



Wanda June Ronan

July 19, 1935 - December 8, 2021

RICHMOND, Ind. – Wanda June Ronan, age 86, of Richmond, Indiana, died Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at home surrounded by her family.

Born July 19, 1935, in Richmond, Indiana, to Leslie Raymond and Violet Hawkins Nelson, Wanda was a life-long resident of this community. She graduated from Richmond High School. In 1963, Wanda went to work as a teller at Second National Bank and advanced to Assistant Vice-President. During that time, she also became the first chairperson for the Rose City Ambassadors of the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1978, Wanda joined her husband in his service station business and, in 1980, they built Ronan's Auto Center. In that same year, Wanda was elected to the Board of Directors of the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1986, she was elected to the office of Wayne County Assessor and served in that position for 16 years. During that time, Wanda was named Outstanding County Assessor in 1984 by the Association of Indiana Counties. She was also involved in the formation of the Wayne County Assessment Office in 1997. Serving on the County Assessors' legislative committee, Wanda lobbied extensively for the repeal of the law which required the County Assessor to inventory safe deposit boxes and, with the help of the State Legislature, was successful.

Survivors include her son, Tom (Lynn) Ronan and grandchildren, Alex and Christian Ronan, all of Orlando, Florida, and daughter, Jo Ellen (Jay) Ronan Cockroft of Pipe Creek, Texas, and grandsons, Jayson (Vanessa) Cockroft of Austin, Texas, and Jonathan (Kristy) Cockroft of North Zulch, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Darrell Charles Ronan, who died November 9, 2021, and parents.

Graveside service honoring both Wanda June Ronan and Darrell Charles Ronan will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 13, 2021, at Earlham Cemetery, 1101 National Road West, Richmond. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Help the Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Richmond, IN 47375.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Earlham Cemetery
1101 National Road West
Richmond, IN, 47374

Events

DEC	Graveside Service	11:00AM - 12:00PM
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	Earlham Cemetery 1101 National Road West, Richmond, IN, US, 47374	

Comments



“ I loved working for them. It was a blessing and very educational the time I had with them prayers to family.

Travis Hoover - December 15, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Tom, Jo Ellen, and families, Darrell and Wanda were a special couple. I worked with Wanda at Second National Bank and we had our cars serviced at Ronan's Auto Center.
Our sympathy to you and your families. Sincerely, Phil and Janice Hirschfeld

Phil & Janice Hirschfeld - December 13, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ I'm so sorry for the losses your family is facing. I enjoyed seeing her in the auto center. Your folks were two nice people to deal with.

Gail Stanley - December 13, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ Your mother and father (and grandmother and grandfather) were wonderful people. They were friendly, kind & always working to help people. Our vehicles were serviced for years at Ronan’s. It didn’t take much to observe that Darrell was a patient and methodical person, while Wanda was not one to let grass grow underneath her feet. I talked with Wanda whenever I was at the Wayne County Administration Building and when she was filling in at the service desk at Ronan’s. She would always greet me with a smile and talk about her office, the business or politics (we were friendly and courteous with each other, even though we were of different political faiths. More on that below).

One time my wife and I were in St. Louis when we had car trouble. It was late on a Saturday afternoon and we could not get any dealership or car repair shop to even look at our vehicle. We were going to be forced to borrow my mother’s car to return to Richmond. On a spur of the moment idea, I called Darrell at home. He took my call, and after I described the problem, he gave the exact diagnosis and remedy needed and we were able to return home the next day. Just like that! Good luck trying to get helpfulness and service like that anywhere today.

Another time I was paying cash at Ronan’s for an oil change (I date myself here), I gave Darrell four \$5 bills. But before he put the money in the cash register, I said: “Hold it. Wait a minute. Would you please give me back the four \$5 bills?” With a puzzled look, Darrell gave me back my four \$5 bills. I then got out a twenty dollar bill and paid him for the oil change. Still puzzled, he asked why the change. I relied: “It’s simple. I’ll be damned if I’m going to pay you using Republican bills instead of a Democrat bill for working on my car.” He laughed and thereafter frequently reminded me of that exchange.

Your parents were simply good people who went through their lives being kind, friendly and helpful. They never put on airs or put people down. We can only wish and hope there are more Wanda Ronans and Darell Ronan’s in the world today.

You chose your parents, and grandparents, well.

Walt & June Chidester

walt chidester - December 12, 2021 at 11:25 PM



“ I learned of the passing of Wanda and Darrell at the same time, so it hit twice as hard. Dear friends of my mom and step-dad, Mary Lou and Neil, I always remember Wanda calling me "BB" and her warm personality.

Bruce Binnig

Bruce Binnig - December 12, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. The family really is getting smaller.
Kathy Saylor (daughter of Addison and Margaret Harris)

Kathy Saylor - December 12, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Debbie Wourms lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Ronan



Debbie Wourms - December 11, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ JoEllen I am so sorry to hear about you mom and dad please you know you are in my prayers!

Kim Ropp Schull

Kim Schull - December 11, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Wanda was a nice lady & I know she will be missed. Condolence to the family.

Marian Sanger - December 11, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Dina Wagner and the Staff of Doan & Mills - December 10, 2021 at 11:22 AM