



Ronald H. Platt

June 22, 1940 - October 24, 2019

RONALD H. PLATT 79, of Port Elizabeth passed peacefully on Thursday, October 24 at home surrounded by his family after a lengthy illness. Born in Millville, he was the son of the late Jay C. and Evelyn Garrison Platt. Ron played football for the Millville Thunderbolts. After graduating in 1958 from Millville High School, he joined the Merchant Marines and traveled three quarters of the way around the world. Following his departure from the Merchant Marines, he married Shirley Stites, the love of his life. Ron was drafted into the United States Army and was stationed in California where he and “Shirl” lived for two years. After returning from California, they resided in Port Elizabeth for 56 years. Ron retired as a Senior Correction Officer from Bayside State Prison in 1996.

Ron coached Little League in Millville while his son, Mark, was part of the team. Ron and Shirley owned a second home in the mountains of West Virginia where they enjoyed spending time, including many Thanksgivings, with family and friends. He was a member of the American Legion Hampshire Post 91 in Romney, WV. Ron and Shirl enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Canada for family vacations, and dining at their favorite restaurants. Watching western movies, attending his granddaughters many school and sports activities, family history, and hunting were among his interests. Ron was a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots and he was able to see both teams win championships in 2018 and 2019.

He attended Central Baptist Church in Millville while growing up and in recent years, he attended The Lighthouse Church in Cape May Court House.

Ron held his friends and family close and was always there to lend a hand. In recent years, he made regular bottled water deliveries to the delight of family members arriving at home to find a supply on their porch to ensure they never ran out. His ability to approach every situation with humor will be remembered as one of his most endearing traits. Most of all, Ron’s family was what he considered important. His constant concern for us will be greatly missed every day.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley, daughter, Rhonda Platt; son, Mark Platt; siblings, Dane Platt (Dolora) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Nancy Morse (George) of Denver, CO; sister-in-law, Linda Harris; granddaughters, Jenna Hewitt (Zach), and Natalie Arch; 2 great grandsons, Ryan Wayne and Caleb Ronald and several nieces and nephews. He was

predeceased by his brother Jay C. Platt, Jr. and grandparents, Viola and Howard Garrison, and Ella and Walter Platt.

A special thank you to the Bayada Hospice Team that cared for Ron during his illness.

A memorial service will be held on November 9, 2019 at Port Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 142 Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road, with visitation from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and service 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in search for a cure or the charity of your choice.

To email condolences and or tributes please visit www.hoffmanfuneralhomes.net

Cemetery

Events

**Laurel Lawn
Crematory**

Bridgeton, NJ,
08302

NOV Visitation 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Port Elizabeth United Methodist Church
142 Port Eliz-Cumberland Rd. P.O. Box 101, Port Elizabeth,
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NOV Memorial Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED SO MANY YEARS GRIEF TAKES A TOLL. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU SHIRLEY AND YOUR FAMILY.

JANE LARRY ASHTON - November 09, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ I knew Ron in high school but while I was Postmaster there for almost 17 years he was a steady visitor to the Port Elizabeth Post Office. He hardly ever missed a day to pick up mail and inform the postmaster of his views concerning local and federal governments. He was serious, funny and well-informed. He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren and the party of his choice. Being a federal employee I was covered by the Hatch Act and not allowed to discuss my views with him. I listened while I worked. He would drive Shirley and me to any destination we chose. Mildred's at the 'shore or a neat little crab hut in Delaware or ice cream near Rt. 9. while we rode in the backseat of the pickup depending on his very safe driving habits. Toward closing time at the P.O. Ron would greet the customers and trade a laugh or two and then be on his way to take the mail to Mrs. Country Sophistication. Extending my sincere, heart-felt condolences to Shirley, Rhonda, Mark, the Grand and Great-grandchildren. There will never be another Ron.

Linda Lee Reeves - October 30, 2019 at 05:59 PM