



Ronald Wayne Edwards

August 1, 1938 - July 15, 2021

Ron W. Edwards passed away on Thursday, July 15th. His burial will take place on Wednesday, July 28, 2 PM at El Toro Memorial Park in Lake Forest, California.

Ron, mi Viejo, was born in Chitenango, New York – birthplace also of L. Frank Baum, the author of the Wizard of Oz. Ron's proudest accomplishment was owning and piloting a hot air balloon. One fine day in May, 1980, he flew from Chitenango to Dallas, Texas to find his Dorothy. From that day forward Ron and Dorothy (Peggy) were forever united.

Ron fathered Christian with Peggy, and Bonnie and Greg with Barbara (his previous wife). Greg died in 2020 – truly breaking Ron's heart. Ron and Barbara's daughter Bonnie gave birth to Eddie Barton, Ashley and Vinny Butera. Eddie fathered three daughters, Kayla, Aria and Elizabeth. Ashley birthed four daughters: Kalashia, Kasialah, Ka'jiera, and Ki'arra. He also helped raise two stepsons, Peggy's son, Steve Sandusky and Barbara's son, Bradd Dietz.

He was a construction inspector, project manager, party chief and surveyor. Several iconic buildings in Southern California, such as the Ziggurat, bore his inspection for perfection.

He was a musician par excellence. He read music as well as played by ear – a rare talent. He played banjo for four bands, but he also played the piano, guitar, ukulele, accordion and harmonica. He was a music instrument collector. He was his high school's lead trumpeter. Ron and Peggy loved to sing together in his twilight years. He could have forgotten what he did five minutes ago, but he never forgot a word from his many favorite tunes.

As a younger man he enjoyed gold prospecting and even took Christian to Alaska on a prospecting mission. He also achieved a small plane pilot's license. He enjoyed target shooting with Christian. He loved his home in San Juan Capistrano, near the ocean, where he and Peggy mediated many a Sunday. He was an insatiable reader, history buff and Civil War specialist. His favorite TV program was "Jeopardy." Crossword puzzles were

his specialty.

Ron loved his pets – our first dog was our amazing guardian German Shepherd, Gretel. Next our beloved American Eskimo, Kaysha. When we moved to Laguna Woods Village, seventeen years ago, we switched to cats: Karma, Bootsy and Chula, with whom he communicated fluently and whose coats shined from his petting.

Ron and Peggy were married for forty years. “He was a good man, always faithful, and an excellent provider. We were a superior partnership. Not a day went by that he didn’t call me beautiful and we both added, ‘I love you.’”

Ron was forever generous, he would U-turn to give to a beggar. In memory of Ron, give generously to street beggars, because, to Ron, they were the neediest. Also, in his name you may donate to his favorite charities: “The Southern Poverty Law Center,” “Doctors Without Borders,” and “St Joseph’s Indian School” and “The Red Cross.”

Cemetery

El Toro Memorial Park
25751 Trabuco Road
Lake Forest, CA, 92630

Events

JUL	Graveside Service	02:00PM - 03:00PM
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Comments



“ by Bradd Dietz

It was my privilege to have Ronald W. Edwards as my step-father for 56 years. His positive influence in my life helped make me what I am today. He was my DAD. His work ethic, family devotion, Faith in God, his humor and wit, Love of life and sense of adventure all played into that influence.

Music was a big one, the records, he played the guitar his playing music helped me to take up music at an early age.

He taught me how to play chess, how to drive and got me started mowing lawns for cash at 12!

He would take me plowing snow with him and I was his wingman and operated the wing of the plow.

We all (my mother,, Bonnie and I) went to Az.in 1967 for several months when he became a surveyor. What a memory.

He owned a camp in the Adirondack mountains it was nothing more then an old school bus converted to a camper that sat on 10 acres of land near the Moose river. He sold part of it to me. We sold it all in 2001.

Greg was born in 1969 and not long after that we moved to Chittenango N.Y. I had to stay with my grandmother from then on because of school but visited them often, especially after he bought into the hot air balloon with Dave Garlock .They made me part of the balloon crew and would operate a cold air fan to start the inflation then Ron or Dave would heat the air with the burners. What an honor to have that job and to get to fly in the balloon. I flew 5 times with Ron -- .lots of balloon stories in the three years they owned it. And I learned a lot too.

Ron helped me in many ways over the years with advise and wisdom. Before he left for Texas to find work and a new life I got to give a Bible to him that he appreciated and read.

I could write a lot more on the positive effect he had on me over the years. It was a good thing that he went to Texas and met Peggy and I got to visit several times and once when Mary and I, with the three boys came out on greyhound bus, we decided to buy a VW bus to return with and Ron loaned us the money and that was another adventure I credit him with!

I believe he lived as long as he did because he had the love and care of Peggy, Steve and Christian

Dorothy Edwards - August 01 at 07:21 PM



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Dorothy Edwards - July 28 at 09:01 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Service



Dorothy Edwards - July 28 at 08:58 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Steve Sandusky - July 27 at 01:18 PM



“ Ron, your encouragement and support helped make me who I am today. Mary and I miss you and loved our time with you. Thank you for the meals, the music, the poetry recitation... (Robert Service!
“There are strange things done in the midnight sun
By the men who moil for gold;
The Arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold”)

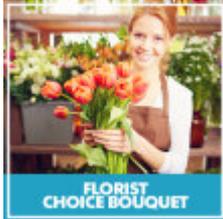
Love you,

Steve & Mary

Steve Sandusky - July 27 at 01:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Wayne Edwards.



July 27 at 12:14 PM



“ Viejo, after a lovely meditation at Dana Point beach with me and our beautiful, American Eskimo dog -- left a smile on his face:-)

Dorothy Edwards - July 24 at 10:56 AM



“ "Ronald Wayne Edwards was a very friendly person.
I would always remember his friendly smile whenever
I would go to visit Peggy."

Daya Shankar-Fischer

Daya Shankar-Fischer - July 27 at 02:43 PM