



# Ronald George Nardi

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**W**ith great sorrow the Nardi family announces the passing of our loving husband and father, Ronald George Nardi. Ron was born in the spring of 1937 and was ushered into heaven on the wings of angels on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, with loving family by his side.

Ron, who rose from modest beginnings to the heights of the global automobile industry, was born in a 12-foot-wide Baltimore rowhouse to Albert and Teresa Nardi. He was their middle child who loved to build things and tinker. This aptitude for engineering and math landed him at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated near the top of his class in 1955. He then enlisted in the Army Reserves and spent time working for the B&O railroad and Lockheed Martin.

In 1958, a regular customer at the family's gas station took note of Ron's industrious attitude (and perhaps that can-do twinkle in his eyes) and encouraged him to apply to the General Motors Institute co-op program. During his time at GMI, Ron had a blind date with Phyllis Paszkiewicz. He, of course, fell madly in love with her and asked for her hand in marriage (spoiler alert: she said yes!).

Ron was called to active military duty on three separate occasions while attending GMI, finally graduating in 1965. Graduation turned out to be an exceptionally special day. As Ron walked across the stage to receive his diploma in electrical engineering, he was informed that his first child had just been born.

Ron's work ethic and ambitious spirit led him to a 42-year career with GM, culminating in his position as Vice President in charge of General Motors Africa and Middle East Operations. His career allowed him and Phyllis to traverse the world. They lived in various American cities, as well as Egypt and India. Together, they scaled the pyramids in Cairo, visited the site of the Burning Bush on the way to climbing Mt. Sinai, went on safari in Kenya, and snorkeled in the Red Sea. On



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several occasions, Ron and Phyllis met with Mother Teresa, deeply moving encounters for the devout Catholics.

Wherever Ron went, music – a lifelong passion – followed. One Christmas, while living in India, Ron and Phyllis arranged for an elephant and two camel carts to come to their neighborhood. They gathered friends and rode through the local villages at sunset singing Christmas carols with an old karaoke machine. An entourage of over 100 children was soon trailing them, bursting with laughter and celebration.

After retirement, Ron and Phyllis built a beach house overlooking the Delaware Bay. There, Ron cultivated a beautiful garden, sang in the choir, cantored masses at St. Jude's and developed a passion for making beautiful watercolor paintings. He spent countless summer days pulling his grandchildren on rafts through the bay and enjoying nutty-buddies on the sandbar with them at low tide. He had an annual date with his kids to make beach plum jelly and you could often find Ron biking around town.

His life in Lewes was made even richer by all the wonderful people who passed through the beach house doors and joined him by the bay. Ron and Phyllis split time between Lewes and Ft. Myers, Florida, where they found a circle of dear friends amid the palm trees and golf courses.

Ever the engineer, Ron was the ultimate do-it-yourselfer, not only for himself but for all the family members who called for advice about cars, plumbing, and appliance problems. As he said, "Don't pay for anything you can fix yourself!"

Above all, he was a father of four children who carried forth his ethic of integrity, hard work, love and most of all, family. Ron's family was the focus and anchor of his life. He was a devoted husband and the world's best dad and grandad (he even had a mug to prove it). Ron will be sorely missed by all of those around him with whom he shared his charismatic presence and life.

Ron is survived by his wife of 59 years, Phyllis, and their children: David (Stacey), Mark (Frederice), Beth (Tim), and Lisa (Raja); his grandchildren: Michela, Madison, Maxwell, Miles, Ellika and Nadia; his sister Rosalee, and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Ron's family will be forever grateful for the kind and compassionate care provided by all the incredible hospice aides, nurses and staff.



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Services to celebrate Ron's life will be held Monday, April 8, at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., eulogy at 10:45 a.m., followed by mass at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mother Seton Academy, 2215 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218, <https://mothersetonacademy.org> or to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pulfibfou/>.

Please sign the Ronald's Tribute page located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE FLOWERS DELIVERED ON SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024 BY 3:00 PM AT OUR LEWES LOCATION.

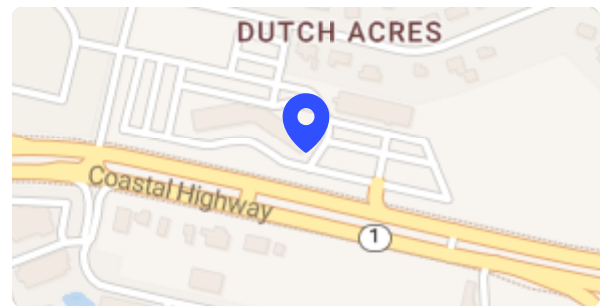


**Visitation of Family and Friends**

📅 **Monday**, April 8, 2024

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

📍 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**  
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE 19958

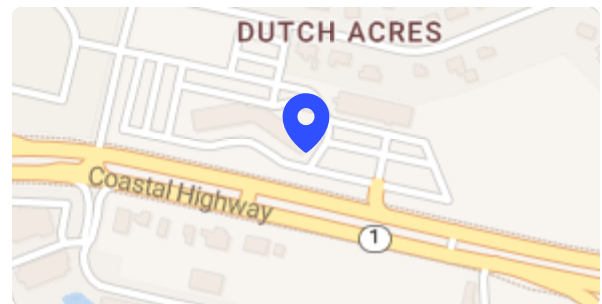


**Celebration of life**

📅 **Monday**, April 8, 2024

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

📍 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**  
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE 19958





