



Ronald Rudolph Parente

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Ronald R. Parente, was born on February 19, 1928. He was the first born of Rose, from Potenza, Italy and Frank Parente, Italian born in Argentina, from parents who were Italian food importers from Naples, Italy.

Ron graduated from Saunders Trade and Technical School in NY. He retired from a job in purchasing and maintenance at Akzo Chemical in Westchester, NY. Prior to that, he spent many years in the sign lettering industry.

Ron had been a very active volunteer in the Bradford Trolley Museum (now known as the Shore Line Trolley Museum) in Connecticut. He was the second oldest member there, and one of its original founders. His 1894 Trolley (number 316) from the American Car Co., was donated by him to their collection, a number of years ago. He also owned a 1927 Oldsmobile. Ron completely restored both historic vehicles. Often when metal, or wooden replacement parts were unavailable, he recreated them.

In our previous Parish Church, St. Joseph's, in New Windsor, NY (in Orange County), he designed and made an Altar, a Tabernacle stand, lectern stands, podiums, plant stands, and just about every wooden item (except the chairs) and the main podium. Ron donated all of these, plus wooden paneling across the front of the Church. In our family, he designed and made many wooded pieces of furniture for his children, from China cabinets to coffee tables, etc. Even though he had excellent skills in working with metals, plastics, and wood, like St. Joseph, he enjoyed carpentry the most. Ron's favorite pastime was listening to opera, especially Verdi. He also personally met Pavarotti at the met years ago. More than anything, Ron treasured time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Loved by many, he will be forever missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Ron is pre-deceased by his first wife, Mary Parente (maiden name Listwan), and his younger brother, Frank; He is survived by his three children from his first marriage: Richard, Therese, and Ronald Jr.; 3 grandchildren (Rich, Nicole, Dakota) and 1 great granddaughter (Lydia) through his first wife. His second wife, Gaeta (maiden name Calarco), who, like him, is a first generation



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American, with an Italian ancestry, also gave him three children: Denise, Victor, and Susan, 6 of his grandchildren (Caitlin, Kerry, Kelsey, Kristen, Amber, and Ashley), and his sisters: Mercedes Guenther, and Dolores Livoti. Ron and Gaeta would have had their 55th wedding anniversary this May.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Rt. 17, 35318 Church Road, Frankford, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 10 West Stevens Ave., Hawthorne, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Shore Line Trolley Museum, in Connecticut, <https://shorelinetrolley.app.neoncrm.com/forms/ronparente>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

NOTE ON CEMETERY ARRIVAL: Please arrive at the cemetery office by 12:45 PM and the funeral home and guests will be escorted to the gravesite. Gravesite location is Section 4, Plot 6314 Near Rt 100. For further directions please call the cemetery at 914-769-3672.



Events


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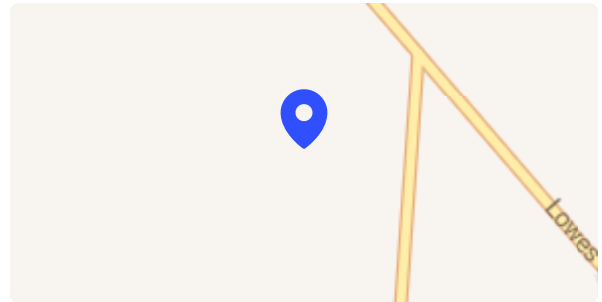
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Public Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 4, 2023


 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church**
35318 Church Road, Frankford DE 19945

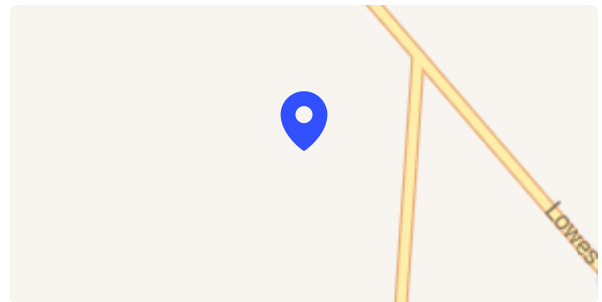


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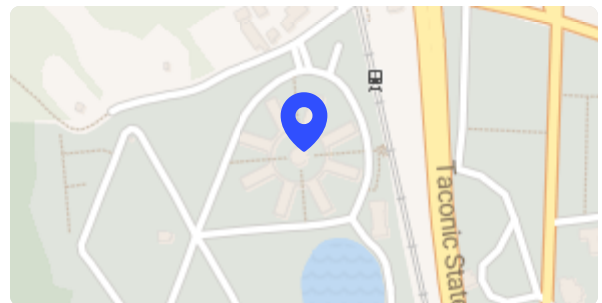


Burial

 **Monday**, February 6, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Gate of Heaven Cemetery**
10 West Stevens Avenue, Hawthorne NY 10532





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Mary posted:

Ron was my brother-in-law for nearly 55 years. I was most impressed by his gift building. When he built all the wood for his living room and rebuilt an entire kitchen I was so happy for my sister. Then Ron rebuilt a trolley into one that looked like the ones we see in San Francisco. Wow!Ron was a kind, good man, husband and father as well. He will be sorely missed.Maer

February 6 at 11:22 AM



Mary February 6 at 11:24 AM

Mary is my name.



Susan Parente Schwartz shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Some wonderful old pics of Dad in 316... long before my time...

February 4 at 6:58 PM





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TE

Te posted:

My family had the honor and pleasure of meeting Ronald over the past summer by the Delaware Beach. For a 94 year old, he looked great. Over ice cones, he was happy and talkative chatting about life and asking questions. I learned of his handy work including completely rebuilding and refinishing the 1927 Oldsmobile. He will be very missed.

February 3 at 9:48 AM

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Raymond Blossom, Knew Ron From The 1950' October 20 at 4:38 PM

Have just learned of Ron's passing. Ron would call me on the birthday (10/20/30) of his life-long friend and fellow trolley enthusiast, the late Edward Blossom. I received no call today and now know why. Your life was devoted to doing what you loved and did so well. Ray Blossom

CM

Conrad Misek August 13 at 8:09 PM

I am privileged to have met and known Ron through his work at the Shore Line Trolley Museum in Connecticut. I only recently learned of his passing. Ron was a master of many crafts, he had a first-rate mind, and was a good mentor. His work spoke for itself, he was a good man in every respect. May he enjoy an eternal reward he well-earned.

SG

Spouse- Gaeta February 10 at 6:52 AM

You are now with God, Ron, and in an everlasting world. Someday soon, I will join you, and not have to bug you about quitting smoking. In the meantime, you are in my 4 daily Rosaries, and in my daily TV Mass. It's all part of being married for almost 55yrs, and having 3 children, and 6 grandchildren. I will miss you in the interim. In the meantime tell Jesus and Holy Mother Mary, how very much I love them, and look forward to being with them someday.

SS

Susan Parente Schwartz February 4 at 6:02 PM

Much thanks Te! If we lived closer to one another, I could have seen our Dad's hanging out together ❤️

SS

Susan Parente Schwartz February 4 at 6:01 PM

❤️ Much thanks Jim and Sandy. This warms my heart... he loved talking to neighbors...

JC

Jim Cornelius February 4 at 1:47 AM

He will be missed. Always looked for him sitting in his chair across the street. He always had a friendly wave for us when we arrived. We were just asking Dave about him last time we were at Bayside. So sorry for your loss. Jim and Sandy Cornelius



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Remembering Ron



Memories only last if you share them

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



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