



## Russell Baird Jr

October 18, 1942 - January 9, 2014

Russell A. Baird, Jr., 71, of Lindenhurst, IL passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at ManorCare Center in Highland Park, IL.

He was born in Cresson, PA on October 18, 1942, the son of the late Anne and Russell Baird, Sr. He married his wife Karen on May 26, 1973 and lived in Lindenhurst, IL since 1981. He was also a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa. Russ retired from the United States Navy after 20 years of service having served during the Vietnam conflict. Later, Russ worked as an engineer in the telecommunications industry until his retirement. After retiring, Russ enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his extended family.

He is survived by his daughters Nancy Baird of Arizona, Anne Marie (Allen) Brown of Woodstock and Gretchen (Eric) Hogberg of Gurnee, IL; grandchildren Paige and Ryan; and siblings Sally (Richard) Van Reese of Minnesota, James (Kim) Baird of Pennsylvania, and Richard (Kareen) Baird of Tennessee; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his wife Karen on May 27, 1999.

Visitation will be from 4 – 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Ringa

Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. (Rte. 83) Lake Villa, IL 60046. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 17 at the funeral home with Rev. Richard Yanos officiating. Burial at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL will be private. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in Russ's name to the American Cancer Society, the Wounded Warrior Project, or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-2146  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Service

JAN **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Baird Jr*



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**Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Russell Baird Jr*

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October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Russell Baird Jr*

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December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *I worked with Russ as one of the 4 RF Design Engineers at the time at the 930 building Schaumburg. What a great man with a wonderful outlook, I cannot recall if I ever saw him mad. Such a great quality. My condolences.*

*Jay Wagner*

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**Jay Wagner** - January 29, 2014 at 03:10 PM

AA

“ Nancy, Anne Marie and Gretchen

*My prayers and thoughts are with you on the loss of your dad. I have found memories of all of us at family gatherings at Grandma and Grandpa Schachts and Aunt Nancy's house as well and your dad always there with a hug to welcome us. Your dad will always be Uncle Russ to me. May God comfort you during this time.*

*April Soulak Andrews*

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**April Soulak Andrews** - January 21, 2014 at 09:23 PM

HL

“ Sally, Jim and Dick my thoughts are with you.  
*Howard LaPointe  
Columbus, Ohio*

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**Howard LaPointe** - January 21, 2014 at 12:57 PM

RK

“ *I met Russ when we attended the White Pine School and followed on to the Ontonagon school. I was saddened to hear of his passing. He was an all around nice guy. Saw Russ last at one of our class reunions and he hadn't changed a bit.*

*Ron Karttunen  
Milford, Michigan, 48380*

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**Ron Karttunen** - January 18, 2014 at 11:09 AM

VM

“ I worked with Russ at Cell-One and can tell you that when this man was in a room there were many of us smiling. He had a way to bring out a smile in anyone. Russ, you were always a gentleman and you will be missed. God speed my friend.

*Valerie Rosenberry-Musil*

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**Valerie Musil** - January 17, 2014 at 09:05 AM

DM

“ How very sorry I am to hear of Russ' passing. He was a classmate and an all-around nice guy. How grateful I am that White Pine shared him with us- Ontonagon Polar Bears, Class of 1960. We are not planning anymore reunions as of now, but I will always remember him at the last reunion he attended. If I remember correctly, it was shortly after you lost your mom. Would like to hear about his illness and his last years. It's too late to send flowers ,but I would be happy to donation in his memory to the Wounded Warriors. I have their literature. Tomorrow I will be praying for your family. Deanna Dowd Morin 22688 W. Hwy M-64 Ontonagon, MI 49953

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**Deanna Dowd Morin** - January 15, 2014 at 07:48 PM

WC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, from your extended family at Woodstock Country Club.

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**Woodstock Country Club** - January 15, 2014 at 06:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Baird Jr.*



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January 15, 2014 at 11:09 AM



“ *John Rohdy lit a candle in memory of Russell Baird Jr*



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**John Rohdy** - January 14, 2014 at 09:33 AM



*Russ leaves many of us with wonderful thoughts of a man who truly cared about the people around him, having served with him in the Navy was a privilege I will never forget; our time at Cell one Chicago was icing on the cake.*

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**John Rohdy** - January 14, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Russell Baird Jr.*



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January 13, 2014 at 12:22 PM



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January 13, 2014 at 12:22 PM



“ *Somewhere in Heaven someone is laughing at one of Russ' Blonde Jokes...Russ will be missed, he was a good man and great friend to many at CellularONE.*



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**Joe Jarad** - January 13, 2014 at 09:12 AM



“ *While I only had a few interactions with Russ during his time at Cellular One, he was a very pleasant gentlemen. Anne Marie was my neighbor in Vernon Hills for a time, and was always a very sweet lady; so I send my condolences to Anne Marie and her entire family.*

*Gary Perkins-Cellular One, Cingular, AT&T  
Vernon Hills, IL*

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**Gary Perkins** - January 13, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ *On behalf of the staff at Ringa Funeral Home, we would like to express our sympathies to Russ's family. It is our privilege to serve your family at this time.*



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**Bob and Andrew Ringa** - January 11, 2014 at 09:44 AM