



Ronald 'Ronnie' Dean Pals

May 8, 1934 - June 28, 2025

Ronald (Ronnie) Pals, 91, of Hampton, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m, Thursday, July 3, at Faith Baptist Church, Hampton. Interment will follow at the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Hampton, is caring for Ron and his family. Visitation will be 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, at Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ronald Dean Pals was born May 8, 1934, at Meservey, son of Harm and Reka (Kuehlers) Pals. Ron was born a blue baby with a defective heart valve and not expected to live past the age of 5. This defect limited physical childhood activities as he was growing up. In 1963, he was one of the first patients at Mayo Clinic to have life changing heart surgery that would correct the birth defect and give him the opportunity to live a full long life.

On October 28, 1960, Ron married Shirley Duryee in Marble Rock. They made their home in Hampton where they were blessed with three children. Ron worked at Maytag until the company moved to Newton. Ron and Shirley enjoyed camping and spending time with family and friends. In later life, Ron's favorite pastime was tractor rides with his buddies and coffee at Hardee's catching up on the local 'news'. Ron loved a good practical joke and never took himself too seriously. Ron was a born again Christian and actively involved in his church as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Those left to remember Ron are his children: Mike (Marcee Sidmore) Pals; Jan (Dale) Hoffmann; Dwight Pals; grandchildren Rob (Katie) Hoffmann; Danell (Andy) Steward; Dustin (Nicole) Hoffmann; Deseree Horan; 9 great grandchildren and his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley Pals, great grandson Johnathan, brother Eldon, sister-in-law Lola, nephews Bruce and Bob, brother-in-law Murlyn (Pete) Duryee, sister-in-law Louise Duryee, and brother-in-law Rich Fear.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton for their excellent care of their father over the last three years, as well as Hospice over the last few months.

Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory – Hampton

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Church Service

JUL 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
1701 Central Ave E.
Hampton, IA 50441

Tribute Wall

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“ Our love and condolences to Mike, Jan, and Dwight on the loss of your dear Dad. I have so many happy memories of our families' get togethers, special times with forever friends. May God comfort you with His Peace. With love and prayers Pam (Mueller) and Steve Johnson 🙏❤️

Pamela Johnson - July 06, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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“ Ron was a great guy. Looking forward to seeing him in Heaven. ❤️ Steve and Sharon Anderson

Steve Anderson - July 02, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald 'Ronnie' Dean Pals.

June 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Ronald 'Ronnie' Dean Pals.



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“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald 'Ronnie' Dean Pals.*



June 30, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ *Mike and family,
Sorry for your loss, Larry and I sure enjoyed all of our visits on the front porch with your dad. Loved all his stories!
Larry and Susan Bender*

Susan Bender - June 29, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ *The loss of a parent has an effect for the rest of the child's life. My condolences to Mike, Jan and Dwight.
Helen Herbold*

Helen Herbold - June 29, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ *Mike and family. Sorry to see about Ron's passing. Bryan and I always enjoyed visiting with Ron in the neighborhood. May your memories bring you some joy in the days to come. Bryan and Marlene Tapp*



Bryan and Marlene Tapp - June 29, 2025 at 09:34 PM