



Ronald Wesley Livingston

November 21, 1951 - July 21, 2020

Ron Livingston of Lawrenceville, GA was Promoted To Glory on Tuesday July 21, 2020 at the age of 68. He battled cancer valiantly for 2 years before peacefully passing at home surrounded by family.

Ron was a lifelong member of The Salvation Army. His earliest days were spent at the New Kensington, PA corps as a sixth generation Salvationist. There he discovered his love of music, mentored by Bandmaster Ken Luyk Sr., and made lifelong friends. In August of 1970, he met the love of his life, Sheila, at a teen church function. To celebrate their love of one another and the Christmas holiday, they married on Christmas Eve one year later. In 1972, Ron and Sheila began training to become ordained ministers for The Salvation Army. Their training took place at The College for Officer Training, in Suffern, NY. After 15 years, Ron and his wife retired from the ministry. Ron went on to become a CFRE in pursuit of his passion - raising money for non-profit organizations.

Born with a natural talent for music, Ron became a gifted performer, always working to perfect his craft. He shared that gift with multitudes of people through teaching and performances. He began his musical journey at the age of 5, learning to play the cornet. He attended Carnegie Mellon for musical performance. He continued his love of music playing with many prestigious groups including The New York Staff Band and The Southern Territorial Band. He started many young people on their own musical journey, leading the youth band, and even leading a musical conservatory at the Lawrenceville Corps.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Sarah Livingston. He is survived by his devoted wife Sheila Livingston of 49 years. His four children, daughter Jennifer Walker, "son-in-love" Scott Walker, son Jason Livingston, and "daughter-in-love" Angela Livingston. His five grandchildren, Chip and Charlotte Walker, and Lucas, Allison and Benjamin Livingston, who will lovingly remember their "Boomba". He is also survived by his brother, Raymond Livingston, as well as countless aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Ron's spirit was infectious. Anyone who met him knew his boisterous laugh well. A wicked sense of humor and a touch of rebellion made for many good stories of hilarity and life lessons. Never meeting a stranger, he was always quick with a heartfelt word of encouragement and accepted everyone just as they were. He demonstrated the love of Christ in both word and deed, and his everyday ministry led countless souls to the Lord. Ron truly embodied what it was to be a Godly man.

To know Ron was to know joy. May his joyous spirit always be with you.

Ron ashes are to be scattered at Star Lake Camp, due to the current social situation a service will be held for him when all his friends and family can gather together safely.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his name to:

The Salvation Army
Lawrenceville Corps
Attn: Music Ministries
3455 Sugarloaf Pkwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
770-724-1660

Condolences may be sent to or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service LLC, "A Family Company" 120 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 770-963-2411 has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Comments



“ A memorable moment in my life was meeting Ron 48 years ago as a session mate. No matter what life brought to either of us, I've been so blessed to call him (and Sheila) my friend. His witness, and joy of life, will remain with me always. There's more to come!

Martha Fleming

Martha Fleming - July 27 at 11:07 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to Ray, Shelia and family. Trust you find peace and comfort that only our God can give.

marietta - July 24 at 07:16 PM



“ To a fellow member of "The Followers of Christ" session and a fellow musician in Christ's service. Ron was a friend and loved, I look forward to our reunion in Heaven

Jim Priester - July 24 at 04:23 PM



“ I met Ron at the New Kensington Corps. One time Ron and all the rest of us guys did a timbrel drill and even wore skirts and white tops, during our show, the D.C. surprised us with a visit. We had many laughs over that one for quite a while. Ron will be missed, he was loved by everyone who knew him. But we will see him again one day soon. May God Bless his Family Real Good.

Chuck Youngfleisch - July 24 at 03:13 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Chris Walker - July 24 at 02:31 PM



“ I remember my mother, Mary Adamsky, speaking so fondly of Ron and his wife. She met them while working at the Sun drug in New Kensington. I'm very sorry for your loss as I know she would be.

Patricia (Adamsky) Leeser - July 24 at 12:50 PM



“ Meeting Ron just a few years ago was instant friendship. He loved people and people felt that with each encounter. It was a pleasure to know Ron. His last days witness was supporting to those who heard it.

Wanda Browning - July 24 at 12:46 PM



“ Though i have not known Ron very long in earthly years our lives are intricately entwined and my heart is broken for those who are left behind and will miss him daily. However such joy to know without a shadow of a doubt that Ron is fully healed and enjoying the beauty of the music in Heaven and praising our Savior as he bow looks forward to his eternity as a child of the most high King..... thank you Ron for your loving heart and faithful walk. My thoughts and prayers will be with Sheila, his children and grandchildren. Love, Beth Beck-Sturm @ Cape May NJ

Beth Beck-Sturm - July 24 at 12:23 PM