



## Ronald Arthur Palumbo

July 19, 1959 - January 12, 2014

Ronald A. Palumbo, age 54, of Bangor passed away Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 peacefully at his home surrounded by family and friends. Ron was born July 19, 1959 in London, KY the son of Arthur Palumbo and Hazel Pierce and has lived in the Bangor area for the majority of his life. He was owner and operator of Palumbo's Automotive, in Bangor for over 30 years. He was a volunteer at Senior Services in South Haven and was a representative for them on the Geneva Township Board. He loved hotrods, Chevys, and spending time with his friends and family. Surviving are his significant other, Judy Banks of Bangor; sister, Barbara Palumbo of Mattawan; aunt, Jean Kenbeek of Kalamazoo; several cousins; best friend, David Houdek; 5 people dear to him, David, Michael, Lacey, Josh; and goddaughter, Sierra Houdek. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Beverly Palumbo; step-father, Keith Pierce; and another person dear to him, Chad. The family will meet friends 1-3 PM, Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where the memorial service will be at 3:00 PM. The family suggests memorials be made to the Marie Yeager Cancer Center, of St. Joseph Michigan, Betty's Buddies or Brian Parker Memorial Foundation. [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Service

JAN 24. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JU

“ Ron, today we said our good byes to you. I know you were smiling down upon all of us when "Uncle Ted" was played as we said good bye to you one last time. Many people were smiling when the song played and i could feel you smiling too. I hope I made you proud of me for having this done. I miss you every day and will do so until we meet again. I will make certain that your memory lives on forever. I love you more than words can say. Thank you for loving me and being the man I will love forever.  
Judy

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**Judy** - January 24, 2014 at 11:25 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Ronald Arthur Palumbo



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**Judy** - January 24, 2014 at 11:18 PM

DH

“ Judy are prayers and thoughts are with you and the family the heavins

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**darcy heavin** - January 23, 2014 at 09:27 PM

AH

“ Ron has been a friend of the Hill family for over 35 years. First through my brother Scott, my brother Mark, and then me. I remember being in high school and getting dragged along to the junk yards with the boys. Ron in particular would point at various heaps and quiz me about what make/model/year it was. To this day I still occasionally amaze people with my (largely useless) ability to correctly ID American made cars (especially Chevy's) from the 60's and 70's. Even though we lost touch at times, we always knew we were friends for life. Ron and Judy were about the last ones to leave the party for my parents 50th anniversary in 2006, and laughed after they got home to discover that instead of getting a package of left over BBQ pig, they accidentally got a foil package full of bones!



*I am so grateful that I drove out to Bangor last fall after not being able to get in contact with Ron. And so very sad to learn of his illness. He was a fighter to the end, and Judy did an amazing job of taking care of him. Ron lived his life with quiet integrity, a dry sense of humor, and a huge heart. He will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.*

Love,  
Amy (Hill)

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**Amy Hill** - January 22, 2014 at 07:13 PM

JU

*Thank you so much for being an important part of Ron's life, both past and present and for including me in it. Judy*

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**Judy** - January 23, 2014 at 04:41 PM

JP

“ *Judy, I was so sorry to hear about Ron. I'm glad I was able to meet the two of you, and I hope I helped in some small part.  
Best wishes to you and your family,  
Jennifer from South Haven Home Care*

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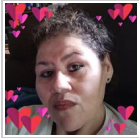
**Jennifer Parker** - January 22, 2014 at 05:33 PM

JU

*Thank you so much for all that you did for Ron and I both. He really was fortunate to receive all of the excellent and very professional care from everyone that was there to help him with his battle. Thank you again Jennifer.  
Judy*

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**Judy** - January 23, 2014 at 04:43 PM



“ *Tina Maxwell-Ford lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald Arthur Palumbo*



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**Tina Maxwell-Ford** - January 20, 2014 at 09:02 PM

KG

“ *I meet Ron in 1995 for car repairs. At first, it was a mechanic and Customer relationship; but, in time, we became good friends. I was always happy to see Ron and he me. I miss you my friend...Kenneth Gray*

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**Kenneth Gray** - January 20, 2014 at 03:41 PM

DH

“ Ron, 30 years have gone to fast, it doesn't seem that long. I could not have asked for a better friend. You always had my back and I knew it. I'm going to miss our guy's night trips to Kalamazoo, spur of moment adventures and just making each other laugh. I have enjoyed every minute.. Love ya buddy.. David L. Houdek

David L Houdek - January 19, 2014 at 08:16 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Arthur Palumbo.



