



## Ronald Roy Henderson

June 1, 1943 - July 28, 2021

Ronald Roy Henderson, age 78, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, with his wife of 55 years at his bedside. Born on June 1, 1943, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Ron graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1965 and married his wife, Phyllis Schuma of Cleveland, Ohio, that same year. Ron served in the United States Navy as a Supply Corps Officer, with tours of duty in San Juan, Puerto Rico and on the USS Niagara Falls, based in Sasebo, Japan. After his naval career, Ron graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1973. Following graduation, Ron began his law career at the Toledo Legal Aid Society, pursuing his passion for justice and advancement for all. He spent the majority of his legal career as a general practitioner in Downtown Toledo. Ron was an active member of the Toledo Bar Association, serving on many committees over the years. He retired in 2017.

Ron pursued his 50-year love of karate in the Goju Ryu Karate-Do organization. He also was a member of the Bowsher High School Boosters Club and the OSU and USNA Alumni Associations.

Even though Ron loved traveling the world with his wife, he still thought home was the best place to be, watching sports in his La-Z-Boy chair with a German beer and good cigar. He was a big fan of OSU, Navy, and the professional sports teams in Wisconsin. Despite his recent health issues, Ron was

fortunate enough to see the Milwaukee Bucks win the NBA Championship this summer.

Ron's number one passion was his family. He guided his sons, David and Oliver, through their education. His four grandsons, Elliot, Chase, Brandon, and Grant, will always remember Pa Pa as the big joke teller. Ron loved his daughter-in-law, Stefanie Leong, who he affectionately called "DIL 1."

Memorial contributions in Ron's name can be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or to the charity or school of the donor's choice. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a future date. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com <<http://coylefuneralhome.com/>>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rest In Peace Ronnie Boy! You will be missed. My condolences to the entire Henderson family.*  
*A. Joseph Lucarelli, Jr*

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**A Joseph Lucarelli Jr** - August 11, 2021 at 02:32 PM

KT

“ *Oliver, David, Phyllis, and family,*  
*Our sincere condolences to you. I will always remember how excited Ron was to have that rock in your front yard painted with OSU GO Bucks! His supporting presence at so many BHS experiences was a treasure.*

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**Katie Coyle Todd** - August 11, 2021 at 11:21 AM

KC

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**Katie Coyle** - August 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM

RL

“ *Phyllis, David, Oliver and family. We were so very saddened to learn of Ron's passing. He was a fine person, lawyer and volunteer. He was always willing to help at Bowsher back in the day and was a good supporter of my campaigns. He will truly be missed.*

*Rob and Elaine Ludeman*

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**Rob Ludeman** - August 11, 2021 at 10:14 AM

VT

“ *Phyllis, so sorry about Ron, he will be missed dearly. I will forever be grateful for his services to myself and my family in our time of need. Praying for you and the family always. Vanorian and Bryan*

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**Vanorian Taylor** - August 09, 2021 at 11:31 AM

PH

*Thanks Vanorian - he thought the world of you!*

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**PHYLLIS HENDERSON** - August 10, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TM

“ *I will miss Ron. He was a wonderful raconteur of his life experiences, especially those as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy. He loved Phyllis, his family and people. Ron, may God bless your voyage into eternity.*

*Tom Mehelas*

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**Thomas Mehelas, MD** - August 08, 2021 at 08:18 PM

PH

*Ron always talked about how much he loved discussing the Navy with you at his appointments. It was so nice seeing you several weeks ago and your words of admiration for my husband. Thank you for your beautiful post.*

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**PHYLLIS HENDERSON** - August 09, 2021 at 07:39 AM

GU

“ *Phyllis, David, and Oliver, Mary Sue and I are saddened to learn that Ron passed away. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Guy** - August 08, 2021 at 05:32 PM

PH

*We all shared a lot of good times together over the years. The two of you were some of his best friends in Toledo both socially & in the legal community. Ron always had a place in his heart for the two of you!*

**PHYLLIS HENDERSON** - August 09, 2021 at 07:43 AM

TM

*I only meet Ron a few times but found him to be a wonderful fun loving person. My family condolences to the family. He will be truly missed.*

**Thomas McGuire** - August 13, 2021 at 11:14 AM