



## Ronald G. Grinnell

November 16, 1937 - August 15, 2011

Ronald G. Grinnell, age 73, of Gravois Mills, passed away Monday, August 15, 2011, at his home. He was born November 16, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of the late Gilbert and Agnes Cochrane Grinnell.

On September 9, 1961, at St. Joseph Church in Summit, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Bette Ann Wojtasik, who survives of the home.

Ron was a United States Air Force veteran having served in the Korean Conflict.

He was a police officer with the Evanston Police Department for 23 years until his retirement in 1984. He spent 7 of those years as a motorcycle officer. Ron was a decorated officer with his proudest accomplishment being the arrest of two on the Ten Most Wanted list, Alton Coleman and Debra Brown in Evanston, Illinois in 1984. After his retirement from the police force, he worked for Builder's Ready Mix for over 10 years in Evanston.

Ron was a member of the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belonged to the American Legion Post 42 in Evanston, Illinois, and the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie, the Emerald Society of Chicago, Illinois, the Fraternal Order of Police, the

Illinois Police Association, was a proud member of the Notre Dame Club in Chicago, Illinois, and a charter member of the Notre Dame Club in Columbia, Missouri, and served as President for 3 years of the Backlot Association in Evanston.

In addition to his wife, Bette Ann, he is survived by his sons, Scott Grinnell of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Brian Grinnell of Gravois Mills, Missouri, and Brad Grinnell of Evanston, Illinois; his brother, Gary Grinnell and wife Kristy of Geneva, Illinois; his sisters, Donna Schnieder and husband John of Hoffman Estates, Illinois and Linda Collier and husband Jack of Lake Forrest, California; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Draino.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 20, at the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Patrick Dolan officiating. The family will receive friends from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at the church. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Prostate Cancer Research.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ronnie worked with Tom Devine, Ted Devine and Linda Teckler at Evanston Police Department. He was a great friend and will always be remembered fondly. We always had a great time with Ronnie and his wife Bette Ann. Ronnie was an excellent police officer and prided himself in putting a case together and getting a conviction.*

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**Thomas Devine** - August 30, 2011 at 06:38 PM

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“ *Ron was an outstanding police officer and and great member of the Evanston community. He always lend a helping hand and more than willing to 'go that extra mile' when it came to protecting our city.. I had the honor to work with Ron and will always cherish our times together.*

*On behalf of the Evanston Police Department, we express our deepest sympathy to the entire Grinnell family.*

*Rest in Peace dear fallen brother in blue. You will not be forgotten.*

*Deputy Chief Tom Cabanski  
Evanston Police Department*

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**Tom Cabanski** - August 18, 2011 at 05:51 PM

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**al bonick** - August 17, 2011 at 06:56 AM

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*Unfortunately I only knew Ron for a year, however, it does not lessen the fact that he truly blessed me in the short time that I knew him. He was a wonderful, gentle soul who's company I truly enjoyed. God rest his soul and I am so glad he is no longer suffering. He so loved you Bettie Ann. Be strong for him. His love will always be with you. Iris Hammontree*

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**Iris hammontree** - August 17, 2011 at 10:11 PM

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*I will miss you always you were more than a father figure in my life you were also my best friend, I love & miss you forever . your goddaughter Desirea Fetkenheuer*

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**Desirea Fetkenheuer** - October 03, 2014 at 12:21 PM

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“ *A kind, generous, and loving person, always willing to listen, and great advice. A more wonderful brother-in-law couldn't have been asked for or received.*

*Marcia Bonick*

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**Marcia Bonick** - August 16, 2011 at 06:50 PM

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“ *When you needed help help, you didn't have to ask Ron, he was there for you.* ”

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**Al Bonick** - August 16, 2011 at 05:59 PM