



Ronald Joseph Stahara of Hot Springs and Pine Bluff passed peacefully on September 15, 2019. Ron was born to the late Michael and Anna Kukura Stahara. He was predeceased by his brother, Steve Stahara.

As a young man Ron resided in Youngstown, Ohio and attended South High School. After receiving his high school diploma, he went on to Youngstown University graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Ron received his Professional Engineer license and later earned a Masters of Business Administration from Xavier University.

Ron's engineering career included several patents relating to the power industry; being a very active member of the IEEE; serving as Senior Engineer for McGraw Edison in Zanesville, Ohio; as V.P of Engineering for Kulhman Company in Versailles, Kentucky; and finally as V.P. of Engineering at Central Maloney in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was a Toast Master and Knight of Columbus (3rd Degree). He also served as President of the Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra. Every state in which Ron settled gained a new fan for their university. He loved the Ohio State Buckeyes but also cheered for Youngstown State Penguins, Kentucky Wildcats and of course, the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Ron enjoyed watching the sun set over Lake Hamilton, fishing, golfing, ocean vacations spent with his family, and dirt. He loved outdoor yardwork whether he was growing cherry tomatoes for his beloved dog or caring for his favorite bougainvillea plant, Ron excelled at gardening. His flowers were the scene for many humming bird feasts and a few humming bird fights. Humming birds which frequented his flowers gained nicknames which suited their various personalities (or physical attributes).

Ron was lucky enough to marry his sweetheart, Mary Ann Falat, on October 23, 1965. They were married almost 54 years and raised two amazing children. Ron loved his wife; admired and respected his children, Andrea (Chris) Elder and Paul Stahara; adored his niece, Shannon (Mark) Thomas and his nephew Andrew (Alba) Hansen; and liked just about every dog he ever met, especially his dogs Perky, Sooie, and Peaches and his grand dogs Rusty, Barkley and Woody.

A Rosary will take place at 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 28 with a Memorial Service following at 2:00 pm.

A Memorial Gathering will take place at a later date in Lexington, Kentucky.

For those needing overnight accommodations, Home 2 Suites Hilton, 106 Catalina Circle, Hot Springs, AR is offering a special rate. Call 501-520-4444 direct and mention Stahara Memorial.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a tribute gift to the IEEE Foundation at www.ieeefoundation.org/how-to-give/tribute-giving and designate the IEEE Life Members Fund.