



## Ronald W. Bush

December 22, 1942 - August 17, 2016

Ronald W. Bush passed away in Marietta, GA Wednesday, August 17, 2016 after a ten-year journey with prostate cancer. A memorial service will be held for Mr. Bush at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in downtown Marietta on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 4PM, with Jeanne M. Jourdan officiating. A celebration of Ron's life will immediately follow at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre.

Ron was born to the late Irene and Gordon Bush, December 22, 1942 in Auburn, New York. He was raised in Waterloo, NY where he graduated from high school in 1960. He received a BA from Ryder University in 1964, an MA from the University of Potsdam in 1967, Doctor of Letters from Ryder University and an ABD from Rutgers University. Ron loved the world of academia. With few exceptions, his career entailed all things academic, spanning from professor to President. He retired as President of DeVry University, Atlanta in 1997.

Ronald is survived by his wife Sharon of 48 years, daughter Stacy Bush Smith of Acworth, GA, son and daughter-in-law, Derek and Mindy Bush of Woodstock, GA, two adored grandchildren, Trevor and Emily Bush, and a four legged, furry family member named Keeper. Ron was a kind, irreverent man with a huge heart. He will be affectionately remembered for his sense of humor and delight in a practical joke. In his retirement years, Ron tended to the needs of flood and fire victims (American Red Cross), fed the elderly (Meals on Wheels), fought for the protection of abused and neglected children (Court Appointed Special Advocate), and participated in Relay for Life with his daughter, Stacy. Socrates once said "It's not living that matters, but living rightly." Ron Bush's family and friends knew a beautiful man, a shining example of living rightly.

Contributions can be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation ([www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org)) or Must Ministries, P.O. Box 1717, Marietta, GA 30061.

[www.mayeswarddobbins.com](http://www.mayeswarddobbins.com)

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# Events

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**AUG**   **Memorial Service**                      04:00PM  
**28**

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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Historic Marietta Chapel  
180 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

# Comments

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“ We met Ron and Sharon on St. George Island in 2012. A more charming, congenial, warm-hearted, and fun-loving couple one could never meet. We invited them over for dinner having barely met them and had a wonderful evening that led to dinners, snacks on the beach, and wonderful conversations. When Ron found out I was a college professor that first night he grilled me for a good while about my school and especially about our president. When my wife finally asked, "So Ron, what do you do?" he said, "I was afraid you were going to ask that. I'm a retired college president." Ron fought his cancer bravely and with great dignity and humor. In Sharon he had a perfect companion and ally. We still miss him and remain inspired by him.

Our love to Sharon and their family.

Paul and Janet

**Paul Hillmer** - March 29, 2018 at 04:45 PM

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“ I remember him from the store that he had in Waterloo NY many years ago...As a kid we all loved the penny candy that was at the front of the store...Hope that he is happy where he has gone before us...We will all come together once again. Rest in Peace my friend and keep the candy jar handy

**Jane Braunig** - September 04, 2016 at 06:17 PM

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“ Dear Sharon ,  
How sad we all are to hear of your loss. We will miss Ron so very much , but please come and share a Tuesday lunch and the love of the Loving Arms Group as soon as you feel up to it . Our hands are ready to give you a massage and are arms are ready to hug you and perhaps to shed a tear with you.

Finally we will all want to tell you what a wonderful man Ron was and how lucky he was to have you on his "side".

Thinking of you fondly ,

Jenny Bodycomb.

**Jenny Bodycomb** - August 28, 2016 at 08:33 PM

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“ Brenda Wiseman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald W. Bush



brenda Wiseman - August 28, 2016 at 09:27 AM

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“ The world will be missing the kindest human being I have ever met.  
He touched my heart the day I moved in next door.

At the end of my move day, I was so hungry and exhausted.  
I'll never forget a knock at my door around 8:00 pm.  
I was delivered a delicious, warm, home cooked meal - including drink and utensils..lol  
I think, I fell asleep while eating...

He gave what I needed most... Food wrapped in love ...  
He fed the need.  
Simply, beautiful man who was always there for me and others.

My heart is saddened to know he will not be next door; however,  
I know he will be with us forever.

To Sharon and family..  
Your loss is great  
No words will lessen the pain and loneliness you feel.  
Only time will heal. Be kind to yourselves and Keep Breathing  
You were amidst a true earthly Saint.

