



Ronald L. Hall

June 13, 1936 - December 23, 2022

Ronald LeRex Hall, 86, of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed away on December 23, 2022.

He was born on June 13, 1936, to George Manning Hall and Neoma Irene Hall in Missoula, Montana. While most of his childhood was spent in Montana, he spent several of his formative years in Idaho while his father paused his career as a public-school teacher to serve in the U.S. Navy at Farragut Naval Training Station, a major training base of the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After graduating from Missoula County High School in 1954, Ron attended university classes and enjoyed his first work experience with the United States Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as an Engineering Aide for the Bureau of Public Roads in Glacier Park, Montana. Ron was accepted into the United States Naval Academy and served as midshipmen in the United States Navy. Following his first cruise as a midshipman in the summer of 1956, Ron discovered that his talent and skills would be better utilized on land as an engineer, and he went back to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Montana State University. After graduation, Ron continued his federal service career with the Department of Transportation FHWA which allowed him to live and work in 25 different locations across 9 states, Canada, Australia, and a 2-year assignment in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During his travels, he provided training and technical assistance in

the use of Urban Planning computer programs and was one of the first to use a “microcomputer” within the FHWA. Additionally, the FHWA paid Ron to attend and attain his Master of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from the prestigious Cornell University. By 1998, after 44 years of service with the FHWA, Ron retired as a Technical Coordinator in the Office of Policy in Washington, D.C. During his retirement, Ron remained active in public service by spending a couple of years providing computer assistance to multiple schools as an employee of Prince William County Public Schools and by volunteering with the Lazarus Foundation.

Ron met the love of his life, Catalina (“Cathy”) Elena Herrera, while living in Alexandria, Virginia, via his friend, FHWA co-worker, and eventual brother-in-law, Carlos Rodriguez. Ron and Cathy married on May 24, 1975, and they had two children, George and Ronald.

Ron was an avid participant to any sweepstakes involving classic cars in hopes to win back his regretfully sold 1967 Corvette. He shared an enthusiasm for couponing and bargain hunting with his partner, Cathy, and he took penny pinching to new heights by collecting and storing various types of American currency. One of Ron’s favorite pastimes involved slowly decimating the rainforest through his one-sided printouts of easily found digital data. Ron loved to begin conversations with “Question!” followed by a dramatic pause before beginning the actual conversation while eagerly looking for every available segway. Furthermore, he loved to use ellipses and quotes incorrectly in his all CAPS text messages (e.g., I “LOVE” YOU...). Over the years, he continually made himself available to help family and friends in need, especially if it involved computer assistance, consumer product research, or identifying optimal solutions to other technical problems. He was also known for quietly selecting the most fitting and loving birthday and anniversary greeting cards that he and Cathy would reliably gift to close family members every year.

Ron will be dearly missed by his wife, Cathy; children, George (Jackie) and Ron (Carrie); grandchildren, Natalie, Sydney, Leah, and Dana; great-granddaughter, Layne; step-grandchildren, Vincenza, Sarina, and Alexander; sister, Rene; brother-in-law, Carlos (Margaret); and numerous beloved family members from both his and Cathy's sides of the family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Neoma; sister, Laura Lynn; brother, Gary; and sister-in-law, Flor Herrera Rodriguez.

Please join us to celebrate Ron's life on Thursday January 12, 2023, at 10:00 am for his service at:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
18825 Fuller Heights Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Live streaming of the service:

<https://youtu.be/APmSWeIk5XU>

In lieu of flowers, our family asks that you say a silent prayer for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

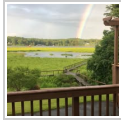
Warm Regards,
The family of Ronald L. Hall

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald L. Hall*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



You will be greatly miss Uncle Ron 🙏

Marcia Holmes - January 15, 2023 at 08:38 PM



Sorry to hear about the passing of Ron! Ron was extremely nice & very smart! I worked with Ron at FHWA!

Tony Zahn

Anthony Zahn - January 26, 2023 at 11:47 AM