



Ronald G. Halvorsen

February 15, 1944 - January 24, 2025

Ronald G. Halvorsen, 80, passed peacefully at home with his children and son-in-law caring for him.

Ron was born in Madison, WI on February 15, 1944. He graduated from Madison East High School in 1962 and UW-Madison in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in economics. Ron went on to the University of Tulsa College of Law earning a Juris Doctor degree in 1969 and was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar in July of that year. He spent two years in the United States Army, receiving the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service and was honorably discharged in 1971.

Ron married Patricia McGowan in 1967 and together they had three children; Michelle Halvorsen (Megan), Kristin (Jeff) Latus (Emma and Jackson), and Mike (Denise) Halvorsen (Cora, Colette, and Reeve). He is preceded in death by Patricia's passing in November of 2023.

Ron enjoyed a long career as Chief Legal Counsel for Walker Manufacturing in Racine, retiring in 2000. Throughout his career he was an avid community volunteer, serving as Board President of the Racine Area United Way, Racine United Arts Council, Racine Theatre Guild, and as a Racine County Board Supervisor.

Ron enjoyed playing golf, tennis, and riding his bike; however, he spent most of his spare time as a Theatre Guild volunteer and performed on stage in more than thirty plays at the guild and with a semi-professional troupe in Florida. He was known for his quick wit and “standup” comedy routines, truly enjoying making people laugh, and was always grateful for the friends he made along the way.

With the infinite number of Badger wear his children and grandchildren gifted him throughout the years, along with the infamous license plate, BaGrFn, making him number one around these parts, Ron brought many of us along with him to football and basketball games to share in his passion for the Badgers and for sports.

He was preceded in death by his longtime friend and partner, Janet Petrik, whom he met on the golf course and spent the next 25 years with. Ron will be deeply missed by his children, and his siblings, Barbara Wiechers, Jim Halvorsen (Mary), and oldest brother, John “Hal” Halvorsen.

Ron’s family will be holding a private memorial later this spring, but ask anyone who has a story, joke, or anecdote to share, to please send it to Sturino Funeral Home or post on Ron's memorial page on the funeral home website. The family shares his quick wit and love of laughter and would be grateful to have them.

A special thank you to all the Aurora Health Care Hospice Nurses and Aides who helped in his care and developed a special relationship with him – we thank you so very much.

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“ I worked with Ron at Walker Manufacturing in the late 70s and early 80s. Such a nice man. Also saw him in quite a few plays at the Theater Guild. Great guy and great memories. RIP Ron

Diane Kamm - February 19, 2025 at 09:59 AM

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“ Did a lot of real estate referral work with Ron when he was at Walkers. He was always great to work with! Randy Savaglio Realtor

Randy Savaglio - February 11, 2025 at 08:12 AM