

Ron L. Young

October 12, 1934 - September 21, 2025



Ron Young, 90, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2025, with family at his side, in Manhattan, Kansas. He was born in Colby, Kansas, on October 12, 1934. His life was a testament to dedication, service, and unwavering love for his family and community.

Ron graduated from Manhattan High School and went on to graduate from Kansas State University, where he was a member of the golf team.

His early years laid the foundation for a life marked by loving, caring, commitment and integrity. He proudly served in the United States Air Force, demonstrating his devotion to country with honor and discipline.

Following his military service, Ron built a successful career with Kansas Farm Bureau for 33 years. His work reflected not only his professional acumen but also his deep care for the people he served. Colleagues and clients alike respected him for his knowledge, eloquence, and thoughtful guidance.

Ron shared a long and loving marriage with his wife Margie (Grantham). Together they raised a close-knit family that brought him immense pride and joy. He is lovingly remembered by his children: Rob Young, Ronna (Galen) Wickstrom, Carol Thornburrow, Cathy Waite, Rick Young, and Kirsten (Dave) Thiessen.

Ron's legacy continues through eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who are blessed by his wisdom and warmth.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pearl (Toburen), father Harry May, sister Marlene Keith, as well as sons and daughter in-law Kay Blattner, Jerry Thornburrow, Kenrick Waite, and Mike Simeta.

A man of many passions, Ron found great enjoyment in sports- especially GOLF, football, baseball, and basketball. Whether watching or playing, these pastimes brought him joy throughout his life. He held a wealth of knowledge in this arena.

Those who knew Ron will remember him as a humble, kind-hearted, caring, knowledgeable, and eloquent man - a loving advisor whose words carried weight because they came from a place of genuine concern and experience. This carried through to Ron's last day!

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at a date to be announced. Ron wanted people to be at ease. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him. Stand straight, swing long and hard.

If you feel compelled to contribute, please donate to Manhattan Emergency Shelter, in memory of Ron Young.