



## Ronald R. Duhs Jr.

August 17, 1954 - April 9, 2021

Ronald R. Duhs, Jr, 66, of Leesburg, passed away Friday, April 9, 2021. Mr. Duhs was born August 17, 1954 in Springfield, Illinois to Ronald R. Duhs, Sr and Jeanette B. Duhs. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving as a helicopter gunner for our country in the U.S. Army. Ron grew up in Kentucky and moved to Pinellas County in his early 20's then to Sumter County when he married the love of his life, Kay, in 1993 and had recently moved to Lake County. He was working for Lake County Public Works in the Traffic Division. Ron loved the outdoors especially when he could go hunting or fishing. Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Kay; children, Dave McKinney, Melanie Cottle, Jeremy McKinney (Heidi) and Ashley Vega (Abel); sister, Gail Austin (Jim); 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 Fur-babies. Ron was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David Duhs. Inurnment will be in Florida National Cemetery. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting <http://www.bankspagetheus.com>.

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## Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, Fl, 33513

# Comments

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“ I worked with Ron at Lake County until I retired. He always had a smile and was a genuine nice guy. He was good at his job and a pleasure to work with. The world was a better place with him in it. My condolences.

**randy love** - April 14 at 02:00 PM

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“ I'm sad to hear of Ron's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Ron for a short period of time while I was attached to Traffic Operations. I enjoyed our conversations we had about many various subjects. He always had and included a positive thought into the conversation. I also don't recall him ever talking down an individual ever, that's a unique quality that is to be admired. Ron I pray I will meet others with your outlook in life. Sincerely Lonnie Kinzer.

**Lonnie Kinzer** - April 14 at 10:03 AM



“ Lonnie, our family thanks you for everything you put in this post...it means alot!

**David** - April 15 at 10:14 AM

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“ Poppa Smurf, I am without words. To say you will be missed is an understatement. The banter back and forth between us, the 10 am call that I have become accustomed to, that for the first time in 2 years, I did not get this morning, will surely be missed. Thank you for the friendship, and the brotherhood. Kay, my sympathies and condolences go out to your entire family. RIP Poppa Smurf!

John P

**John Patterson** - April 12 at 04:33 PM



“ John, he's talked to me about you numerous times and considered you a good friend. We appreciate you honoring him with your comments!

**David** - April 15 at 10:15 AM

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“ Sending many thoughts and prayers for Ronald and family.



**Elise VanCise** - April 12 at 04:21 PM

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“ I worked with Ron at the Lake County until I left last year. He was always kind and had a smile on his face. My condolences to his family. I am sure he will be dearly missed.

Kathy Wilson



**Kathy Wilson** - April 12 at 04:05 PM



“ Miss Kathy, as he would call you...he was beside himself when you left the Traffic Division because he thought and spoke so highly of you. We do miss him daily and thank you for treating him so good.

**David** - April 15 at 10:18 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of his passing. As a fleet mechanic, I met Ron a couple of times while working on his fleet vehicle. He was always down to earth and as nice as he could be. The world has lost a good man. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Richard Sullivan

**Richard Sullivan** - April 12 at 01:28 PM



“ Thank You Richard

**David** - April 15 at 10:19 AM



“ It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences for the loss of Ron. My prayer is that the angels will wrap their wings around Katie and family and give them strength during this difficult time.



**Barbara Chase** - April 12 at 12:55 PM

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“ Thank you for your Service



**charlotte guimond** - April 12 at 07:12 AM



“ Thank you

**David** - April 12 at 10:32 AM

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“ Ashley Vega His Youngest Daughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald R. Duhs Jr.



**Ashley Vega His Youngest Daughter** - April 11 at 11:03 PM

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“ I Remember The 1st Time I Saw You, I Kissed You And Said "I Love You". Even At 9yrs Old, I Knew What Kind Of Man You Were. I Couldn't Have Asked For A Better Man To Adopt Me And Take Me Under His Wing And Teach Me So Much In Life, From You Showing Love To Your "Tough Love" (Which BTW Wasn't NEVER Tough) God Knew Exactly What He Was Doing When He Brought You Into Our Lives, I Will Forever Say You Saved Us And You're My Hero. I Love You Daddy~O May You Rest In Heaven R.I.H, Love Your Squirly...I made 1 change, instead of was, it should be were.

Plz edit for me



Ashley Vega His Youngest Daughter - April 11 at 11:01 PM

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Ashley Vega His Youngest Daughter - April 11 at 10:56 PM

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“ This man was a really hard working man he taught me how to do most things I love you papa and I don't know what I am going to do without you. I just say to myself that I will see u again one day and when that day comes it will be the best moment ever. I love you papa and you were a wonderful grandfather ☐



Hayle mirelez - April 11 at 10:47 PM

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“ Kay and Family: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Sending prayers and hugs.--Becky Morrison Hampton

Rebecca Hampton - April 11 at 04:43 PM



“ We really appreciate that Becky...please tell Mike I said "Hi"

David - April 12 at 10:09 AM

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“ Ron and I go back just shy of 20 years now, and it's so hard to pin point a for-say a favorite memory. I can tell you what I respected the most and that's the love, the dedication, the blood sweat and tears he would sacrifice for his family. Especially his wife Kay Duhs, which is like a mother to me as well. So I always greatly appreciated his hard work and love he gave to Kay. Ron and I did not always see eye to eye but he was like a father to me, full of wisdom, full of laughter and full of entertainment. Ron I'm so sorry I took our time for granted you will be missed by many. I know your in heaven watching over us now, so I will live my life out now knowing your watching so I will try to make you proud at all times. I love you sir

**Chris Douglas** - April 11 at 04:36 PM



“ Chris, he didn't ALWAYS say what we wanted to hear but ALWAYS said what we needed to hear. He wasn't one to mix words yet you knew they were for the best. They were going to form your life in some fashion, maybe not at that moment but eventually it would be an indelible mark you'd remember and be able to look back on when the time arose. I agree that he's watching over us and for that, I feel safer! I will say that I know factually, he and Mama feel and felt the exact same about you as you about them, they ALWAYS thought of you as part of this family. I can also attest that they both have told me on more than one occasion how very proud they are and were of the MAN you've turned into and considered you a son. Thank you for the gracious words, they mean more than you know!

**David** - April 12 at 10:31 AM



“ My prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Ron. I enjoyed stopping and talking with him when he was out working on traffic signals. He was always friendly. We will miss him.

**Fred Schneider, Public Works Director** - April 14 at 02:27 PM