January 19, 2014 at 07:54 PM

ND

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Ron was a good person and will be greatly missed. Prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May the sorrow you feel in your heart lighten by the love that surrounds you.

Nila Dubas - January 19, 2014 at 12:17 PM

ND

“ Nila Dubas lit a candle in memory of Ronald Arthur Palumbo



Nila Dubas - January 19, 2014 at 12:04 PM

PH

“ Dear Judy & family and best buddy Dave, How deeply sorry we are for your loss. Ron was such a good man! We really appreciated the way that he took care of our family cars. You couldn't ask for a more honest and caring businessman. He did a great job for the least amount possible. You could ALWAYS trust him! What a fighter he was at the end of his life. Thank you for the opportunities we had to visit him. You all did such a great job caring for him, even though it was a challenge. May God bless you all and fill you with His peace in the days and weeks ahead. When we meet Ron again, we are hoping that he will find it in his heart to forgive us for buying Fords :)

*In sympathy & prayer,  
Ron and Pat Henry*

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**Pat Henry** - January 16, 2014 at 08:23 AM

JU

*Thank you so much Ron and Pat for your kind words and for all that you have helped with in the past and for continuing to be there for me if needed. Ron has always thought so very much of both of you and since knowing the two of you, I can share his feelings also. Now, as for the fords? Well, you know how Ron was about Fords, but I am pretty sure that he will also be quite forgiving for you buying new ones. ;) Thank you again for everything.  
Judy*

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**Judy** - January 16, 2014 at 09:21 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Whaley lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald Arthur Palumbo*



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**Nancy Whaley** - January 15, 2014 at 04:16 PM

NW

*We miss having Ron at our meetings with is great updates. Know that he is greatly missed by all of us.*

**Nancy Whaley** - January 15, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *May the God of Peace and Comfort be with the family. I really enjoyed knowing Ron these past few years.*

*Dan Stout (Chet Nichols Auto Parts)*

**Bangor Church** - January 15, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SD

“ *May You Rest In Peace Ron*



**Steve And Linda Davis** - January 14, 2014 at 05:38 AM

LM

“ *SAD DAY / I REMEMBER HIM FROM THE CAR SHOWS / PLAZA CRUISE IN & SUCH .... RIP MY FRIEND ... YOU WILL BE MISSED :(*

**LARRY MAIN** - January 14, 2014 at 01:58 AM

JU

“ *Judy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Arthur Palumbo*



**Judy** - January 14, 2014 at 01:18 AM

JU

“ *Judy lit a candle in memory of Ronald Arthur Palumbo*



Judy - January 14, 2014 at 01:09 AM

JB

“ *6 files added to the album Family time*



Judy Banks - January 13, 2014 at 11:52 PM

JU

*Ron, Thank you for giving me the best eleven years that anyone could ask for. Not only were you my best friend, you were also the one that I could always rely on for anything. You were taken from me way too soon but I know that God has other plans for you. You definitely put up a courageous fight against the cancer. Everyone was just amazed at how strong you stayed throughout your battle and at how many times you would bounce back when we thought the end was near. I know now that you are no longer suffering and are with your mom and Keith, Jerry, and Tim just to name a few. You were loved by so many and touched so many lives. Thank you also for being a father figure to my sons. You accepted them into your life when I became a part of it and I have always had and always will have the utmost respect and appreciation for all that you have done for them too. Just remember what I said to you when you found the strength to open your eyes one last time. I meant everything I said to you with all of my heart. I will see you again someday and we can then be together for ever. I love you Ron and will always have you in my heart. Until we see each other again.*

*Judy*

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**Judy** - January 14, 2014 at 01:08 AM

CV

*Wow Aunt Judy!!!! Truly truly beautiful!!!!!! I am so happy you two got to experience the love you had for each other!!! God cut it short on earth, but its in your heart forever and one day, you will be reunited in a glorious kingdom with absolutely no pain or sickness or suffering. Ron will be waiting in his strong healthy self to embrace you!!!! I love you!!! He was a great man and will be missed by many!!*

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**callie veersma** - January 14, 2014 at 01:34 PM

NB

*“ I am so sorry to hear the loss of Ron I had the privilage of known him about 11 years. He was a great person and he will be missed by all that knew him. Nancy Blackburn*

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**Nancy Blackburn** - January 13, 2014 at 03:03 PM

JU

*Thank you so much Nancy. Love you, Judy*

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**Judy** - January 13, 2014 at 11:58 PM