cheryl and Family, Our sincere sympathy in the loss of Ron, your husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. To each of you, we extend our thoughts and prayers for strength, peace, and comfort today and in the days ahead. Sincerely, David and Rita Nelson

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**David and Rita Nelson** - July 25, 2018 at 08:58 PM