



Ronald Walter Barnes

December 16, 2024

Ronald Walter Barnes (Ron) peacefully passed away in Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital on Monday 16th December 2024. Beloved by family and friends. Rest in peace.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Matt, Julia's nephew.*

I met Ron in India. I had gone there to explore the country and, hearing my aunt (Julia) was in Goa with her new Canadian lumberjack boyfriend 🇨🇦, I headed down the coast from Mumbai to see them.

My first impression of Ron was his frame - I rarely meet people taller than me but this was an exception; he was already approaching 90 and so would have been even bigger as a young man when he was felling trees - a lumberjack stereotype if ever there was one!

Ron was friendly and very welcoming and was soon making us chuckle, playing his ukelele. Ron loved music and the jazz band at the end of his service was such a fitting tribute and a great way to celebrate him.

Like Julia, Ron was the adventurous type and had travelled the world and they continued to do just that together. It was wonderful to get messages from them whether it be from Toronto or driving round the USA in an RV, they always seemed to be having fun and living the life they love, an inspiration to us all.

Matt Rogers - February 11, 2025 at 05:03 AM

SU

“ Josh and I will never forget Ron! We so looked forward to hearing his inspiring life stories every weekend at Grossman’s where we share Ron and Julia’s table - hearing about house building, narrow boats in England (Julia, I have that straight now), life in India, and so much more. Ron cheered us with his singing, his ‘dressing-up’ at holiday events, and made us laugh - particularly with weekend updates when Julia was away about the alarmingly increasing quantity of carrots he kept being sent for dinner by Meals-on-Wheels, despite his strong aversion to them. Apparently Julia was going to be surprised by a freezer-full of carrots when she returned. We miss you, Ron, and are so glad you were our friend. With love, Susan and Josh.



Susan - December 31, 2024 at 02:49 PM

RB

“ I don't have a lot of pictures of Grandpa to share, even though I have hundreds in my mind. From the early 80s when he and Dad were building sailboats next door, to the last 35 years when he would roll through for a visit, Ron left behind all great memories of song and laughter. In the last seven years, Ron and Julia would do video calls with Bruce and Carol, Valerie and Byron in Montana, Brandon in Texas, and Rob and Sarah in Georgia. I hope he and Dad are reunited in heaven, and I hope to see them someday again!
-Rob

Pictured:

Julia Knowler

Ronald Walter Barnes

Bruce Walter Barnes

Carol Leanne Barnes

Robert Walter Barnes

Valerie (Ruth-Anne) Barnes Meador

Brandon Michael Barnes



Rob Barnes - December 31, 2024 at 10:25 AM

GS

“ 10 files added to the album *Ron Goa and England*



Glen de Souza - December 30, 2024 at 05:58 AM

GS

“ Where does one start with Mr Ronald Walter Barnes. I met Ron while loitering in the wilds of Goa India around 2011, and it will come as no surprise that we bonded over music. As I played guitar and we sang, we would while the Goan afternoons on the veranda singing songs, while quenching our thirsts with quantities of a well known Danish or Dutch teas (Carlsberg and Heineken) as we liked to call them. Many a happy time was spent shooting the breeze, tales of his past endeavors during his varied and interesting life, plus there were always the parties, which included sing alongs, jokes and general bonhomie of the various characters there.

Then when the winter in Goa was over Ron would come to England and begin a canal journey in his narrow boat negotiating something like 150 locks over 170 miles from near Manchester to little Venice in the heart of London, and most of it by himself - quite an achievement for a single person, but remember he was doing this in his eighties !! I was fortunate to be able to join him for short parts of his journey, either en route or cycle down to visit him while he was moored in London

Well as time takes its toll, he decided that the narrow boat was too much and so that was sold, as he moved back to Canada, and since then we always managed to catch up for long chats, but the wit, humor was always there

Well dear friend with that I say fond farewell; they say travel broadens the mind, and you were a wonderful example, and inspiration. Adios amigo - Glen

Glen de Souza - December 30, 2024 at 04:54 AM



“ I have only known Ron for the last few years as he was, as I am, a regular at Saturday afternoon jazz at Grossman's Tavern to hear the Happy Pals. Whenever I talked to him, I learned something new and interesting. Reading his ronpredicts.com blog, I learned about such diverse subjects as thorium, Cavendish bananas, and house building. Thank you Ron.

December 29, 2024 at 01:55 PM



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December 29, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Ron was a one of a kind gentleman; we are going to miss him on our Saturdays at Grossman's. We'll also miss those twinkley eyes that always framed a huge smile that lit up the room. His sincere friendliness could be a lesson for all.

Love & memories,
Ruth & Hugh Armstrong

Hugh & Ruth Armstrong - December 28, 2024 at 01:47 PM

NK

“ I have fond memories of Ron from my visit to Toronto in 2023. Funny, kind, knowledgeable (especially on music), great fun and extremely good for his age with such a positive outlook on life. I am so thankful my dear Aunt Julia got to spend those fun years travelling with this wonderful man. RIP dear Ron - an inspiration to us all. ❤️



Natasha Knowler - December 23, 2024 at 04:20 AM

CL

“ Ron was a big supporter of live music. He knew the words to every song and never shied away from singing. He always expressed his joy and loved sharing the experience of music with everyone. I will miss sitting at his table on Saturdays.
Thank you, Ron, for your openness and friendship.
Courtney Lake

Courtney Lake - December 21, 2024 at 10:53 AM

NL

“ Ron was a man who has done wondrous things in his life with great stories. Always a smile and always accepting of everyone. He loved Julia, he loved listening to music and singing along and loved creating his websites and blogs will miss his predictions. Rest in peace Ron you be missed and always remembered. Will have a piece of cake for you.



Love always
Nancy and Patrick

Nancy and Patrick Lynch - December 18, 2024 at 11:01 AM