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Ronald Anthony Adenau died on August 10, 2008 at his home in St. Helens, Oregon at the age of 71. He was born in Chicago, Illinois at Cook County Hospital on June 27, 1937 to Francis & Marie Dawson Adenau.

When he was 17 he joined the US Navy and served in the Korean conflict. In 1957 he was stationed in Astoria, Oregon and was introduced to Jean Ann Zielaskowski and married her on June 7, 1958. They remained in St. Helens their whole married life, just celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

He worked at the paper mill in St. Helens for 31 years, retiring in 1988 due to a massive stroke.

During those first 31 years he also worked at George Richardson's gas station, logging, Richardson's Furniture delivering furniture, and donating 30 years of service to St. Frederic's Catholic School and Church helping in maintenance and serving on the administrative council. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved working on lawn mowers, small engines and cars. He enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting for ducks, but spending time with his family was what he enjoyed the most.

After partially recovering from his stroke, he and his wife started working with small wood scroll-saw projects, making it an enjoyable hobby that they could do together overcoming their combined right hand handicaps. They gave away a lot of their projects, and then went to bazaars to sell their works of art. It brought them many hours and years of fun and togetherness.

He is survived by his wife: Jean Ann of St. Helens; Daughters: Mary Burgess-Freeman of St. Helens; Peggy Kent of Columbia City; Karen Miller of Scappoose; Sandra Byers of Longview, WA.; and son Michael Adenau of Warren, OR.; Brothers: Francis of Escanaba, MI.; Marvin of Wadsworth, IL.; and a sister: Susan Hendle of Tarpon Springs, Florida. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dennis; and two infant sisters; Mary & Judith.



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Viewing & Visitation: 9-5 at Columbia Funeral Home

Recitation of the Rosary: 10:30 AM Thursday, August 14, 2008 followed by a Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Frederic Catholic Church in St. Helens.

Committal service & interment: Columbia Memorial Gardens-Scappoose, OR.

Memorial contributions may be made to Legacy Hospice Services: Good Samaritan Foundation, P.O. Box 4484 Portland, Oregon 97208 and to St. Frederic Catholic Church.

on-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.columbiafh.com

Columbia Funeral Home-Directors



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Anonymous posted:

I will Miss the wonderful e-mails i would get every day, You were able to lift my spirits with your funny e-mails when i was dealing with the cancer and also when i had the knee replacement's. You are so missed and loved by all of us,God Bless You and Your family.##imported-begin##Diana and Paul Mason##imported-end##

August 25 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

From the moment we met Ron and Jean, we knew we had made a connection with relatives we called close family. We looked forward to our trips to see them. Bill always enjoyed spending time with Ron in his shop, working on projects. We will miss Ron's humor and the twinkle in his eyes, but we will always cherish memories of him in our hearts.##imported-begin##William & Judy Dawson##imported-end##

August 21 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our friendship,love and prayers are with you at this difficult time##imported-begin##Carol /David Young##imported-end##

August 18 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your family's loss.##imported-begin##Sara Remmers##imported-end##

August 15 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Ones , please know that we share your loss. We will miss Ron & all his jokes. We will miss his almost daily e-mails. I Will miss the Beautiful & sometimes funny birthday cards that Ron made for me every year. God Bless each of you. We all know that we will see Ron again one day. I hope that the Angel's checked behind the doors before they went through after Ron arrived in Heaven!!! I know that there had to be a lot of laughs when he got there!! It is such a comfort to know that Ron has now looked on the wonderful face of Jesus!! Love love you all. Ed and Lu##imported-begin##Ed & Lu Parshall##imported-end##

August 15 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Sandy,I want you to know you have been inmy thoughts & prayers.Lossing a parent is so hard.I miss my Mom & Dad so much.You are missed at work like you can't believe.Love,Mary###imported-begin###mary williams###imported-end###

August 15 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We always enjoyed our visits. You and Ron were both so welcoming. We admired you both for your courage in face of overwhelming problems that you had no control over.###imported-begin###Jim & Diane Leichtnam###imported-end###

August 13 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To my brother who cried for the little baby duck instead of the little chick. May God give you your hears desire. Love Sonny###imported-begin###Francis Adenau###imported-end###

August 13 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ron, you adopted me into your family with open arms 22 years ago when your daughter Karen become my very best cherished friend. You were always there for me. Pointing that darn finger at me when I messed up!! Did I ever say thank you for fixing my red coffee pot??? Thank you. Working beside you in your shop to fix that old thing was the highlight of my day. You treated me like one of yours from the very beginning...I will see you again. I love you.Susan###imported-begin###Susan Sanford###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

My Dad, My Hero! I remember when I was 6 or 7 years old. Daddy used to take us to Long's store and let us spend \$1.00 on whatever we wanted for our birthday. It made me feel so special to have that time with just me and my daddy. I don't remember what I bought, but I do remember that the clerk gave me back too much change. It was only a couple of pennies, but Daddy made me go back into the store and return the money. He was always so honest and taught us by his example. I remember going to my Dad when I found out I was pregnant at 15. He was so calm and caring. That was just his demeanor, nothing really shook him up. Twenty or more years ago I went to my Dad, hurting from a bad break up. I remember him telling me, "I can fix almost anything which he could, except a broken heart. I wish I could just fix it for you." We grew up in a house where there was never any fighting. We always sat together as a family at the kitchen table for dinner and prayed before our meal. Not many families are like this anymore. I went with my dad to his last couple of doctors appointments. Here we were, discussing his symptoms of which he never complained. I am sitting there, devastated and praying that the doctor won't deliver any more bad news such as how long he had to live and there is my dad, who isn't concerned with himself, but can't wait to ask the doctor how his vacation was. All of the receptionists and nurses at the office knew my dad and he always spoke to all of them and even teased one nurse about her hair. I don't know how he was always so strong in the most difficult of circumstances. He was always thinking of others. In his final days, he laid there in bed, and never complained. How uncomfortable he must have been. He welcomed visitors and family and was the best patient you could ever ask for. My Dad is my hero. He was so strong, patient, and kind to everyone. I am proud to be his daughter. Peggy

