



Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.

November 21, 1946 - February 8, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Ronald G. Bettini Sr. of Cordova, MD, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, who passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

Ron was born on November 21, 1946, in Springfield, Massachusetts, to the late Fermo G. and Jacqueline (Wolf) Bettini. He was the eldest of four siblings—JoAnne, Michael, and the late Stephen—and shared a lifelong bond with his family.

A graduate of Cathedral High School, Ron pursued his passion for engineering, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Western New England College in 1968. He later went on to earn his Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1972.

Throughout his distinguished career, Ron became a highly respected aerospace engineer specializing in Thermal Engineering. He contributed to groundbreaking projects, including the Hubble Space Telescope, held a patent, authored numerous scientific articles, and developed an experiment that was launched into space aboard the Space Shuttle. His work had a profound and lasting impact on the aerospace field, and he was immensely proud of his contributions to advancing technology.

Beyond his professional achievements, Ron was a private pilot and loved spending time with family and friends. He shared a passion for travel with his wife, Nancy, and was an avid technology enthusiast and lifelong learner, often reading two or three books at a time on a wide range of subjects.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Nancy; his stepdaughter, Kathleen K. Barry, and her husband Jack Barry; his stepson, Frank X. O'Connor Jr., and his wife Kate O'Connor; and his son, Ron Bettini Jr., and his wife Maria Bettini. He was deeply proud of his four grandchildren—John Barry and his wife Morgane Barry, Julie Barry McHugh and her husband Pete McHugh, Frank O'Connor III, and Amalia Bettini. Ron is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews: Robert, Andy, Jimmy, Christie, Jessica, Paul, Antonio, Melani, Emily, Elizabeth, Nicola, Sophia, and Mya. Ron was a devoted family man, with his family always at the center of his heart.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD, on Sunday, February 23, 2025, with a visitation from 1:00- 2:00 pm and a service following beginning at 2:00pm. Burial will follow for family members only.

Ron Bettini Sr. will be remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for the love, kindness, and warmth he shared with everyone around him. His legacy of compassion and strength will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May he rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601, or Arcadia of Easton, 400 Dutchman's Lane, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AT

“ *Amy Todd lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.*



Amy Todd - March 06, 2025 at 02:54 PM

TR

“ *Nancy and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of John.*

Tracey Roy - March 06, 2025 at 11:17 AM

CW

“ *Cleora Wheedleton lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.*



Cleora Wheedleton - February 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..*



February 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..*



February 19, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Ron was so pleasant and easy to be around. I will never forget his kindness to our mother Jane Griffith and along with Nancy his love, inclusiveness and generous spirit with the entire family. He especially enjoyed his 4 grandchildren and brought technology to them at an early stage in their lives. (Ie, They could all beat me at any computer game by age 5.). I also enjoyed discussing politics with Ron who kept up with current events in the US and the world. There are so many memories of sharing Xmas with Ron, Nancy and family—too numerous to describe—and Ron was always welcoming and gracious. I will miss him. May you rest In peace and love Ron. Pat*

Patricia Griffith - February 16, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..*



February 16, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..

February 16, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..



February 15, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..

February 15, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Michael Tooke lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.*



Michael Tooke - February 15, 2025 at 07:14 AM



Thank you.

Nancy Bettini - February 15, 2025 at 03:55 PM



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ML

“ Margaret And Don Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.



Margaret and Don Lyons - February 15, 2025 at 02:16 AM

ML

We are sending a contribution to Talbot Hospice in memory of Ron Bettini.

Margaret and Don Lyons - February 15, 2025 at 02:19 AM

NB

Thank you.

Nancy Bettini - February 15, 2025 at 03:57 PM

PL

“ We are sorry to lose a brother in law, who was everything described in the obituary. Ron and Nancy travelled with us often on many adventures that we enjoyed together. From England to Ireland to Wales, to the Canary Islands, Hawaii, Australia, Mexico multiple times, and more! We will miss our travel with him. We are sad to lose Ron but glad he can finally rest in peace..🙏❤️ Hugs and love to my sister who did everything possible to make his last days the best possible. Sister Peg and husband, Don Lyons~

Peggy and Don Lyons - February 15, 2025 at 01:44 AM

NB

Thank you both so much. Ron Sr. and I loved traveling to so many beautiful places with you and Don. Thank you for your kind words, love and support.❤️

Nancy Bettini - February 15, 2025 at 03:59 PM

AG

“ you were the sweetest man you will be missed dearly . From alyson from Arcadia ❤️

alyson g - February 14, 2025 at 02:40 PM

NB

Alyson. You took excellent care of Ron Sr. while he was at Arcadia from 7/30/2024 to 2/8/2025. You always had a beautiful smile when you answered the door for visitors. You were part of an excellent team caring for so many residents. I could name so many care givers, but they know who they were. Sarah was a wonderful day to day manager and Shannon Daisey, Director of Administration is at the top of my list as she introduced Arcadia to me as the best place to have my loving husband cared for with all the angels working there.

Nancy Bettini - February 15, 2025 at 04:08 PM

CT

“ Thinking of Ron today and his peaceful, loving demeanor. He had a warm smile, a love of food and travel, and most importantly a love of his family. He is missed ❤️. I hope the many happy memories shared over the years will bring the family comfort. It's always hard to lose the good ones!

Christie T - February 14, 2025 at 01:24 PM

NB

Thank you Chris. We loved sharing time with you and your family either here in Maryland or in California. Ron Sr. loved his family more than anything. We will share happy memories in the future. ❤️

Nancy Bettini - February 15, 2025 at 04:12 PM

AB

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you all during this sad time, Ronald was such a loving brother in law to me and Uncle to Mya. in honor of Ronald, the memorial tree will be planted from Mya and myself. love, Allyson and Mya

allysonbettini - February 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

NB

Allyson and Mya thank you. Ron Sr. and I fell in love with Mya when we visited and she was a beautiful infant. You have always been a part of our family and we loved all of you. ❤️

Nancy Bettini - February 15, 2025 at 04:14 PM

AB

“ Allyson B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..

Allyson B. - February 13, 2025 at 09:34 AM

SW

“ Sally Worm lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.



Sally Worm - February 12, 2025 at 05:54 PM

JH

“ Jessica, Yash, Ella, and Meera Hanspal purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..



Jessica, Yash, Ella, and Meera Hanspal - February 12, 2025 at 11:44 AM

JH

“ Jessica, Yash, Ella, and Meera Hanspal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr..

Jessica, Yash, Ella, and Meera Hanspal - February 12, 2025 at 11:44 AM

LB

“ Lauren & Bill lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.



Lauren & Bill - February 12, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ Lisa Blanchfield lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.



Lisa Blanchfield - February 12, 2025 at 08:01 AM

NB

Thank you.

Nancy Bettini - February 12, 2025 at 08:16 AM

TJ

“ *Tina Jones lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.*



Tina Jones - February 11, 2025 at 11:10 PM

NB

Thank you.

Nancy Bettini - February 12, 2025 at 08:17 AM

JT

“ *Joan Toms lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gerald Bettini Sr.*



Joan Toms - February 10, 2025 at 11:31 AM