



Ronald Franklin Metcalf

October 10, 1944 - July 24, 2015

Ronald F. Metcalf passed away at his Lake Norman home in Mooresville on the afternoon of July 24, 2015. Ron was born in High Point, NC on October 10, 1944. He graduated from North Mecklenburg High School in 1962, and attended UNCC while also working for WB Tool. After working for a period of time at a blueprint company, he spent some time in Mexico. When he returned, he continued his lifelong love of all things automotive. He was co-owner of a European auto service company in Charlotte and after he left that, he built Porsche race engines and regular engines for Performance Engineering. In fact, Harry Gant drove a Corvette Ron built and owned in the first IMSA race held in Charlotte, and finished in 13th place.

His family believes he has built everything that has an engine with the exception of an airplane and certain ocean-going vessels.

Ron married Rebecca Baldwin nee Punch on June 16, 1984, a second marriage for both. Ron taught Automotive Technology at Independence High School for 26 years before finishing his teaching career at East Mecklenburg High School. He is responsible for setting up the first high school ASE certification in Mecklenburg County. He retired from teaching in 1999.

Thereafter, he owned and operated Ron Metcalf Marine Service until 2012. He then enjoyed his hobbies of building cigar box guitars, vintage rifles, and playing golf.

Ron was a lifelong dog lover, and a patient man who was blessed to be surrounded by people who were always bringing him things that needed

fixing, which he loved.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Howard Franklin Metcalf, and his mother, Myrtle Smith Metcalf. He is survived by his wife, Becky, his stepchildren, Suzanne Baldwin Leitner, her husband, Leo and their daughter, Carly; Kenneth Bradley Baldwin and his wife, MaryLynn and their two children, Brooke and Drew; sister, Barbara Ann Metcalf Ledford and her husband, Roy; sister, Kitty Metcalf Bartley and her children, Heather Bartley and Amanda Bartley Snead, Amanda's husband, Mark, and their children, Caleb and Courtney.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon, Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Travis Norton officiating. Burial will follow in Iredell Memorial Gardens, Statesville. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Community in Christ Lutheran Church, 7621 Norman Island Dr., Cornelius, NC 28031 or the American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave., Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28207. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Metcalf. Condolences may be made to the Metcalf family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Franklin Metcalf*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ronald Franklin Metcalf*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Ronald Franklin Metcalf*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Becky, Marty and I are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Judy Shuford - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *greatest teacher and friend I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I know three young boys he keep out of more troubles than anyone should have to do. class of 75,76 because of him I chose auto repair as a career*

derrick greene - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Ron Well, he was the BEST teacher that I had, He will be missed.*

Larry Gunter - July 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. All of us at the Davidson College Lake Campus will miss a good friend who kept our boats running for many years.

Sterling & Mary Martin - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ A fine gentleman who always made me laugh and taught me a thing or two along the way. One of the most knowledgeable people I've had the privilege of knowing professionally. Thank you to the family for sharing him with us.

Fred Wright - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My heart goes out to the Metcalf family. Mr. Metcalf was a true educator and instilled his passion of automotive work in his students. You will be sorely missed.

Jon Nathan McLean - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Went to school with Ron, and he taught my kids auto mechanics at Independence high school. A sad loss. Gary Isenhour

July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I attended Independence High School 82-85, and hung out with the guys in his automotive shop as it was a safe place to hang out. Worked along side the guys and didn't mind getting the hard to reach for big hands places. Mr. Metcalf was always smiling, and very laid back. Every student seemed to really respect him, and his knowledge. Was saddened to hear of his passing. Please know the Independence family as a whole will be praying for the Metcalf family. Sincerely, Stephanie (Hamilton) Beachum

Stephanie Beachum - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr Metcalf passing .I had him as a teacher in 1976 .He was a lot of fun ,and anytime we had to go get parts for a car repair ,He would say stop and get him a Cheerwine drink from the 7-11

Lewis Mallard - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Becky, We are so sorry for you on your loss of Ron. What a tough battle that both he and you have had to endure during this past year. He nearly succeeded. Ron was such a kind & patient & unassuming man. He leaves a sweet & profound legacy of devoting himself & freely giving his time to help others with his incredible talents and myriad of skills. He deeply touched a lot of lives & leaves this world a much better place. Love you,Dave & Carolyn

Dave & Carolyn DeQuick - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Becky, I am so sorry to hear Ron has passed on. I will keep you in our thoughts and prayer's. Love, Ann Lytle

Ann Lytle - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ One of my favorite teachers. I was in his auto mechanics class from 1990-92 we ran into each other years after. Of course, I remembered him but was so impressed that he remembered me! We remained friends and business acquaintances over the years. Rest in peace Mr. Metcalf. You will be missed by many.

Keith Magnuson - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ God has gained another angel! "Rest in Peace" Mr. Metcalf! My condolences to the family during this difficult time! Independence High "Class of 85"

Jodi (Stamp) Turner - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Barbara, so sorry to hear of Ronnie's death. Thought and prayers are being sent your way.

Mary Fuller - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Metcalf was my homeroom teacher and a wonderfully sweet man. I never knew he had such a rich background..he was very unassuming. Prayers for your family during this time.

Tracy Caldwell (Thomas) - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God bless..... With Deepest Sympathy, The Campion Family

Jackie Campion - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My condolences for your loss. Mr. Metcalf was my Auto Mechanics teacher from 1985-1987. I learned a lot of skills from him, that are still with me today. I have a lot of great memories from those days at Independence High. I can still picture the El Camino sitting outside the shop doors.

Mike Carpenter - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry to have lost a great neighbor and such a nice man. We will always remember being welcomed on our street 15 years ago by his friendly face. Becky, we are so sorry we can't be at the service. We are sending you love and prayers. Rest in peace Ron.

The Isom family - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ RIP RON YOU WERE AN AWESOME TEACHER AND THANKS FOR YOUR CLASS AND EXPERTISE!

DAVID SIMMONS - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My deepest sympathies for your loss of Ron. "Mr. Metcalf" taught me well in Auto Mechanics class during the years of '72-73 and '73-74. Although no longer employed in the automotive industry, I still work on my cars and those of countless friends and family. May God bless you and ease your pain. .

Richard Herndon - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Very sorry to hear about Ron. He was a great teacher and more so a mentor to many hard head car guys that needed a point in the right direction at times. (Independence class of 86) I ran into him a few years ago at a marine on LKN. It was great seeing him and catching up. I am very sorry for your loss. Tony Pope*

Tony Pope - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Sorry to hear of his passing. Learned much from him about radio and electronics repair*

Robert Daley - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Becky & Family, Not only did we lose a good friend, we lost the best neighbor you could ask for! He was always there for you no matter what you asked of him. He was an unbelievably giving, kind, and patient person and will be missed. Rest easy my friend, we'll never forget you. You all know he's working on or helping someone in heaven!*

Paul & Lucille Tarpey - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Barbara and Buster, We were sorry to learn of Ronnie's passing. Please know you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Donna and Bobby*

Bobby Bustle - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Becky and Family So sorry to heard of Ron's death. Remember all your good times together. We will be keeping you in our prayers. Love you Irene and J.R. Baldwin*

J.R. and Irene Baldwin - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *The skills Ron taught me in high school still help me today God bless the family*

Tim Plyler - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM