



Ronald E. Howard

September 15, 1944 - July 12, 2020

Ronald E. Howard, Sr 75, of Naples, FL and Glastonbury, CT died Sunday, July 12, 2020 after a brief illness resulting from complications of COVID19. He had been a seasonal resident of Naples since 1999 and a resident of Glastonbury since 1976. He was born September 15, 1944 in Norwich, CT a son of the late Adolf and Viola (Wood) Howard.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jean A. Howard; two sons, Ronald E. Howard, Jr. MD and his wife, Amy of Naples, FL and Chad D. Howard, MD and his wife, Julie of Charlotte, NC; four beloved grandchildren, Eva, Ayrton, Nadia and Pearce Howard. He was predeceased by his older brother, Charles Howard and sister, Bernice Tillet.

Ron spent most of his career as a Systems Manager for Computer Science Corp. He travelled abroad extensively with his wife, returning often to Germany and all across Europe to hike in the mountains and visit with friends. He was an avid Porsche enthusiast and had a passion for anything relating to cars. He was a generous husband, an inspirational father and Opa, and a legendary storyteller.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 17, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM with Fr. Len Gioeli, officiating.

Entombment will follow at Palm Royale Cemetery, Naples, FL.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ Jean, I just came across this obituary. So sorry for you and the family. Knowing Ron in the 60s...a bright, fun loving, compassionate man...with always a twinkle in his eyes. We have lost track over the years...but those memories will remain strong. Love and Sympathy,
Carolyn and Ron Valluzzi

Carolyn Valluzzi - March 10, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ Ronald E. Howard

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

LC

“ Ron, Jean and Chad -
I was very sorry to hear about your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family.
Lisa Castagna Cimino

Lisa Castagna Cimino - July 18, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LS

“ Jean and Family, we are so sorry about what happened to Ron. It was such a shock. I still can't believe it. Please accept our sincere condolences. Call me anytime you need to talk. I hope we can get together the next time we are in Florida. Sending our love to your family.
Scott & Lynn

Lynn Sheldon - July 17, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MB

“ Jean and family... Due to the current situation I reluctantly decided it would be prudent not to attend the services for Ron. I sincerely hope that you understand. Therefore I felt that I needed to emphasize how much esteem I had for him. He was indeed a font of knowledge and wisdom. Plus what a great storyteller! The photo you chose with that somewhat enigmatic yet mischievous smile is exactly how I want to remember him!

Matt Brancati

Matthew Brancati - July 17, 2020 at 08:59 AM

AP

“ The news of Rons death makes us very sad.
We are grateful to have had the privilege of knowing him.
We will forever cherish our precious memories.
Thankful for the time we were able to spend together in the United States and Germany.
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Our heartfelt condolences.

Your friends Wilfried, Gisela, Sebastian, Adrian and Marius Pflumm

Adrian Pflumm - July 16, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Howard.



July 16, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Howard.* ”



July 16, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DW

“ Hi Jean and Family,
We wish to share our deepest sympathy and I was so happy you and I talked yesterday. I You can always reach out to us at any time! I don't know where to start with our friendship since it goes back to the 60s and wow what great times we shared. Parties, dances, vacations, work relationships, our family celebrations and weddings and ongoing communication no matter where we were(CT, FL, Boston, Maine, etc.). We shared soooo many wonderful experiences with you and Ron and our families.
I would like to share that Sandra (Mike's sister) and her husband Bill Stanley also share their sympathy. You and Ron provided their beautiful engagement and wedding bands. I also have some beautiful jewelry pieces from you and Ron that I have always cherished and I also think of you both when I wear them.

I love the following poem that I loved for my Dad:

The Rose Beyond the Wall

*Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by the morning dew,
Shedding it's sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall
Through which there shone a beam of light.*

*Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before,
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing it's fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint and fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive--
The rose still grows beyond the wall,*

*Scattering fragrance far and wide
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forever-more.*

LOTS OF LOVE ALWAYS!!
Diane & Mike

diane wesnak - July 16, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LT

“ *Love from Michael & Diane Wesnak & Roxanne,
Tommy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald E. Howard.*



Love from Michael & Diane Wesnak & Roxanne, Tommy -
July 16, 2020 at 11:19 AM

AN

“ *Very saddened by the news of Ron's passing. Our prayers are with you and family. We know that there is a special place in Heaven for Porsche lovers. God bless you Ron as you will be forever missed!!*

Anita and Ed Brust

Anita - July 16, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Howard.*



July 16, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ron Howard - July 15, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ *Billy and the Ciampo family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald E. Howard.*



Billy and the Ciampo family - July 15, 2020 at 05:41 PM

MD

“ Jean amd Family. Vicki and I are in Maryland, but want to reach out and share our deepest sympathies. When we first moved to Naples and joined the club, you and Ron were the first couple we met. You welcomed us and shared great stories of your past, Germany and Porsche experiences. You invited us to tour your garage and cars and introduced us to Ron Jr. and your lovely family. We greatly appreciate your warmth and want you to know we will never forget it. At this time, we want to reach out and offer our dearest condolences and wish you comfort. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark and Vicki Duchene

Mark Duchene - July 15, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Howard.



July 15, 2020 at 07:32 AM

VC

“ We were so sad to hear of his passing. May his Memory be Eternal.

Vicki and George Constan

victoria e constan - July 14, 2020 at 10:15 PM

BG

“ Jean, Ron Jr, Amy and family~
Our hearts go out to you and your family now in the face of this most unexpected loss... Porsche people are a special breed of car fanatic and Ron Sr. was no exception. We are honored to have known him and can only offer our most heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts are with you!
Love,
Becky & Scott Harle

Becky Grafer-Harle - July 14, 2020 at 07:57 PM

NU

“ Jean - what a nice picture (and he's actually smiling) - hard to get him to smile in a picture. Anyway, too many moments to share in the last 25 years from when I met Ron at work to present. When I met Ron, he told me before I met you in person, that his wife was a large, violent, woman with a gun. You can only imagine what I envisioned! I'll never forget that. Good times when we vacationed in Germany, all of our dinner outings, and other excursions, car advice, the ride in Ronald's Lamborghini and the Porsche down the strip in Naples, so many memories. It still hasn't sunk in really and we will miss him terribly - Life and Love is eternal. Peace and Love. Ron and Kristina



Nurnberg - July 14, 2020 at 07:13 PM

RW

“ Jean. Marilyn and I send our deepest sympathies. Our hearts are heavy with sadness but our minds recall many wonderful times with you and Ron. Driving like mad around MA, NH and VT. Lunches at the Turtle Club. Touring the Revs. But most of all listening to his stories which he took great delight in telling. As awful as this moment is, take heart that we all know he's in a Porsche redlining every gear, apexing every corner and driving like a bat out of hell across the finish line. We love you and hope to see you again soon.
Marilyn and Rich

Richard Willey - July 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM

DY

“ Thinking of you and your family, Amy, Ron and all. Don

Don Yealy - July 14, 2020 at 03:39 PM

SB

Jean. I just heard today about the passing of Ron. I am so sorry, I can't believe it. I always loved having a nice conversation with him while working out at the gym. He was a book of knowledge. Please take care of yourself and may god bless.

Steve Brouillet - August 22, 2020 at 08:04 AM