



Ronald Joseph Vieira

December 25, 1936 - October 17, 2018

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12/25/1936 – 10/17/2018

Ronald Joseph Vieira was born on December 25, 1936 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he picked up his first trumpet at the age of four.

His mother, Doris Fortier, was French and his father, Joseph Vieira, was Portuguese. As a young boy, Ronnie played trumpet in the New Bedford “Festival Band”.

Ronnie graduated from New Bedford High School and attended the New England Conservatory where he studied the trumpet and the Flugelhorn. After graduating in 1958, Ronnie moved to Washington, D.C. to join the Air Force and became a member of the “Airman of Note”.

After the completion of his Air Force enlistment, Ronnie joined the faculty of the Fairfax County Public School System, he was a “Band Director.” where he passed on his passion for music to his students for over 20 years. Teacher by day, musician at night, music was Ronnie’s world. Ronnie was a member of The Federation of Musicians for many years. Ronnie leaves behind a reputation in the Greater Washington music arena as being one of the best, and a fun guy to work with. His legacy includes playing in the Washington Redskins band, and when the Ringling Bros. Circus was in town, you could find him in the band section, trumpet in hand.

Ronnie played trumpet professionally in DC/MD and Virginia with The Gene Donati Orchestra. He played for JFKs inauguration. He also played at the Kennedy Center; Shady Grove Music Fair; Wolf Trap, the Circus and Ice Capades. The list goes on and on. In 1997, at a John Signorello Concert in Vienna, Virginia, Ronnie met Nancy Molner through mutual musician friends, Anne Marie and Carroll Skinner. Ronnie and Nancy were married in 1998 in Annapolis, MD. Since that time, Nancy and Ronnie have resided in Baltimore, MD in the Federal Hill neighborhood.

Ronnie is survived by his wife Nancy Molner Vieira of Baltimore, Maryland; daughter Sophia Edmunds and her husband Thomas of Mechanicsville, Virginia; step children Sandra Passera and her husband Alan, Caroline Kardaras, Stephanie Lee and her husband John and the late Cynthia Gordon. two grandchildren Katie and Lauren Caldwell.

Ronnie is also survived by his sister, Beverly Flaherty of Glastonbury, Conn. Also survived by many other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel, 204 Lee Avenue, Fort Myer VA 22211. On Wednesday at 1:00pm followed by entombment of cremains in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the services will be limited to 10 people in the chapel.

Arrangements by Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home, Inc., 1501 E. Fort Avenue, Locust Point MD 21230

Additional information and Tribute site may be viewed at <http://www.charleslstevenfuneralhome.com>

Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA, 22211

Events

MAY **Service** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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Comments



“ I will miss you Ronnie, you always took the time to chat with me about the O's and the Ravens sharing you insight and tidbits. Love that as neighbors we shared a passion for our hometown teams.

lisa - November 16, 2018 at 05:57 AM



“ Nancy, my memories of Tonnie go back to when I was a little girl and he would come and visit my mom and dad. Sometimes they would play music together but often they would laugh and share stories together. When I grew up and became a teacher at Greenbrier Elementary school guess who was the band director! It was your husband, Ronnie. He and I had so much fun together along with another group of teachers who would always meet early in the morning for coffee in the library. There, Ronnie would regale us with the funniest stories and we would always start our day a little bit better when Ronnie Was in the school. My mom and dad always really loved him and considered him one of their very best friends. My father, Sy Zucker, as always respected and really loved Ronnie I have many memories of meeting the two of them at the stained glass pub in Rockville for pizza!
It is hard to imagine that he is not on this earth with us any longer; however, I know he is playing his trumpet in Heaven, singing with my mom, and looking down on you and all his family and friends.
God bless you!



Melanie Stanley - November 06, 2018 at 06:14 AM



“ I met Ronnie at the Shady Grove Theater many many years ago and we became good friends.

We worked several jobs in the Baltimore and DC area together.

It was a lot of laughs working with Ronnie in the Gene Donati Orchestra. We traveled many miles by plane and bus to play Gene's jobs and always had a good time.

Nelly and I send our deepest sympathies to Nancy and your family at this sad time.

Rest in peace, Ronnie. You will be thought of often.

Bob and Nelly Barrett

Robert Barrett - October 28, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ You will be greatly missed Dad! I'll miss hearing your voice on the other end of the phone, and our visits with you in Maryland. Thank you for all the memories that I'll always treasure. I love you and will see you again some day!



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Sophia Edmunds - October 28, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear Nancy and Family,

We are so sad to hear that Ronnie has passed. We have many memories of Ronnie coming to our house to visit with my dad. We remember his passion for high-end shopping in the DC Metro area, eating good food, teaching music, playing the trumpet, and talking about his daughter, Sophia, his family, and his friends.

He did makes us smile and laugh. We can remember Ronnie sharing a story about going to a restaurant and telling the waitress to "hurry up" with the order because he had to operate in an hour. HAHAHAA.

As we look as his birthday, we remember that he was born on Christmas Day - another example of his uniqueness. I recall Ronnie sharing that with us.

