



## Ronald Dennis Matteucci

June 21, 1940 - March 13, 2020

Ronald Dennis Matteucci, age 79, was called to Heaven on Friday, March 13, 2020. He passed peacefully in St. George, Utah, surrounded by his loving family. Ron was born June 21, 1940 in Great Falls, Montana to Joseph Louis Matteucci and Sarah Ann Rearden. He attended school in Great Falls, where he was a gifted all-around athlete. He excelled in basketball and football, earning First Team All-State Honors and an Honorable Mention All-American Football Honor. Choosing to delay his dream of becoming a professional athlete, he enlisted in the US Army and was stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. It was there that he met and married the love of his life, Inge Margarete Mueller on December 31, 1960. Inge and her handsome soldier moved to Great Falls where their three children Irene(Pitz), Susan(Schrauben) and Dennis Matteucci were born, and Ron gained employment as a football and basketball coach for St. Mary's School. Ron would go on to attend the University of Great Falls, earning degrees in Chemistry and Math. Ron was an incredibly hard worker and very driven. His long career as an apprenticeship coordinator began with the Montana Sheet Metal Workers Union, which led to a position with the U.S. Department of Labor. This work would relocate his family to Denver, Washington D.C., Saudi Arabia, and ultimately to Utah where he became the State Director for the Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. He retired in 2002 and moved to St. George.

Ron and Inge loved to travel the world, and upon retirement they traveled the

nation in their RV. Memorable trips included their Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with a group of friends from the St. George Catholic Church, where they were dedicated parishioners. Their final adventure would be to Ireland in 2018. Ron loved the outdoors and the family spent many summers fishing, boating and camping in Montana and Colorado. Ron's love of sports would continue all of his life. He coached his children's Little League and Football teams, and was a huge fan of the Denver Broncos, the Utah Jazz, and any sports team his grandkids were on.

In spite of all of his many accomplishments, Ron was a very modest individual and dedicated his life to family, volunteering, and service. Some of his favorite activities included volunteering annually for the Huntsman Games, and as a bell-ringing "Santa" for the Salvation Army. Ron was a member of the Elks Lodge, and a 4th Level Knight of Columbus. Ron would go out of his way to help his family and friends. He will be remembered for his strength, infectious smile, sense of humor, generosity, compassion, and his extremely strong moral compass.

Ron is survived by his wife of 59 years, Inge, his children Irene (Raymond), Susan (Mark) and Dennis (Debbie) his grandchildren Nicholas, Derek, Dana, Laura, Sarah, and his brother James. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Joanne Yuhas, and MaryLou Lovchik.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, March 20th at 2pm in St. George, Ut., at Serenity Funeral Home 1316 S. 400 E. #A3 , St. George, Utah 84790 .

Military honors will be provided by the American Legion. Internment will be held at a later date in Great Falls, MT.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at [www.SerenityStG.com](http://www.SerenityStG.com). Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Homes of Southern Utah.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Dixie Regional Medical center for their compassion and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Ronald's name to the American Cancer Society.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home  
1316 South 400 East A-5  
Saint George, UT 84790  
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ron passing this past March. Ron and I were classmates at CCHS in Great Falls and I considered him to be a close friend throughout those years. We lost touch after high school but I always found it meaningful to visit with him at our class reunions over the years. It is apparent that he contributed a great deal to others during his career, as well as being devoted to his family, to his community and he lived a very full and loving life. May he Rest In Peace and his memory live on,

*Glenn Waldenberg, class of 1958*

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**Glenn Waldenberg** - April 22, 2020 at 04:04 PM

RR

“ Ron is my first cousin and I remember as a child when our family would visit Joe and Sarah and family. Joe was my mom's brother. I never saw Ron for many years until a few years ago a friend of mine arranged for us to meet at Costco in St. George. It was great to spend time talking over old times with him and to meet his wife Inge. We are sorry for your loss.

*Ray ( Toots ) Ranieri*

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**RAY RANIERI** - March 26, 2020 at 01:54 PM

RC

“ I would rather show up to give a salute to a casual friend. However, I must give this shout out from a place away from everyone. Ron, although you were modest, you did have a great smile and it could be seen from blocks away. I will always remember you for your walks around the park and places near by. Your greeting was never a meek "hello" but rather a giant "hey, you, how ya do'an." I appreciated your gladness. I wish you "God speed" in your call to Heaven.  
Ronald Casper  
Just Down the Street



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**Ronald Casper** - March 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM

RH

“ Dear Inge & Family,  
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Ron will be missed by family & many friends. Wishing you feelings of comfort, moments of peace and memories of joy during this difficult time.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Ron, Dee & Rhonda Hagler

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**Rhonda Hagler** - March 20, 2020 at 03:04 PM

MW

“ We remember the Schrauben family parties when Ron and Inge were able to join the celebration. They were immediately family to us. Ron's smile was infectious, his sense of humor and love of family were felt by all. We are sorry for your loss and will continue to remember you in prayers.  
Mary Ann and Mike White

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**Mary Ann White** - March 18, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ronald Dennis Matteucci.* ”



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March 18, 2020 at 12:35 PM