



Ronald Boston

May 30, 1936 - August 16, 2021

Master Sergeant Ronald E. Boston of South Toledo passed away peacefully at his home on Monday August 16, 2021, surrounded by his family. He was born May 30, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, the third of five children born to Blandford and Florence Boston.

Ron attended St. Catherine's school until 1950, then Central Catholic High School, graduating with the class of 1954. An excellent athlete, Ron played football on the 1951 CYO championship team, and if you come to the visitation, you can see his championship jersey.

Ron was adventurous from a young age. He crisscrossed the country summers during high school, and managed, through a combination of hitchhiking and riding the rails, to visit all four corners of the continental United States during the summer between his Junior and Senior year. A daredevil, Ron made the suicide dive into Centennial Quarry, and enjoyed white water rafting, skydiving, and parasailing, and didn't slow down as he aged. At 83, Ron jumped without hesitation into the world's second largest Blue Hole in the Bahamas. Ron continued to travel, finding a companion in his brother John. Together they toured the United States, visiting family and friends from Ohio to California and beyond, taking turns driving, and sleeping most nights in the Scamp, a camper they towed behind John's Toyota. The two, well into their 80s, attempted to kayak the entire Maumee River, and while that effort was thwarted at Antwerp, Ohio, no one doubts they will finish it in the afterlife. We could tell you more stories about Ron's adventures but won't tell since its not

clear if the statute of limitations has expired.

Ron loved and served his country. After high school, Ron followed in his brother John's footsteps, joining the U.S. Marine Corps. After basic training at Paris Island, he went to Red Hook for parachute training, and spent the remainder of his time as a Marine at various California bases. After his enlistment in the Marine Reserves, he joined the Ohio Air National Guard. He served for 34 years in the Air National Guard in Toledo. His service included a combat deployment to Panama as part of Operation Just Cause. Ron retired from the Guard in 1991 as Master Sergeant (E7). While he had several post-Guard careers, including stints as a Toledo public school bus driver and a Sears hardware expert, he spent much of his time in service. Along with others, he co-founded a non-profit to support service member families: Northwest Ohio Military Friends. Ron provided many family members with keepsakes of their deployed loved ones.

Ron had many interests and could and did many things well. There was not a plant he couldn't grow, and he was generous in sharing his garden's tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers. Ron loved nature and feared no creature. Over the course of his life, Ron's animal companions included a rattlesnake, tarantula, scorpion, alligator, iguana, boa constrictor, as well as the more common household pets like cats and dogs. Ron loved cars and restored his father's 1965 Ford Mustang. Ron and his son Doug showed the car, winning prizes including Judge's Choice and an award of excellence for the restoration. A lover of Harbor Freight, Ron collected the Harbor Freight freebies and shared those as generously as he did his garden bounty. For all his fearless toughness, Ron still managed to be a sweet, kindhearted man. He loved his friends and family and made spending time with them a priority. He saw his Central Catholic friends every first Friday at Shawn's Irish Tavern. He saw Dan more often and traveled to California to visit Denny whenever he could. Ron kept close to his Guard buddies, the Afterburners. In the last several years, he kept company with Sharon, Sherry, and Sue. Neighbor Greta, always kind, was especially generous in Ron's final months,

as were Linda, Deanna, Chuck, Mary, Patrice, Alyssa, and Tracy H. Ron was very active in and supportive of the activities of his children, through the schools they attended, the sports they participated in, and the many Scouting trips and campouts, rain or shine, near or far away. He loved leading tours of the airbase for schools and other civic groups. Dad led by an often-quiet example of respect and compassion for others starting with his wife and children and extending to all he met and worked with or served. He never sought to draw attention to himself. He was also known for a great sense of humor and enjoyed playing friendly pranks on others while graciously accepting the same from others.

Irene Burns was the love of Ron's life. He married her June 13, 1959, and they were together until her death in 2012. They had five sons, including Ron Junior, who preceded them in death. He is also preceded in death by his brothers James and John. Ron is survived by his sons James (Karen), Craig (Georgeana), Doug, and Mark (Barb), grandchildren: Michael, Mary, Matthew, Blake, Michaela, Brent, Rosie, Robert, Andy, Dominic and Mallory, and sisters Karen (Bernie) and Tana (Ron), along with extended family, and many kind and wonderful friends.

The family wishes to thank Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the prayers and support, especially the ministrations of Father Manoj Mammen and Deacon Dan Quinn. And thanks too to the neighbors who showered Ron with love in the form of food, especially sweets which he loved. Memorials of tribute can be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Toledo Central Catholic High School or Northwest Ohio Military Friends.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, August 20 from 2-8 p.m., with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. The funeral will begin at Coyle on Saturday, August 21, at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial with military honors will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Please leave a condolence message and view Ron's video tribute at coylefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

AUG **20**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road
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Mass

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Knew Ron and Irene since my teen years. Shared many enjoyable times with them. Ron was a wonderful person and a gentleman. Very caring and helpful. Loved his family very much. He and his brother stopped in Sacramento California for a night to visit with my husband and myself before going tp Reno to see Bob Stoepler. We had a great time and it was great catching up on his life and family. I will always have fond memories of Ron.
My thoughts and prayers to his family. God Bless. Judi Flint

Judi Flint - August 28, 2021 at 04:52 PM

PP

“ Our deepest sympathy to Doug & all the Boston family. Knew Ron from age 5 when we walked to St. Kate's together. It was a pleasure to know him, Irene and the Boston family. Glad to have seen Ron at the recent Shawn's luncheon. Pat (Kowalski) & Bob Przybylski.

Pat Przybylski - August 21, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ Red Rose Buds (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Ronald Boston.



August 21, 2021 at 03:35 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 19, 2021 at 09:55 PM



What a wonderful man, my husband and I are so sorry for your loss. Sidney and Walter Starks.

Sidney Starks - August 20, 2021 at 11:46 AM

KS

I didn't know him for long but I do remember that he was a sweet heart. Our condolences to the family

Karen Supinski - August 20, 2021 at 01:40 PM

DW

Ron was a wonderful neighbor to our family when we lived on Tully. He was always kind to our children . Our condolences from Donna, Jeff, David and Jennifer Wojtkowiak

Donna Wojtkowiak - August 21, 2021 at 08:25 AM

JF

The video was wonderful and brought back many memories of both Ron and Irene. I've been away from Toledo for so many years that I didn't recognize some of the people. I did visit with Ron and Irene and a few others when I was back visiting my family, the Schlatter's. It was nicely done and showed Ron as the energetic, caring, family minded person that he was, and a friend to all.

Judi Flint - August 28, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 19, 2021 at 02:23 PM

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“ The Eldridge Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald Boston.



The Eldridge Family - August 19, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Boston.



August 19, 2021 at 03:51 AM



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



August 18, 2021 at 11:38 PM



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



August 18, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Doug, my dad and our family send our condolences on your dad's passing. We pray for you and your family, that your grief journey is gentle.*

Penny Presser Goodman - August 18, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Zip and Dianne, Oz and Karen, Keith purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ronald Boston.*



Zip and Dianne, Oz and Karen, Keith - August 18, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Boston.*



August 18, 2021 at 05:08 PM



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



August 18, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Ronald Boston.



August 18, 2021 at 10:52 AM



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



August 18, 2021 at 06:20 AM