



Ronald Lamar Kemp

July 2, 1940 - November 7, 2014

Peacefully passed away from this life to be with his father in heaven on November 7, 2014, after a courageous battle with melanoma. Dr. Ron was born in Santa Barbara on 07/02/40 to Merlin and Jennie Kemp. He attended McKinley Elementary School, Santa Barbara Junior High School, and then went on to Santa Barbara High School, where he lettered in track and field, graduating with the class of 1959. Dr. Ron then joined the Navy in 1960 attending boot camp in San Diego, and then was stationed for 1 year in a naval hospital in Guam, where he served as a Navy corpsman. His second and final year of service, he spent touring the world on an ammunition ship, working aboard the ships hospital. Upon leaving the Navy in 1962, Dr. Ron began his pursuit of becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic, attending Los Angeles College of Chiropractic in Glendale. Dr. Ron Graduated and joined his father Merlin L. Kemp RPT, to begin his 49 year career cheerfully and compassionately caring for thousands. Dr. Ron married his first wife Susan L. Huber in 1965, where they went on to have five loving children. In 1971, he moved to a home with 1.5 acres and decided to plant avocado trees. He later moved to a larger property with 13 acres where he planted 1600 avocado trees. The life of chiropractor by day and avocado farmer after hours and on the weekends was one that brought him great joy and satisfaction. Another love of his was bicycling. He put in many miles riding with his family and friends, and even in his 60th year of life, rode his bicycle from Santa Barbara to San Diego in two days. In September of 2000, Dr. Ron married Tyra Robinson, and they went on to enjoy farming and many great travels including visiting Italy, where he had a strong family heritage. Dr. Ron spent his life serving others, in his career, as well as countless hours serving in his church in numerous capacities. He was loved by many and will greatly be missed by his family, friends and patients. He is survived by his wife Tyra, Children: Lani (Dan), Daryl (Tiffany), Jeanine, Jarom (Jaclyn) and Jennifer. Grandchildren: Jadine, Kayla, Jessica, Collin, Taylor, Camryn, Kennedy, Noal and Grace. Services will be held Wednesday November 12, 2014, at 11 AM, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2107 Santa Barbara Street. Public viewing prior at 10AM. Donations can be made on behalf of Dr. Ron to the Parkinson Research Foundation or the Melanoma Research Foundation. To express messages of condolence visit <http://www.wrhsb.com>

Cemetery

Events

Santa Barbara Cemetery NOV
901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA, 93108

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2107 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93101

Comments



“ I rode bicycles all over Santa Barbara with Ron. I have very fond memories of the times we shared. He was one of my first friends when we moved to Santa Barbara. My condolences go out to all his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Marion Schroeder

marion schroeder - November 12, 2014 at 11:33 AM



“ So sorry to the Kemp family. I rode with Ron a few times and always enjoyed his company. Best to you all. Michele DeCant

Michele DeCant - November 10, 2014 at 11:42 PM



“ Ron loved to tell jokes and saved them up. He had piles of jokes people gave him and loved to share them. I'll always remember his smile and caring devotion to his patients. He is deeply missed. Barbara Rogers Scollin

Barbara Rogers Scollin - November 10, 2014 at 08:40 PM