



## Ronald B. Nerger

April 29, 1933 - June 5, 2025

Ronald B. Nerger, 92, of East McKeesport, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2025.

Ron (RB), born in Braddock, PA, proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning two medals in recognition of his service. After returning from military service, he began his career with the railroad, and for 10 years juggled both railroad work and driving for Greyhound. Eventually, he left the railroad to drive full-time for Greyhound, where he stayed for three decades. Ron was always a character behind the wheel and was well known for keeping passengers laughing with his antics and stories. Even in retirement, he kept driving, taking on school bus routes and bringing smiles to the kids he drove.

But the most important work he ever did happened at home. Together with his wife Karlene, they opened their home to more than 100 foster children over the course of 30 years. Their home was a place of stability, safety, and love. They were the kind of foster parents who didn't just care for kids...they changed lives.

Ron was always quick with a joke and saw humor in just about everything. He was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in North Versailles, where he and Karlene changed the church's outdoor sign each week for many

years. He also loved spending time in his garage, fixing up little things, and was proud to have the greenest lawn on the block; a title he held for decades.

Ron is survived by his children Kim (Roy) Henry, Kelli (Aaron) Goughenour, and Karl (Laura) Nerger; his grandchildren Ronnie, Rick, Karl, and Kimberly Nerger; Alex Larson; Nikolas, Kaitlyne, and Kristofer Goughenour; Julia LaFollette and Justin Henry; his niece Renee (Kurt) Bechtold; nephews Michael and Jason Tursky; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Nerger and Catherine (Schwaed) Nerger; his sister, Patricia (Nerger) Tursky; his wife of 60 years, Karlene Nerger; and his eldest son, Keith Nerger.

Family and friends will be received at Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway Avenue, East McKeesport, PA on Sunday, June 8, from 2–4 PM and 6–8 PM, and again on Monday morning at 10 AM. A funeral service will follow on Monday at 11am at St. John's Lutheran Church in North Versailles, 715 Lincoln Highway, North Versailles, PA with committal afterward at Monongahela Cemetery in North Braddock.

His family invites all who knew him to share a story, a memory, or even just a good joke in honor of the man who made so many people smile.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ron's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society: <https://donate.cancer.org>.

# Cemetery Details

## Monongahela Cemetery

1111 4th Street  
Braddock, PA 15104

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home  
1032 Broadway Ave  
East McKeesport, PA 15035  
(412) 823-8083  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home  
1032 Broadway Ave  
East McKeesport, PA 15035  
(412) 823-8083  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

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JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home  
1032 Broadway Ave  
East McKeesport, PA 15035  
(412) 823-8083  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

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JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
715 US 30  
North Versailles, PA 15137

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron stayed at my house after His wife Karlene died years back. He was so sorryful for all the things he missed while working trying to raise a family. He wished he had spent more time enjoying his time with Karlene . He brought me 2 tears listening to his regrets. He told me to enjoy what you have today because some day it will be to late to say what's on your mind or heart. Thanks Ron for what you gave me in life. I will take care of your Daughter (Kim) i promise you . Your the best Love You Dad

Roy Henry - June 09, 2025 at 09:33 AM



Thank you 😊

Kimberly Henry - June 09, 2025 at 05:57 PM

RC

“ Kim, Kelli and Karl,

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Father Ron and our deepest sympathy goes to your entire family. Your Dad was one of the best and a great person. Rest in peace Ron. 🙏🙏🙏

Susan and Rick Crowe

Rick Crowe - June 09, 2025 at 08:05 AM



Thank you

Kimberly Henry - June 09, 2025 at 05:57 PM

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“ Ron was a very special person.He was good to me with I first met him after marring his son Keith.After years went bye we got to know each other very good.Then he call me his #1 daughter in law.Every time we saw each other he gave me a hug and then he always told me I was his #1 daughter in law.Karlene was a very sweet lady she always treated me very good.Iam going to miss him very much.He's no longer in pain.He's with his wife and oldest son Keith.I know there are talking up a storm.li was very proud to be in this family.I loved his son Keith so much.I loved his brother Karl and sister Kim and Kellie.I know they are very sad and going to miss there Dad very much.He is flying high now with his loved ones.I loved him and going to miss him.RIP Ron Nerger. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Linda Nerger - June 08, 2025 at 09:36 PM



Thank you

Kimberly Henry - June 09, 2025 at 05:58 PM

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“ Rich and Tammy Henry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald B. Nerger.



Rich and Tammy Henry - June 06, 2025 at 01:10 PM