## Tribute Wall

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MD

**Manoj Dadhich** posted:

Oh this is such a sad news. I had preveliage to work under Ron Nardi straight out of college. He was President and Managing Director of GM India. He started GM in India He built the plant He launched first ever luxury car Opel Astra in India. He shaped me and my career. He was full of energy it was such fun working for him. While he had immense experience in motor business but he never let us feel we were raw. He was true family man he had pics of his family in his office. may God Rest his soul in peace. Manoj Dadhich India

May 3 at 1:49 AM

RM

**Rolf Mair** posted:

I met Ron last summer, just once unfortunately. Being a car guy, i was fortunate that my good neighbors near Lewes connected Ron and I for a few hour visit. I could have stayed all day listening to his stories and adventures. It was an honor to meet such a person with a side of my car enthusiasm that I hadn't been fulfilled to that point. Sadly, despite his insistence that we meet up again, it never could be arranged. But thank you Ron and Phyliss for the few hours I did get to enjoy your company. It's a memory I'll cherish forever!

May 5 at 1:39 PM

GF

**Gamal Fahim** posted:

Sad to hear about the loss of a great man. I express my sincere sympathy and condolences to the family. Ron was my boss when he was the Managing Director and Chairman of GM Egypt. Working for him was a milestone in my career, he helped me growing in my job and shaped my career going forward. Never forgot how a cheerful leader he was, he always used to say "Be Peachy". I pray that God rest his soul in peace

April 8 at 3:57 PM

AK

**Ann Kois** posted:

Phyllis, Sorry to learn of Ron's death, not surprised he went home to Jesus on Easter Sunday. I think of you both when I make cookies and listen to his song. Grieving along side you. Ann Kois

April 8 at 11:07 AM



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**Melodie Taylor** posted:

I could only imagine what a wonderful man Lisa's dad must've been, and what a great family she must have, from all that she's told me. And because of the exceptional human being she is. Reading Mr. Nardi's obituary makes my heart swell with happiness at a life well lived, by a man who obviously touched the lives of so many others. With love and condolences to Lisa, her mother, and the Nardi family. ~Melodie Taylor

April 6 at 9:35 AM



**Melodie T.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



April 6 at 9:10 AM



**Michaela Pope Franco And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



April 5 at 6:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nardi family.



April 5 at 6:57 PM



**Johanna Mishra** posted:

Sending love to the whole Nardi family as you celebrate the life of such a wonderful person. May your memories and the love he gave you give you comfort. Johanna and Rana Mishra

April 5 at 3:32 PM



**Shane Raley, Jana And Chris Moore** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



April 5 at 12:24 PM



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SM

**Shane Raley, Jana And Chris Moore** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Nardi family.

April 5 at 12:24 PM



LL

**Love, Anne Lentz** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Nardi family.

April 5 at 11:43 AM



JN

**Joe O'neill** posted:

Ann and I had the honor of meeting Ron and Phyllis through Teams of Our Lady. I can almost hear Ron's voice as he served as a cantor at St. Jude. I have a strong feeling that he is sharing that voice with all the other saints in heaven. Our prayers also go out to Phillis as she copes with these very difficult times. God Bless.

April 5 at 9:38 AM

MS

**Marybeth S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

April 5 at 8:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nardi family.

April 5 at 8:48 AM





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**Norman Noplock** posted:

I met Ron when I was quite young and from that day until I saw him just a few years ago I realized that he had not changed over the decades. I still think of Ron and Phyllis as that youthful couple with their good looks frozen in time. As the quintessential musician that I am I often think of Ron when I hear Bob Dylan's 1974 song, "Forever Young" Here is the lyric of the first verse of the song. May God bless and keep you always May your wishes all come true May you always do for others And let others do for you May you build a ladder to the stars And climb on every rung May you stay forever young May you stay forever young Ron, I'd like to say thanks for all of the great conversations and for joining in with me in song and great cheer. Your friend and family relation, Norman Noplock --- che Dio vi benedica

April 5 at 2:59 AM



**Tazeen S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



April 4 at 5:23 PM



**The Curry's** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nardi family.



April 4 at 5:02 PM



**Carla Velenovsky Saylor** shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So many memories of Uncle Ron! My family brought Ma to visit the Nardi clan in Delaware a number of times. Oh, how Ma adored her only son! After Ma's passing, I came with my mom, Rosalee, to visit her brother and his family. It was always a pleasure to see the side of my family who lived in many places and had many adventures. Our last visit with Uncle Ron was on Good Friday. He was so tired, but Aunt Phyllis, Beth, Lisa, Dave and Mark did not allow it to be a somber visit. We shared memories and debated who looked like which member of the Nardi/Crimy family. Uncle Ron even smiled a bit. I have no doubt Ma greeted Uncle Ron warmly as he reached the Heavenly Gates.



April 3 at 12:23 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nardi family.

April 4 at 2:04 PM



**Mike & Teri Chesla** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

April 4 at 2:04 PM



**Sympathy & Love, Theresa And Don Palughi** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nardi family.

April 4 at 12:50 AM



**Don Levin** shared a photo to the **History** album.

April 3 at 1:42 PM



**DL Don Levin** April 5 at 9:34 AM  
Ron's childhood home in East Baltimore



**Bob & Gale** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

April 3 at 12:23 PM



**Bob & Gale** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Nardi family.

April 3 at 12:23 PM





Carla Velenovsky Saylor shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 4 at 2:52 PM







**Don Levin** shared a photo to the **History** album.

April 3 at 1:42 PM



**Childhood home in East Baltimore**



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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