



Ronald Dale Shipman, 74, West Plains, Mo., passed away at 8:25 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2015, at Brooke Haven Health Care.

He was born Feb. 4, 1941, at Raton, New Mexico, to Melvin Dale Shipman and Mary Ellen Garton Shipman. Ron grew up in Texas but chose to live in Missouri, the state he loved for most of his life. He enjoyed fishing, reading, model trains and baseball. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and he passed on to his daughter, Kim, his great love of animals and the outdoors.

Ron worked for Sears for several years in Texas, rising to the position of assistant manager, ending that career in Odessa, Texas. Following that he was self-employed as an electrician during which time he moved to Missouri. He moved on to long haul trucking for a few years then returned to Texas where he worked as a shrimper out of Aransas Pass for a short time before moving back

to Missouri where he managed the Flying M Ranch at Willow Springs, Mo. He returned to probably his most enjoyable career driving over-the-road transport. He loved being able to see the country. Ron was a good father, son, brother and friend to all that knew him.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Ann Shipman Trebesch, Victoria, Texas; his stepchildren, Scott Brown and family, West Plains, Rob Brown and family, Pomona, Mo., and Grace Elaine Shoemaker-Smith and family, state of New Mexico; sister-in-law, Regina Kay Shipman and family, Amarillo, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents, one brother, Donald Jay Shipman and his stepmother, Doris Shipman, precede him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or American Cancer Society and may be left at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. In compliance with Ron's wishes there will be no services and his ashes will be placed at the site of his choosing. Online condolences may be expressed at www.robertsondrago.com.

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