



Ronald Thomas Miranda

August 22, 1946 - November 24, 2016

Ronald T. Miranda of Fort Jones died on November 24, 2016 at the age of 70, on the island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. Ron was born in 1946 in Rockford, Illinois. The son of John DiBella and Connie Chipalla, he was raised by his mother and “father” Ben Miranda.

Ron grew up in Ontario, California and graduated from Chaffey High School. In 1966, Ron was drafted into the U.S. Army and sent to Vietnam, where he worked in EOD (Explosive Ordnance Detail) as a munitions technician. Upon his discharge, he returned to work in the family construction business until 1975, when he joined the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department. In 1977, he was hired by the California Highway Patrol, where he had a long and distinguished career. Ron worked in the Baldwin Park and Ontario/Rancho Cucamonga offices before transferring to the Yreka office in 1997. Over the years, Ron worked a lot of positions within the CHP and was an instructor at the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department academy for eight years. Twice he was recognized as the Officer of the Year. Existing case law regarding the arrest of DUI suspects based on circumstantial evidence of driving, known as “in or about a motor vehicle” was created based on an arrest he made in 1985.

In 1982, he met and fell in love with his soulmate, Jerelyn. They were married in 1998 at their home in Fort Jones. Ron and Jerelyn were inseparable; if you

saw one of them, you'd most likely see the other. Together they were world travelers who never tired of seeing new places, meeting new people and embracing new cultures. They loved cruising and road trips. He was a gourmet chef that loved to cook and enjoyed feeding everyone. He loved his wife, his family, his friends and his country, but he especially loved being "Poppa."

Ron was a dedicated supporter of our 2nd Amendment Rights, a Benefactor member of the NRA and loved the shooting sports. For the past eight years, he was a committee member of the Siskiyou County Friends of NRA, acting as Chairman for the past three years, and leading the committee to its Highest Caliber status in its 20 year history.

Ron is survived by his wife, Jerelyn; one son, Anthony Miranda of Carson City, Nevada; two stepsons, Tom Albers of Santa Monica, California and Mike Albers of Austin, Texas; an "adopted" daughter, Amy Spaulding of Lake Forest, California; four grandsons, U.S. Airman Tristin Albers, Brandon Miranda, Dakota Miranda and Zachary Miranda, and a granddaughter, AnnaBella Albers. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Chamberlain, and a brother, Ben Miranda.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Miners Inn Convention Center in Yreka.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (PT)

Miners Inn Convention Center
238 N. Main Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

Leonie Last

“ Leonie Last purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ronald Thomas Miranda.



Leonie Last - December 14, 2016 at 08:18 PM

Leonie Last

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Leonie Last - December 14, 2016 at 06:57 PM

Leonie
Last

“ *In loving memory of Ron, a true gentleman, kind and considerate, who added humour and light - heartedness to our travels. We first met Ron and Jeri who were our dining companions on the Volendam, on a cruise from Kobe, Japan to Vancouver in 2009. We had such fun relating our adventures at the end of each day that we developed a lasting friendship. We'd meet each evening for a pre-dinner drink in one of the lounges before going to the dining room for a very elegant dinner and then walk the length of the ship to the show - lovely memories.*

At the end of the cruise Pete and I hired a motor home to drive to our son in San Jose CAL and took up Jeri and Ron's invitation to call in to their home near Fort Jones. It was a memorable visit spending the night there, enjoying their hospitality, Ralph's comments, the lovely countryside and leaving a damaged post at their bridge - sorry!

Our next meeting with Ron and Jeri was when they picked us up from Penn station New York in 2011 and we spent a few days there with them. We went west across the US before returning home to Geelong Australia and they went east to do a tour of Britain.

Then in 2015 we were again delighted to be dining companions on a 33 day cruise of the Mediterranean, meeting up with Ron and Jeri in Barcelona before boarding the Zuiderdam. What a fabulous trip that was and while we largely did our own things during the day we had a great time listening to each other's accounts of the day's events over dinner. Walking the wall in Dubrovnik remains a very fond memory. Our farewell dinner with you in Rome was significant too. So our last memory of Ron was saying our goodbyes at your hotel in Rome.

It was extremely sad news for us to hear of Ron's passing as you were enjoying yet another cruise, but he certainly was doing what he loved to do, and Jeri was there at his passing on a beautiful beach in the Caribbean. Unbelieving and heartbroken we have come to accept the news.

Jeri, we can't make it to the memorial service but we send our warmest love and hugs to you at this sad time. You have our support even though we're distant from you. Perhaps when you feel up to it we can arrange further travels with you.

Much love from Leonie and Pete.

Leonie Last - December 14, 2016 at 06:52 PM

MW

“ To The Miranda Family:

I had known Ron since 1980 when I began serving at the former Ontario office of the California Highway Patrol. I can HONESTLY say that he and I NEVER had a bad day between us or EVER shared any animosity toward one another. He would give you the shirt off his back! My wife (Carolyn) and I were most FORTUNATE to have spent time with Ron and Jeri, when they visited our home here in Slidell, Louisiana. We broke bread together at Olive Garden and retreated back to the house to share old memories. We were ALL in the same squad during the Los Angeles Riots in 1992, wherein Jerilynn captured my alias "Super Looter" in graphics. (Smile)

It is going to HARD to not to be able to share in conversation with Ron again on this side of eternity. I am so THANKFUL the Lord allowed us to meet and to enjoy a friendship over 36 years! Be encouraged, family, that the Lord makes no mistakes and will sustain you in this time of sorrow. Some people you could go a lifetime and better off to have NEVER met. Ron definitely was NOT in the aforementioned category. May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you ALL!

*Michael Williams
"Huggy Bear"*

Michael Williams - December 14, 2016 at 03:25 PM

JM

Love you Mike

Jeri Miranda - December 14, 2016 at 08:13 PM

TG

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Trini Gonzales - December 13, 2016 at 03:40 PM

TG

Ontario Area Squad Club Christmas party 12/93.

Trini Gonzales - December 13, 2016 at 03:42 PM

TB

“ *Go rest high on that mountain... Praying for comfort through this time...*

Tiffany Miranda Baugh - December 13, 2016 at 01:17 PM

PB

“ *Phillip, Tiffany, Cory And Elijah Baugh lit a candle in memory of Ronald Thomas Miranda*



Phillip, Tiffany, Cory and Elijah Baugh - December 13, 2016 at 01:12 PM

DK

“ *Dave Klaas lit a candle in memory of Ronald Thomas Miranda*



Dave Klaas - December 13, 2016 at 06:56 AM

LP

“ One of our visits when Ron and Jerry found themselves on the east coast. I always looked forward to our visits. Ron and I had our disagreements and found ourselves on different sides of an argument. Welcome to life. But the respect that we had for each others service to this country, to the state and to the people of both transcended everything else. He will be truly missed and will always be a happy memory and comforting friend.



Les Page - December 13, 2016 at 06:05 AM

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Trini Gonzales - December 12, 2016 at 10:22 PM

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Photo taken at end of Graduation Ceremony in the gym at CHP Academy.

Trini Gonzales - December 12, 2016 at 10:28 PM

KB

I worked for Jeri at Advanced America in Yreka and when she and Ron took a well deserved vacation, I had the honor of taking care of Ralph. Ralph and I spent a lot of time "talking," and I taught him a few phrases just for Ron. Being the good sport that he was Ron could always laugh over this. I miss this really good guy.....

Kate Bouré - December 13, 2016 at 09:57 AM



I was Ron's roommate in the academy. I'm sitting to his right.

Joe Morrison - January 03, 2017 at 05:21 PM