



7-year-old Ronnie with his family:

Rita, Josephine, Ronnie, Dolores, Eleanor, and Walter Langer.
September 9, 1951 wedding photo for Dolores and Robert Szejka
taken inside the Langer house at 6411 33rd Street in Berwyn, IL.
Ron was always called "Ronnie" by his parents and sisters.



"Ronnie" lived in the
33rd Street house
from 1950-55 and attended
St. Leonard's Catholic
Church/School.

He was Catholic
from birth to earth.

One other special moment:

From 1981 to 1986
Cecilia Pinzón de Robayo
was our South American
daughter. She arrived as a
teenager & went home
engaged. Prior to her
graduation from U. of
MN, Ron promised he
would dance at her
wedding, which he did in
March 1987 in Bogotá,
Colombia.



Ron deeply regrets not taking better care of his personal health,
thereby depriving his daughter, Wendy Weinand (Tony) &
granddaughters, Charlotte and Mary of San Antonio, TX; daughter,
Jennifer Nelson (Steve) of Bovey, MN; Grandson, Nicholas Langer &
G-Grandson, Christopher Langer of Grand Rapids, MN; and son,
Christopher Langer (Giuliana) of Laguna Beach, CA, of his love and
guidance for a few more years.

His new residence will be St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Niles, IL,
which is close to Berwyn where his mother said God lived.

In lieu of flowers, please make a tax deductible donation in his
name to the American Cancer Society, 1-800-227-2345 or
www.cancer.org

Last thought: In honor of Ron, the family suggests you contact your
Congressman and insist the US Mint discontinue minting the penny, as
it costs 1.8 cents to make.



Vigil & Rosary, Monday, June 10, 2013
From 7:00 – 9:00 PM
At O'Connor Mortuary, 25301 Alicia Pkwy
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Memorial Mass June 11, 2013
10:00 AM

St. Timothy's Catholic Church
29102 Crown Valley Pkwy
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Lectors:

Ken Hobbs & Thomas Watson

Pallbearers:

Scott Anderson
Brad Christian
Tony Gonzalez
Ken Hobbs
Mark Pugh
Thomas Watson

(Reception follows in the church hall)

A Full Life



Ronald Walter Langer
May 15, 1944 - June 5, 2013

Beloved Son,
Brother,
Husband,
Father,
GrandFather,
Great-Grandfather



Ron & Winter enjoying the heat, July 2011 trip to San Antonio



Ronald Walter Langer, recent great-grandfather, compulsive penny collector, RV enthusiast, and volunteer extraordinaire, died at age 69.

Ron was the only son of Walter & Josephine Langer, and baby of the family. He enjoyed the love and attention of a large, extended family growing up in Chicago & Berwyn, IL. His maternal grandparents lived with them, and girl cousins, Sandra and Phyllis, lived close by. This early family life made him very comfortable around older people and most especially women of all ages.

He married young and enjoyed 51 years of adventures with his best friend and wife, Karen. He lived in six states, many preceding the demise of a large manufacturing company. He was a journeyman tool and die maker and his career was based on engines and generators – heavy trucks to RVs. He and his sister, Eleanor, were the third generation to work at International Harvester in Chicago & Melrose Park, IL. It was a sad day for his parents when Ron resigned and moved his family to Ohio, because it ended over ninety-three years of family service to IH.

He discovered the pleasure of RV-ing more than 50,000 miles across every state west of the Mississippi River, staying at many beautiful National and State Parks. Until recently he shared driving duty with his wife. He treasured the camaraderie of the California Chapter - FMCA family, and all



past and present employees of El Toro RV.

Recently he played with his first great-grandchild, Christopher Langer of MN, and told everyone how good-looking and smart little Chris was.

Ron admitted to two pastime passions – pennies and baseball.



4-Generation photo taken March 14, 2013

As a teenager, a random find of a 1922-plain penny started his lifelong addiction to find other notable coins in circulation. He regretted selling that coin for \$200.00 – one of his life's early learning experiences. He saw the MN Twins and the Anaheim Angels each win the World Series. However, he wished he could have seen his hometown team, the Chicago Cubs, win too.

He never had a DUI, broken bone or a college degree. He never owned a gun, "alternative fuel" car or tuxedo. He paid his bills on time and was called "Bank of Dad" by his children and grandchildren. He was the family electrician, but would not touch plumbing. He was arrested once – on his honeymoon – but only his family knows the whole story.

His one true vanity was his full head of wavy hair (inherited from both his mother & father), which chemo straightened.

Commenting how odd it is as the baby of the family to die first, he said, "Sorry about that," to Eleanor Skarda, Dolores Szejka and Rita Corbin, his much older, widowed sisters back in Illinois.

Ron lived one third of his life in Orange County, CA. Upon retirement he became, what his wife calls, "A Professional Volunteer." He devoted untold hours to local, county, senior & historical projects. His special thanks go to Msgr. John Urell, Pat Bates, Joe Brown, Kathryn McCullough, Cathy Angstadt, Nancy Hull, John Pointer and

Ilse Brynes for teaching him about important local issues.....*no dinosaurs in the San Juan Capistrano Historic District.*

He accepted God's call to be a Eucharistic Minister at St. Timothy's Catholic Church and organized "Angels on Wheels" to pick up and return parishioners to church services or local medical visits, and in so



huge family.

Ron - Past President & Treasurer of CCFMCA calling bingo at a rally.

Below: Eucharistic Minister

After swearing-in for **Orange**

County Historical Commission

2012
**Laguna Niguel
Holiday Parade**
Honoring our Heroes in
the Armed Forces
Ron, President of the
Laguna Niguel Senior
Club & spouse, Karen
..... three antiques
before the parade.

