



Ronald W. Giaconia

April 26, 1936 - September 13, 2024

Ronald William Giaconia, age 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 13, 2024, at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. He was born April 26, 1936 in Passaic, NJ, the son of the late Rose Corona Giaconia and William Giaconia. Ron graduated from Passaic High School in Passaic, NJ in 1954 and went on to attend Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, graduating in 1958. He became an active member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Rutgers University, an honor he held near and dear to his heart.

He married Antoinette Lanteri on September 7, 1958 in Passaic NJ and went on to have two children, Kathleen and Ronnie Giaconia Jr. He became a partner in a very successful Insurance business, Taylor, Cohen, Rudolph, and Giaconia.

Known to many as the "Chairman of the Board," Ron was the patriarch of the family, a position he didn't take lightly. As a born leader, dispersing wisdom to his loved ones and helping shape lives was his superpower. Making a positive difference was always top of mind to him as he always put others before himself. These were the values he lived by.

Throughout his career which spanned 6 decades, Ron held many influential positions as part of his legacy which included President of the Boys and Girls

Club of Passaic, NJ, Passaic NJ Democratic Leader and President of the Unico of Passaic, NJ. He also served as Board of Governors and Chairman of the Athletic Committee and Board of Trustees at Rutgers University. He later went on to serve as Commissioner and Chairman of Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. Community service was an integral part of his life's work.

Family and family traditions were of utmost importance to Ron as he spent summers in Ocean City making memories that would last a lifetime. A sentimental man, the best years of his life were spent there with family.

Ron was also known to many as a big sports aficionado, as his coveted Rutgers University was a great love of his life. He took great pride in his affiliation with the school, especially the Scarlet Knights football team. In his later years, he spent time golfing with close friends at his home in Bonita Springs, FL. Those were treasured times for him.

Ron is survived by his wife, Antoinette Giaconia; his two children; Kathleen and Ronnie; his two granddaughters, Gracie and Scarlet; his brothers, William Giaconia Jr. and Robert Giaconia; as well as his nieces and nephews. Private memorial services will be held in Bonita Springs, FL and Clifton, NJ.

In honor of his memory, you can make a donation in Ronald Giaconia's name to Saint Jude (www.stjude.org), an organization he had great passion for.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.


Tribute Wall

JG

“ My deepest condolences to Toni & the family. I have very good memories of working AIB. He was such a great boss.

Jasmine Udeako Gorman - September 18, 2024 at 05:25 PM

VW

“ Toni and family.. my thoughts and prayers are with you. We certainly had good times together. Just think, Donald and Ronnie now playing golf together. Love  you. Virginia Wittmann

virginia wittmann - September 18, 2024 at 10:10 AM

JP

“ Ronnie was a special man. He exemplified the saying "the world knows little of its greatest men." Those of us who knew & loved him, however, knew very well how great he was. We were so fortunate that he was a part of our lives.
Carol & Jim Piro

Jim Piro - September 18, 2024 at 06:57 AM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Giaconia family. In Ronald's memory 5 trees will be planted. Joseph K. and Kim Kahwaty (Lamendola)

Joseph Kahwaty - September 17, 2024 at 09:17 PM

JK

“ Joseph K. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald W. Giaconia.

Joseph K. - September 17, 2024 at 08:46 PM

RO

“ We are deeply saddened and shocked by the loss of Ron a true leader that everyone admired. I was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon a next door neighbor to Ron's fraternity and my wife grew up with Ron and Toni in Passaic, NJ. I always admired Ron for his self confidence and leadership qualities. We played some golf together and he was always very competitive which I admired. He did a great job in getting Rutgers's football to where it is today. Ron touched a lot of people's lives and we are all better off by knowing him and the qualities he believed in. God bless you Ron.

You will be missed, Carol and Dick Ossi

Richard Ossi - September 17, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ Uncle Ron, my Godfather, was first and foremost a Family man. He was a true leader in every respect; for his Family, for his friends, and for his community. Aunt Toni, Kathy and Ronnie, our sincere condolences. We will miss Uncle Ron so much but find comfort in the amazing memories he helped create for so many of us. Rest in peace, Uncle Ron.

Jim Drago - September 17, 2024 at 11:55 AM

AJ

“ Rest in Peace, Ron. Sincere condolences to Antoinette and the entire family.
Alan Juszcyk, Passaic City Republican Chairman

Alan Juszcyk - September 17, 2024 at 11:42 AM

AC

“ *Mr.G always made the best breakfasts after our infamous high school sleepovers! You will be missed but the memories last a lifetime!*

Adele Cuesta - September 17, 2024 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry Mrs. G. I have many many fond memories of Mr. G. Many good times at T/C/R&G...*

Janet Sadowski - September 17, 2024 at 09:08 AM

MG

“ *Toni, Kathy and Ronnie, Carol and I are so sorry for your loss. Ron and Toni were always our favorite neighbors on Morningside. Ron did so many things for everyone on the street. No one could toss a beach horseshoe better, especially with a game ending toss. God bless Ron and his family.*
With love, Carol/Marty Gehlhaus

Martin Gehlhaus - September 17, 2024 at 08:50 AM