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South Park, Pa- Ronald Anthony Letender died June 1, 2019 at Jefferson Hospital after a short illness with lung cancer.

Mr. Letender is survived by his wife of 56 years, Darlene (Brown), three children: Tracy Letender Lonett, Ronald and Edward. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, one great granddaughter and one step-great granddaughter. Also, surviving are his siblings, Paul Letender, Geraldine Clibbens, Gwendolyn Wagner in addition to many nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Ron is an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm where he earned several medals/commendations, including Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster among many others. He grew up in Mt. Oliver, one of seven children of Arthur and Elizabeth (Betty) Letender. Growing up outside of Pittsburgh, Ron's love for cars began with a 1940s car he came upon that need much attention. His passion for car restoration has since then been his number one hobby and, if you ask his family, his way-of-life. With his natural mechanical ability, his garage and driveway became the neighborhood hangout and party home for all. He took pride in the fact that he always had great friends that would come by to seek his advice or help from him. He served as Tech SGT (Aerospace Propulsion Technical Jet Engineer) in the Air Force and then continued his military career as an airman in the Air National Guard until 1995. Ron was honored and admired for his dedication and service. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Air Force never left him. Love for his country and family was apparent to all who had the good fortune to be part of his life.

Services will be held Tuesday, June 4 at 2-4pm and 6-9pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will be Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers,



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BR

Bruce Reber posted:

My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends. May you find some comfort in the promise found in Revelation 21: 3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 4:14. Knowing that there is an opportunity to be reunited with loved ones.

June 6 at 4:10 AM

HD

Hugh \"Babe\" O'donnell posted:

BEING A DISC JOCKEY WHO SPECIALIZES IN SUMMER CAR CRUISES AND MEETING RON AT QUAKER STEAK AND LUBE AND A KENNYWOOD ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN WEEK THE MAN WAS AMASING WITH HIS FORD CAR AND ENJOYMENT OF SONGS AND ALWAYS A SMILING PERSONALITY.MY FEELINGS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CLASSIC CARS THERE IS A CAR CRUISE HEAVEN AND YOU NEVER HAVE TO CLEAN OR WASH YOUR PRIDE ENJOY . RIDE ON RON.THE EMPEROR OF GREAT MUSIC AND CAR SHOWSHUGH \"BABE\" AND THE WAX BROTHERS (MATT AND JEFFREY) THE O'DONNELLS

June 4 at 10:53 AM

JF

Jack Freiwad posted:

Extending my deepest sympathy to Ron's family. He was a regular at Trader Jack's Flea Market on Sundays with Darlene and Marlene and Rick Lauth. Always enjoyed talking with him and will miss him. He certainly served his country well through his many years of military service. May the many special memories of happy times together help each of you through this time of sorrow and sadness. Rest in peace Ron as you served your country well. You will be missed not only your family but by those who got to know you.Jack FreiwaldEighty Four. Pa.

June 3 at 4:24 PM

JS

John Sinnott posted:

Ron was one of the most respected person I have known and will always be my friend

June 3 at 2:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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