



Mr. Ronald Caswell

January 10, 1954 - June 12, 2019

Ronald Alan Caswell passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in his home after a year of coping with brain cancer. He was born in Binghamton, New York on January 10, 1954 as the only child of William and Dawn (Furman) Caswell. When Ron was six, his family moved to Clark Summit, Pennsylvania where Ron lived for the remainder of his childhood. He joined the Coast Guard in February 1972 of his senior year in high school and served for four years. He was initially assigned to the Loran Station Attu in Alaska for 13 months and served his remaining duty in New Smyrna Beach, FL. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Technology in 1981 from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Ron is survived by his wife Judith “Judy” Krohn and his mother Dawn. He was preceded in death by his father Bill in 2017. Ron also leaves behind his Aunts Joan Petraske and Jean Kornegay, and numerous cousins on both sides of his family.

Ron married Judy in 2009 in Titusville, FL and became a loved member of her large family of eight siblings. Connection with family was extremely important to Ron as demonstrated in his visits and conversations with all family members. Through his numerous trips to Alaska to visit his parents over 41 years, Ron also developed extremely close relationships with several families that he claimed as his Alaskan family.

Ron enjoyed adventure and being active especially in the form of travel and in nature. From June 2017 to May 2018, he and Judy accomplished Ron's dream of traveling from Titusville, FL to Wasilla, Alaska and back while driving Ron's prized 2017 Ford Diesel F250 Lariat truck and camping in their Rockwood 35 ft travel trailer. Kayaks and bicycles were included in this trip and used often.

Ron was most proud of his career in the space program. His last working experience was for Orbital ATK at Wallops Island, Virginia from Dec.2015 to Nov.2016 as an engineer helping to successfully return the facility to flight by launching an Antares rocket with a Cygnus capsule to resupply the International Space Station. His greatest satisfaction though came from his three decades of involvement with the International Space Station (ISS) payloads and Space Shuttle program. He worked for RCA at Patrick Air Force Base (1981 – 1985), McDonnell Douglas/Boeing at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) (1985 – 2000), Lockheed Martin at KSC (2000 – 2004) and Barrios Technologies at KSC (2004 – 2009). When Ron wasn't occupied with job responsibilities, he loved giving tours at KSC and speaking on behalf of the Space Shuttle program and the ISS to individuals and groups throughout the country. He was a passionate spokesperson for our nation's space dreams and was honored to have spent 20 years building the International Space Station, what he called the world's largest ever international peace time project.

Ron loved people and made friends wherever he went. He was just as passionate about his friendships as he was about the space program. He often opened his condo located along the Indian River Lagoon across from KSC to others for a great view of the numerous shuttle launches. He was quick to share a smile, story or a helping hand. He was most noted for sharing his gift of photography especially his early morning sunrise photos through

emails he sent. Ron's warm and enthusiastic ways will truly be missed.

A CaringBridge site was started for Ron by his wife Judy on June 7, 2018 to share their healthcare challenge with a small group of friends and family. If you are interested in reading more about Ron and Judy's journey, it is now set to open access for anyone to view by going to the site and searching for Ron Caswell. www.caringbridge.com

A celebration of life service will be held for Ron in Alaska and also Titusville at a future date. Please check Ron's caringbridge.org site for details. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of St. Francis in Titusville, FL. www.hosffoundation.org/ways-to-give

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ronald Caswell*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *I have just heard of Ron. He was a good friend in high school. A friendly and caring person. So very sorry to hear of his passing and I send my condolences to his wife and mother.*

Renata Petrauskas Cass - October 30, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *I just learned of his death yesterday (Jan 28th) at KSC. Ron and I became friends from attending the Apollo One Memorials each year (Jan 27th). I went to his home for a launch, which he was working the launch. A very intellectually giving man. You will be missed. God Speed my friend. Dr. Kirk Alderman*

Kirk Alderman - January 29, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Karen Hagen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Caswell*



Karen Hagen - June 26, 2019 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Gail Kuzma lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Caswell*



Gail Kuzma - June 19, 2019 at 04:28 PM

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Judy - June 18, 2019 at 11:43 AM

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Loran Station Attu Decommissioning ceremony, August 27, 2010

Judy - June 18, 2019 at 12:44 PM

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Great picture of Ron! I remember him talking about the Decommissioning ceremony with such excitement. He showed me all the pictures from that trip and from when he served there in his younger years. Such a good and kindhearted man. (((HUGS))) for you, Judy.

Karen Hagen - June 26, 2019 at 11:27 AM