He was always patient with us even when we had a lot of questions to ask him.

We know that he enjoyed coming over to our house to eat and visit with my mom and hang out with my dad. When he met Nancy, he brought her over to meet my mom so they could get to know each other while he and my dad talked. We could tell that this was important to him.

The memories are good and we are certain that Ronnie is in a better place.

God Bless him.

We will miss him.

Tina and Meg Barrett

Rima Barrett - October 28, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ Dear Grampie,

You we're an amazing grampie! I had so much fun with you down in Baltimore. I will cherish those memories forever!!! God knew it was time for you to come home. He has a plan for everyone and this was all apart of yours. I miss you sooo much! Until we see each other again... I love you! - Katie



Katie Caldwell - October 24, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ You were the best Grampy anyone could have! I will always remember all the wonderful memories in Maryland we had together. Even though you are no longer with us, I will always cherish you forever in my heart. We are never ready for a loved one to pass but god is good and knew he had to call you home. I am going to miss you greatly but I know you are now safe I'm Heaven. Now you can play the Trumpet in peace. I love you and will miss you greatly. - Lauren



Lauren C. - October 23, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ You were the best Grampy anyone could have! I will always remember all the memories we had together in Maryland. Even though you are no longer with us you will forever be cherished in my heart. I know that now you are in a much better place with the Lord. You can now play the trumpet in peace, Love you very much and will miss you - Lauren



Lauren C. - October 23, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Ronnie, I will always miss you. When I think back, on the 20 years we shared, I remember your loving smile and the joy you brought into my life.

Your loving Wife Nancy



Nancy Vieira - October 23, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ I worked a good number of times with Ronnie in Gene Donati's band.

He was always ready to play and also ready to have some laughs.

A good guy to hang out with;

i know that life "goes on," but he is one guy that I will not forget

Billy Barrick

Billy Barrick - October 22, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ Julie Kilduff lit a candle in memory of Ronald Joseph Vieira



julie kilduff - October 21, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ May beautiful memories bring you strength at this difficult time.
With Sincere Sympathy, the Kilduff family

Julie Kilduff - October 21, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ We will always have great memories of your happy and cheerful personality. We will cherish fondly all the wonderful memories. You will be miss greatly. You smile will always endure. You were a terrific brother-in-law and good to my sister. Ron, we will remember your smile, cherish our moments together, and find comfort in your memory. Love always, Jim and Nora

Jim Molner - October 21, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ Bob Pomerleau is following this tribute.

Bob Pomerleau - October 21, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ Aunt Nancy, so sorry for your loss with the passing of Uncle Ronnie. We will miss his jubilant and vivacious personality. He was the epitome of a true entertainer and showman. His musical talents were second to none. Rest in peace Uncle Ronnie. Love always, Nancy, Chris, Katherine, and Andrew xoxoxox

Nancy Molner - October 21, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ Ronnie and I have been fellow musicians for many years in the DC and Baltimore areas. I really got to know Ronnie when we sat next to each other in the Gene Donati Orchestra for more than twenty-five years. Later we were together again on the Frankie Condon Band and the Bob Barrett Brass Quartet. Ronnie was an interestingly humorous guy who was always fun to be around on the job. One of his favorite sayings: “Ya gotta eat!” will make me smile for years. Rest easy, my friend.
Red Arwood

Red Arwood - October 21, 2018 at 05:21 PM



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Bob Pomerleau - October 21, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was a talented and kind man. We especially enjoyed our visits with you both and learning of all the wonderful experiences and adventures his music took him on. He will be missed. We are here for you Aunt Nancy.
Love you xo Kate & Pete (and kids)

Kate Guinan - October 21, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ Rest In Peace dear friend. Sharing the many bandstands and making music with you brings back memories of fun and laughs I'll cherish always. My very sincere condolences to Nancy and family. You'll be missed by all you touched with your music and talent.

Bob Pomerleau - October 21, 2018 at 01:43 AM



“ When I think of Ronnie what I remember is his smile and laugh. He always made the gigs fun and (even the dumbest ones) more tolerable with his stories and jokes. When I knew we would be working together I planned ahead to have some "material" for him because I knew he would have some "whoppers" of his own. I'm glad we kept in touch over these last few years even though we weren't able to get together as much as I would have liked.

So Ronnie, R I P my friend and know that you will be missed and your memory will bring smiles to the faces of those who knew and loved you.

Jack Wolfe, Harbeson, Delaware

Jack Wolfe - October 20, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ I am very sorry about the passing of your husband Ronnie and want to extend my heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and your family. I pray God will comfort you and bring you peace and wonderful memories. May God keep you in his loving care.

Joann and Jim Wilkins



Joann - October 20, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ To my loving Brother Ronnie from your Sister Beverly. He always called me Bev. We shared the music talent but laughed as I dance in competition with Fred Astaire Studio and Ronnie said he had two left feet but his rhythm was in his soul. Although we live many miles apart we always spoke on the phone and spoke of the many fun times and pranks when we were kids. I will miss you and you are in my prayers. Rest in Peace my Love.

Beverly Flaherty - October 22, 2018 at 06:17 PM