



Ronald "Ron" Arthur Verplaetse

June 9, 1936 - May 30, 2022

Captain Ronald Arthur Verplaetse, of Buford, Georgia, passed away, May 30, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Dianne R. Verplaetse, daughter Stephanie Morningstar, step-daughter Stacey Dodson and her husband Mike, grandchildren Tenaya Morningstar, Rylan and Jack Dodson, his sister Audrey Maki and numerous other relatives.

Ron enlisted in the US Navy in 1958 as an Ensign, and obtained two Masters Degrees (Business Administration and Navy Command and Staff). He moved up ranks to Captain and became a Supply Corp Officer until 1988. He enjoyed wood carving and was often found proudly talking about his creations. His other hobbies were the art of pysanky and quilling. His patience was often noticed in his demeanor, and reflected in his intricate details of his art.

Ron will be remembered by his infectious smile, his wisdom and story telling, and his love for all people. Ron will be greatly missed; however, we know he is whole and celebrating with his Savior in Heaven. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Church on the Hill, 4600 Nelson Brogdon Blvd, in Buford on June 9th, which would have been Ron's 86th Birthday.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald "Ron" Arthur Verplaetse*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Dianne-*

I have always considered Ron a close friend even tho' we have been separated by miles and time. A young man's dream we shared on the Wallace L. Lind (DD703) so many years ago was to establish side-by-side farms in western Virginia called WaVer Acres where we would be gentleman farmers raising beef cattle. But alas life had better choices for us. Ron was a great guy. Sharon and I are sorry for your loss. Blessing and prayers.

Wayne and Sharon Rickman

Wayne Rickman - June 08, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Dianne, The Homespun crew will miss Ron's smiling face. Tommy and I have truly enjoyed getting to know you and Ron. Having dinner every week at Homespun and hearing Ron's stories. We have a piece of his wood work that we will cherish. Tommy and Cindy Morris*



Cindy Morris - June 04, 2022 at 10:44 PM

NW

“ Ron was truly one in a million: his patience, his love and his artwork were all admired and noted by everyone. May we all remember all the wonderful memories and know that Ron will be watching over us all now, as the angel God has been waiting for. Ron, we will happily watch over Di closely and hope to take care of her as well as you would..... although it's a high standard you've set for us. Thank you for all of your love and all the time you spent with us over the past 30 years. We will miss you so very much!! Our thoughts & our prayers are with your family. I know you'll take great pride and find serenity in witnessing all of us celebrate you from high above. Love you always!!!

Natalie & Codie & Peyton Williams - June 03, 2022 at 01:08 PM

JH

“ Ron always had a smile on his face and was a pure joy as part of the Buford Community. His love and caring for others will be missed greatly. Fly high kind sir! Jonathan Holmes

Jonathan Holmes - June 03, 2022 at 05:21 AM

RC

“ So many memories of Captain Ron throughout all the years that I’ve known him. His pleasant demeanor was common and his wit was spontaneous and delightful. I remember him showing me his collection of walking canes that he amassed, he would on occasion show me a new wood carving he was hand-crafting and not to forget, his collection of egg carvings, which not only were out of this world spectacular, but knowing that these works of art were skillfully created by him totally blew my mind. Ron’s stories kept you intrigued, his jokes were unexpected but the bottom line was that he would also listen to every word I spoke and if I got sidetracked or forgot what I was talking about, he would remind me exactly where I left off. Ron was a very well-mannered gentleman that never let something or someone get him down. Heaven has gained a first class Angel..!!

Robert Conklin - June 02, 2022 at 07:05 PM

NC

“ I’m not able to share just one memory because there are so many. Captain Ron as I remember him always made me feel like I belonged. His smile was infectious and his sense of humor was on point. He was a gentleman and a scholar. He pulled you in with his stories of his past experiences. I will miss Captain Ron and I wish we met sooner so I could have been in his presence longer. I will continue to love Petey and make sure she’s doing well. Until we meet again Captain Ron please keep things in order up there.

Nancy Conklin - June 02, 2022 at 03:03 PM

JP

“ I loved Ron’s sweet endearing smile and wonderful disposition!! Sympathies a bd prayers for the family!!

Josephine Phillips - June 02, 2022 at 02:34 PM

NS

“ Ron you will be truly missed coming into my Verizon store. I remember back in about 2015 when we met for the first time. I helped you and Mom out with your new phones. After that first interaction, I gained a customer and another set of parents. As the years went on you and mom would come back to see me at Verizon. You shared with me your next projects with your wood pieces and you would share your stories about being in the Navy. I know Mom will miss you too. The Lord is saying welcome home my good and faithful servant! You may enter in the gates of heaven. Mom I love you and I am here for you and family. God bless your son "Nate" (Verizon)

Nate Smith - June 02, 2022 at 12:35 PM

DL

“ We will always remember the great love Ron had for Dianne. Ron was truly a gentle and loving soul. May you rest in peace until we meet again. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Dan and Jerrye Lail - June 02, 2022 at 11:54 AM