



Russell 'Russ' Tourville

June 17, 1937 - May 18, 2019

RACINE - Russell 'Russ' Tourville, 81, passed away on May 18, 2019.

He was born in La Crosse on June 17, 1937, the son of the late Lauren and Blanche (nee: Risberg) Tourville. He lived his early life in the La Crosse area, then relocated to Racine to take a job at American Motors. On February 16, 1965, Russ was united in marriage to Nancy Jacobson, together they raised three children.

He leaves to cherish his memory, wife of 54 years, Nancy; daughters, Carrie (Brian) Poulisse, and Rebecca (Thomas) Douglas, and his son, Scott (Becky) Tourville; brothers, Wayne (Diane) Tourville, Keith Tourville; sisters, Lois Hanson, Bonnie (Rod) Molzahn, Betty Kapralian, Karen Gregorio, Laurie (Brian) Smith, and sister-in-law, Arlene Tourville. He was blessed to be called "Papa", not only by his own grandchildren and great grandchildren, but by all the children brought into his life over the years. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Russ is preceded in death by his brother, Ken Tourville and his parents.

On October 8, 1971, he received Jesus Christ as Savior, and with God's help, he continued serving Him until the last day of his earthly life. He was a member of Racine Bible Church.

A celebration of life service will be held at Racine Bible Church, 12505 Spring St, Sturtevant, WI 53177, on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6 p.m. There will be a visitation at the church before services from 4 p.m. until time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Racine Bible Church
12505 Spring Street
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell 'Russ' Tourville*



Sturino Funeral Home - June 10, 2019 at 05:05 PM

AH

What a great tribute! Such wonderful memories. We sure do miss you Russ...until we meet again! Say hi to daddy for me!

amanda healy - June 12, 2019 at 12:59 PM



This was so beautiful. Thank you so much. I loved my brother so much. even my husband rod thought of him as a brother.

Bonnie Molzahn - June 12, 2019 at 01:49 PM

LS

Absolutely beautiful ❤️ peace love and hugs to Nancy Tourville Scott Tourville and the rest of the family

Linda Salinas - June 12, 2019 at 08:27 PM

LS

So beautiful 🙏 The music and pics of family is so precious. He will be missed from this Earth but we know he is living on in heaven. God you got a good one! I will miss and love him with all my heart.

Laurie Smith - June 13, 2019 at 12:10 AM



What a beautiful tribute.

Jennifer Yorgan - June 13, 2019 at 12:42 PM

BK

Thank you for sharing this with us Nancy and family. It sure was beautiful, and love you all so much. He was a loving brother and we will miss him. He's now with our mom and Dad, and his brother ken whom we miss dearly. God bless all of you!

Betty Kapralian - June 15, 2019 at 02:28 PM

TA

That was beautiful, the pictures were lovely. We will miss him dearly. God bless.

Tamara Keller

Tamara - June 17, 2019 at 11:56 AM

TK

What a beautiful tribute to Russ, and his impact on those who knew him!

Tom & Judy King - June 17, 2019 at 02:46 PM

PG

Wonderful. So precious.

Peg Guschl - June 17, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ *I loved working with russ he always came to work with a friendly personality and a great smile. he always brightened the day of those around him that was one his best things about him. I will miss him may he RIP with God in heaven.*

Stephanie VonBerg - June 17, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell 'Russ' Tourville.*



June 17, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Russell 'Russ' Tourville.*



June 12, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *From, Brian Connelly & Tammy Keller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell 'Russ' Tourville.*



From, Brian Connelly & Tammy Keller - June 12, 2019 at 11:31 AM

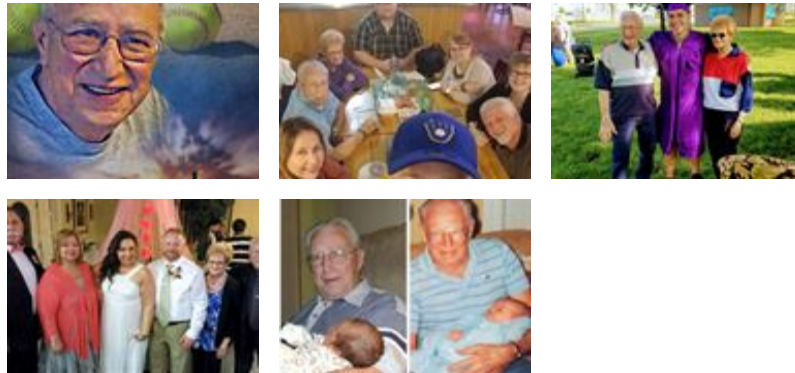


“ *Loved spending time just sitting and talking about the past, but most of all just spending time with Uncle Russ.
You will forever be in my heart,
Tamara Keller*

Tamara - June 12, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - June 10, 2019 at 03:58 PM



“ I met Russ from when he was a driver of the courtesy van at Gentile Toyota and remember him as a kind and friendly man. Years later I discovered that I lived only a couple of blocks from him and I would go by his house on my morning walk. If he was outside working in his yard he would stop and we would chat for a few minutes before I continued on with my walk.

Later, I noticed he would actually watch for me and come outside to chat with me once he saw me. I knew he was dealing with serious health issues but he always remained upbeat, "What am i going to do, give up"? he would tell me. I found his attitude refreshing and uplifting as I'm dealing with some health issues of my own.

I will remember him as a polite, friendly man who I grew to call a friend even though we didn't really know that much about each other.

I will miss him and hope he is at peace. God bless you Russ.

