



# Ronald J. Rutkowski

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## **Ronald J. Rutkowski**

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**R**onald J. Rutkowski, age 85, of Avon, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Brookdale of Westlake.

Born and raised in Lorain, Ron built a life rooted in hard work, quiet strength, and deep loyalty. He made Avon his home for the past 60 years as a loving father, where he raised his family and formed lifelong friendships.

A proud graduate of Lorain High School, Class of 1958, Ron went on to serve his country in the U.S. Navy, an experience that shaped his discipline, resilience, and sense of duty.

Ron spent his career as an electrician, working at Fruehauf Trailer Company and then Ford Motor Company in Avon Lake for 28 years before retiring in 2003. He was a dedicated member of UAW Local 2000 and took great pride in his craft and the people he worked alongside.

For more than 50 years, Ron was deeply involved in AA, a community that became like a second family to him. He didn't just attend meetings — he showed up for people. Ron sponsored countless individuals over the decades, offering steady guidance, a listening ear, and the kind of honesty that came from lived experience. He had a gift for meeting people exactly where they were, without judgment, and reminding them that change was possible. Many who crossed his path credited Ron with helping them find their footing, rebuild their lives, or simply make it through one more day. His commitment to service was quiet but unwavering, and the ripple effect of his support will continue in the lives of those he encouraged, mentored, and believed in.

Ron is survived by his daughter Ronda Toth (former husband, Jim) of Avon Lake; his son Eric (Helena) Rutkowski of Aurora; his stepson Burke; and seven grandchildren who brought him immense joy: Marlowe, Weston, Taylor, Gabriel, Xavier, Enzo, and Caio.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen Rutkowski, and his stepdaughter, Terri Barila.

Family and friends will be received from 2–5 PM on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the funeral home and will be Livestreamed on Bogner Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to donate to Alcoholics Anonymous in Ron's name. Please send contributions to Eric Rutkowski at 11696 Chamberlain Road, Aurora, OH, 44202-9735. Upon receiving your gift, the family will match your contribution as a gift to the Lorain County Intergroup Office of AA.




# Events

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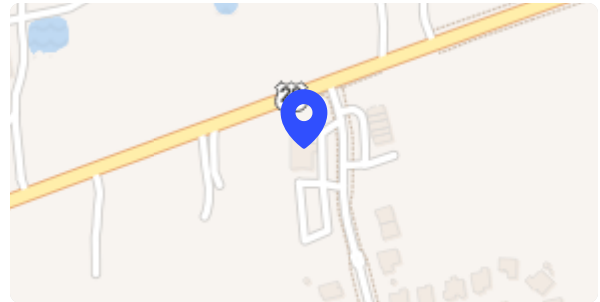
## Visitation

 **Sunday**, February 1, 2026


 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH  
44039



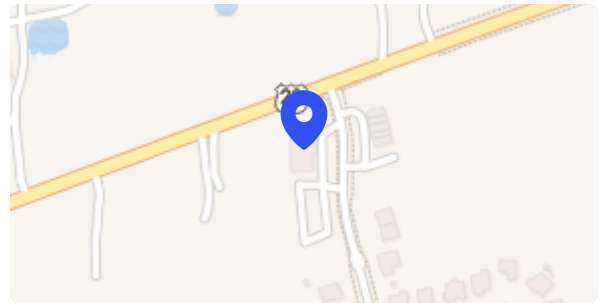
## Funeral Service

 **Monday**, February 2, 2026

 10:00 AM ET

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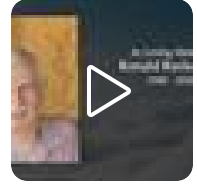
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**Bogner Family Funeral Home And Cremationservices** shared a **Video**.



January 31 at 10:54 AM



**Patricia Meighan Andfamily Meighan** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Rutkowski family.



January 30 at 10:13 AM



**Michael And Wittreich Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rutkowski family.



January 30 at 5:53 AM



**Linda Lynch** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Ron was a longstanding member of UAW Local 2000. On behalf of Ron's local, I wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family as they navigate through their sorrow at his loss. Ron was a great man and he will be missed by all who knew him here at UAW Local 2000. May he rest easy.



January 30 at 4:40 AM



**Primary Mens Thursday 7:30** posted:

Thursday Night Primary Purpose men's group would like to thank Ron for his support and commitment to our meeting over the years. Always a welcoming handshake and an amazing comment. We will miss you Ron and never forget you.

January 29 at 8:59 AM



**Rick Hudak** posted:

Ron was very instrumental in my sobriety success. In my early recovery, he helped me feel a part of the group's we shared together. I didn't feel like the proverbial,"turd in a punch bowl".

January 29 at 6:15 AM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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