August 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

There is a rock that sits on my dresser. Nobody knows why. I make sure that it is not touched and is never thrown outside to become one of millions. Almost 10 years ago I met Grandpa Ron for the first time. I felt nothing but respect, compassion, admiration for this man. Grandpa Ron is ONE in a million. That summer we had a family camp out at a KOA in Warrenton. Towards the end of the weekend, after many talks and jokes back and forth, Grandpa Ron gets off of his scooter picks up a rock a pebble really. He hands it to me and says "You better keep this forever." I may still have many more years to fulfill the forever, but almost 10 years later I've kept my word to you. I love you Grandpa Ron and miss you SO much already. Stephanie Hubbs - Ethan & Kamryn Too!

August 12 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Adenau family, I'm so sorry for your loss, I know that Ron is in heaven happy and healthy looking over his wonderful and beautiful family and very proud his legacy in all of you. I don't have the words to tell you what an amazing family you all are. Thank you for allowing me to share in that, my dearest friend Peggy I love you!! Julie##imported-begin##Julie Harrington##imported-end##

August 12 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sincere condolences for your loss but I'm sure Our Lord has been saving a very special place for Ron and he is smiling down on all of you and awaits your joyous reunion with him in his heavenly home. Love to you all, Theresa##imported-begin##Theresa M. Byers##imported-end##

August 12 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To The Adenau Family, I was so saddened to learn the news but, I want you to all know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God Richly Bless You all. I was also very touched by Tim Flynn's and Diane Dillard's condolences to your Family. Love and Prayers, Rick##imported-begin##Rick Miller##imported-end##

August 12 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest and heartfelt condolences. Ron will be missed by Mom and I. He was so faithful with his inspirational and/or humorous e-mails, and such a witness as to His love for Jesus! I also appreciate all the years you were both such good friends to my Mom and Dad. I know the angels and Jesus threw him a party when he went home!##imported-begin##Gary Lynn Reese##imported-end##

August 12 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ron, JeanAnn & Family have held a special place in my heart for many years. Ron dealt with numerous daily challenges and through the love of god, family and friends handled them all. For those of you who were fortunate to have been close to him know that he never lost that special twinkle in his eyes. Love to you all. Al & Linda##imported-begin##Al & Linda Lambert##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Ron Adenau will be missed not only by his family, but by the hundreds of people whose lives he touched over the years. Grandpa and Grandma, I wish I could have been closer to home to cherish the last few months of Grandpa's life. Know that my thoughts are with you always and I am sending Aloha love and spirit across the Pacific. Love, your grandson, Tim Flynn

August 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are sad to know of Uncle Ron's passing, but also know, that he is at peace. What a wonderful life he lived as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Glad we were able to visit in June for the 50th Anniversary party. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You have many happy memories to cherish.

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Anonymous posted:

Kim Bennett

August 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you through this difficult time.

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Anonymous posted:

To All the Family, You have our heartfelt love and sympathy at the loss of one so dear to you all. Celebrate his life, share the memories and know it's okay to grieve by crying, laughing, and meditating on life! The Cooper Family Friends of Mike

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Anonymous posted:

Ron was a "growing up" friend through grammar school and occasionally in high school since we went to different schools. But we were Boy Scouts together in the same patrol. We camped together, hiked together, took scouting tests for advancement together and helped each other to grow. Forty years after grammar school we got together again and began an internet discourse that lasted right up to the end. Ron liked to share stories that enhanced relationships with God and friends and I freely shared them. A light has gone out in my heart as I say farewell to a treasured friend. I look forward to our reunion in heaven! May God bless you and support you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Henri and Carolyn Bailey##imported-end##

August 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ron was kind, gentle and caring. He was a person who liked everyone and was always a good listener and willing teacher. He and his wife are the perfect example of a loving, Christian couple.##imported-begin##Diane Dillard##imported-end##

August 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We send prayers and best wishes to a wonderful caring family. We enjoyed Ron whether it was at meetings, church service, or just in conversation. You have always been a comfort to us. We share your sadness and hope that you are comforted during this difficult time. Love, Jan##imported-begin##Bob G. Cicerchi / Jan Cicerchi##imported-end##

August 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My Uncle Ron was a good man and it showed through his legacy of family. He will be missed.To his wife and children: don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened! God Bless...##imported-begin##Frank Adenau##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

May God richly bless this wonderful family as I feel blessed to have known Ron and Jean Ann. I will always remember the cookies Ron and I shared before communion visits. I know you're smiling up there, Ron Just being a part of your lives my short time in Oregon made me feel special. You will always be close to my heart and in my prayers. Love, Connie###imported-begin###Connie Cox###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear about the passing of Ronald. I know hearts are broken over your loss. I pray that our Lord's hand of comfort touches your hearts. In Christ, AL & Judy###imported-begin###Albert Wutzke###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

Dick and I will always cherish our happy memories of the times we were fortunate to spend with both Ron & Jean Ann. Wasn't it fun floating along out on the river trying to see who could catch the biggest or the most salmon?? So glad we were able to share that wonderful day in June to celebrate your 50th wedding anniversary. Your wedding is one of the first ones I remember seeing wY Bck when we were kids. God Bless you all, We love you,, Cousins Dick & Annette###imported-begin###Dick & Annette Wanker###imported-end###

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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