



Ronald Wallace Morris

March 10, 1936 - April 22, 2023

Ronald Wallace Morris, of Manassas Park, Virginia, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2023, at the age of 87.

Ron was born in Woodbury, New Jersey on March 10, 1936 to Dorothy E. (Meyers) Morris and Wallace T. Morris.

Ron honorably served his country for eight years as a member of the National Guard, as well as serving active duty in the United States Army.

After accepting a job with Capitol Airlines, Ron moved from New Jersey to Virginia. Here he met the love of his life, Joan Nancy Panico. Ron and Joan were married for 58 wonderful years and were the beloved parents of two daughters, Jodie and Julie. Ron and Joan loved to travel and enjoyed cruising with their many life long friends and family members.

Ron was an avid sports fan and this passion was carried into his career as a sports writer and editor for the Alexandria Gazette Newspaper. Ron covered a myriad of sports teams including all Northern Virginia local high schools. He was not biased in his diligent coverage of the sports events and the local youth and was exceptionally inclusive of minorities - even during times of racial tensions. His coverages and stories included the games, athletes and coaches from George Washington, Francis C. Hammond and T.C. Williams

High Schools. His writings are part of the history that eventually became the story behind the movie Remember the Titans.

Ron was a dedicated Washington Redskins fan and a season ticket holder for over 50 years. He also very much enjoyed attending Washington Nationals games where he often times relished sitting in Diamond Club seating.

Ron was a proud member of the Virginia Jaycees where he served as President of the Alexandria chapter. In this capacity, he was an active supporter and volunteer for the Special Olympics.

Ron is preceded in death by his loving wife, Joan (Panico) Morris. He is survived by his daughters Jodie L. Hunter (Ronald) and Julie A. Morris; three grandchildren - Krista R. Edwards (Brandon), Matthew W. Dyke and Kayla M. Dyke; and two great grandchildren Sydney M. Edwards and Cole J. Edwards.

Celebration of life services will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Manassas on May 5, 2023. The family will welcome guests beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the service commencing at 10:30 a.m. He will be laid to rest with military honors at Quantico National Cemetery immediately following.

In lieu of flowers the family request a donation be made to Meals on Wheels to help elderly in need. <https://give.mealsonwheelsamerica.org>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
9750 Wellington Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 361-7800

Burial

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

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“ My memory is when I first met Ron & Joan and their daughters Jodie & Julie at Indian acres campground. All of us kids grew up together and at that point we all became lifelong friends. My Condolence for y'all's lost. I love you Jodie & Julie 💕

Paul Critchley - May 09, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ dear Julie and Jody.I want to offer my condolences for the loss of your dad,I remember him for all the family events we had together.I wanted to be there for the funeral for yinz,but that isnt going to be possible.Know that I am thinking of you



Terri Huebner - May 04, 2023 at 09:45 AM

KH

“ Ken and Lois Hart purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



Ken and Lois Hart - May 03, 2023 at 07:00 PM

CJ

“ Christine and John purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



Christine and John - May 02, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.*



May 01, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.*



May 01, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.*



April 30, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Joyce Shamigian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.*



Joyce Shamigian - April 30, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 29, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 29, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 28, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 28, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 28, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 28, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 28, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald Wallace Morris.



April 28, 2023 at 05:18 PM