Paul Jackel - May 27, 2019 at 07:09 PM



Kim
Belton

“ My kids were just a couple of many children through the years that called Russ, "Papa". They first met him at church, where he was always known to have a pocket full of candy to give out to the kiddos. They loved cheering "Papa" on at church softball games and going out for ice cream afterwards. Russ always had a cheerful greeting and his smile lit up the room. Russ will be missed by many. Praying for the Tourville family.

Kim Belton - May 21, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ He was my favorite person to have at the end of my line bagging for me. Made me not miss my dad so much. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss

Lynda Lofton - May 21, 2019 at 06:16 PM



JF

“ Russ was the absolute best neighbor in the whole world, not to mention just the kindest, energetic, and helpful human being ever. His friendly spirit, and beautiful smile will be sorely missed. Love you Russ! Janel Frazier

Janel D Frazier - May 21, 2019 at 09:34 AM



LM

“ Russ (along with Nancy) was one of the first people I met when my son transferred to Lutheran high . He was so kind and welcoming . Made us all feel like family . Rest In Peace Russ .

linda martinich - May 20, 2019 at 09:49 PM

SL

“ Russ, you were truly a gem, a wonderful friend, co-worker always made the work day go by so fast with your wit and sense of humor, you treated us as if we were your own, you spoiled us, always at the ready to go pick up food for us because you knew we would offer to buy you lunch, you will be missed., you were loved.....Prayers and loving thoughts to Nancy and your family.....

Love,

Randy & Sandy Lubecke

Sandy Lubecke - May 20, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Russell 'Russ' Tourville.



May 20, 2019 at 08:30 PM

 Bonnie Ward

“ Russ was always so positive, energetic, and kind during the time we worked together. He was a very great person to be around! Love and blessings to Nancy, and all of his family ❤️❤️❤️

Bonnie Ward - May 20, 2019 at 07:38 PM

LS

“ Dear Nancy, My name is Lani (Wigman) Squires. You may not remember me, but my parents (Dick and Millie), and the Malko’s were good friends, and we were good friends in school. I am so sorry for your loss and I know the pain you and your family are going through right now. I too lost my husband of 54 years this past January. I pray that this memory makes you smile and if you would like to connect again, feel free to text me at (262) 930-5166 or ask Dave or Darryl at Sturino for my address. My home phone is(262) 583-2425. I send my deepest condolences to you and you family at this very difficult time. Lani

Lani Squires - May 20, 2019 at 07:11 PM

MS

“ I remember spending many weekends with Uncle Russ and Aunt Nancy and my cousins. I remember dinners in their home. They always made me feel special and always made me feel at home. I was very young when my mother and Father moved to Florida. I didn’t get to spend much time with Uncle Russ after the move, but he was an unforgettable force. He always had a smile on his face, and that has always stayed with me. Uncle Russ was there for my brother Kenny, along with Aunt Nancy. They helped him find Jesus, and accept the Lord into his heart. To this day, this relationship with God is one of the few things that keeps my brother strong during difficult times. I am forever grateful for this. Uncle Russ, your memory will continue to be the measure of a man. I love you. Thank you. Bless Aunt Nancy, Carrie, Becky and Scottie. Love to you all.

Mary Swencki-Sears - May 20, 2019 at 06:02 PM

SO

Russ was a dear friend to me and so many others when I had the privilege of working with him at Forsythe. He was truly one of the nicest and most genuine of men.

God broke the mold when he made Russ. My thoughts are with all of you.

Sandy Balgenorth - OBrien

Sandra OBrien - May 23, 2019 at 12:27 PM



My name is also Russ. The Coach, as we reverently called Mr. Russell Tourville, was so much more to me than just my softball coach. Russ, was my friend, my mentor, and a great motivator to drive me and encourage me to do things that either couldn't believe that I could accomplish, or they were things that it took a team to accomplish. This amazing man took rag tag boys and developed character and passion, and pride in each of us, and made us feel that there wasn't anything that we couldn't accomplish... and not only accomplish, but to give our all and be the absolute best that we could be. Whenever I was weak or felt less than, Coach had that stern, strict, yet loving way of being able to reach inside of me and find what it was that I needed to win... even when I couldn't see it or I just wanted to give up, because of my immense love and deep respect for him I could always allow him to "find a way to win" He shaped me and molded me and created an innate desire to see the problem or challenge as "smaller than it was, but also he taught me to see myself a little bigger, stronger, wiser, talented.. than I actually was, and that gave me the courage to step out and do my best

....but there is another side of this great man that most didn't get to see, and that was his immense love of his family, and like my own family... he always had an open door policy for friends and people in need to come and share with him. He was generous and kind and had a testimony that made me want to emulate him, which was at a time when my own father and I couldn't communicate, Coach would put on a cup of coffee, and He and his amazing wife Nancy would get on each side of me at their dining room table, and pour wisdom into me and promote me to do far greater than I believed that I ever could. Russ and Nan, were great friends of my parents, and they never contradicted anything that my parents wanted of me, but they each had a loving way of shaping me and molding me into someone that God could use, and groomed me to serve others, but also to prioritize and serve my family. I will miss our dining room table talks, and even to this very day, Russ still tells me that He and God are working things out for GOOD!

I miss you my friend, and will continue on the path that you helped lay out with my wonderful parents and will provide and protect my own family and inner core group that God has entrusted me to serve and lead in the very way that you instilled those gifts in me! I salute you my brother, my Coach, and my friend and I look forward to the day when I will step to the plate in heaven, and hear you shout from the Coaches box.. " give it your best!, and watch what God can do to and through you!

May we all strive to Live Well, and mostly to love well!, Agape my friend!

Russ Durfey - May 24, 2019 at 09:52 AM