Your neighbors are here, if ever you need us.  
Much Love and prayers for the Bush family during this time of grief.

Sincerely  
Brenda Wiseman

brenda Wiseman - August 28, 2016 at 09:21 AM

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“ My condolences to you Sharon and your family, it was always nice to see the two of you at Loving Arms always so much love I saw, his love for you will get you thru these days ahead,God Bless You and your family.



“ Dearest Sharon and Family

Our Prayers and Care goes out to you all . Sharon, it was always wonderful to be in our Loving Arms group with the two of you. Y'all journey during his steps in getting through cancer spoke volumes as y'all shared about your perserverence in getting what he deserved and needed. Also, his thoughtfulness to bring us some of the best cake ever, added both joy and some ounces that we gladly took on! Thank you both for being apart of our Loving Arms Family.(come visit soon Sharon).

I must also add how impressive his life story read. What an impact he made on so very many lives. Wow! It was really impressive to hear that he was the president for Devry being that my son-law was a two- times graduate there ( BA in N.Y and Masters in Ga. All in the 2000's. We Thank him for what have to have been a powerful legacy that he left at Devry and elsewhere.

May God Bless You and Y'all Family Sharon  
Enjoy your Angel in Heaven!  
Sincerely Margaret, Les McCants and Family

Margaret L. McCants - August 27, 2016 at 02:41 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Bush.



August 27, 2016 at 08:25 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Bush.



August 26, 2016 at 05:11 PM

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“ While I only knew Ron for a short period of time, his kind and gentle spirit was such a blessing to our support group. He always encouraged others, always smiled, and ALWAYS displayed such a great love for Sharon. I will continue to pray for you, Sharon, and your family. I know Ron will be greatly missed by many.

Janet Graham  
Loving Arms Cancer Outreach

Janet - August 26, 2016 at 11:49 AM

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“ There's a very special garden, where the trees of memory grow.  
Nurtured by the kindness, and concern that good friend's show.  
The roots are cherished memories, of good times in the past.  
The branches tender promises, that souls endure and last.  
It's a place of peace and beauty, where bright new hopes can start,  
It's memory's lovely garden that soothes the hurting heart.

Stacy,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Your friend,

Kathy

Kathy - August 26, 2016 at 11:15 AM

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“ My parents are Roscoe and Mary Bartran. My Dad and Mom were good friends with the Bushes. Ronnie often worked at their store, next to us and as a teenager, I could fully appreciate his good looks. I was about 13 and although Ronnie was older, he would always take the time to talk to me. (I was probably blushing and giddy! He and his parents were wonderful people. I remember when he and Sharon were dating/married...it dashed my hopes...but Sharon was so pretty and nice, I got "over it" and always enjoyed when they visited. Reading all his accomplishments I am not surprised. He was such a good person, friendly and kind. My Parents have passed too. "Mr Bush (Gordon) was one of my favorite people. Mrs Bush was so pretty. Sharon, God bless you all. Ronnie has joined the heavenly party with his parents and mine.

Mary Anne Bartran Adams

Mary Anne Adams - August 25, 2016 at 09:01 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



**Robbie Helms** - August 24, 2016 at 09:37 PM

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“ Karen Roper lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Bush



**karen roper** - August 24, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ Ken and I always enjoyed talking to Ron. He always had a big smile. Prayers going out for the whole family. Ron you will be missed.

**karen roper** - August 24, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ My heart & prayers are with you sweet Sharon. We have known each other for about 26 years starting with being friends through work, continuing with couples gatherings & then with our huge love & support for Moogret through her Parkinson's years....all the while you & Ron were so dear. What a wonderful funny family man & husband. So many fond memories. Thank you so much for always being there for me. I love you both!

**Robbie Helms** - August 24, 2016 at 09:34 PM

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“ The world is less one wonderful, amazing person. He was full of love, spirit, kindness and mischief. I'm so grateful I knew him. He adored his family above all else and he leaves a legacy to be proud of. My prayers are with you for your peace and strength at this time. ~Jane Horrell



**Jane Horrell** - August 24, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Sharon and family on your great loss. I have fond memories of the times I saw you and Ron at Ellen & Les' parties. He was an all-around decent, caring and fun-loving man.

My thoughts are with you.....

Marilyn Aronson xo

**Marilyn Aronson** - August 23, 2016 at 09:48 AM

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“ Sharon, Stacy and family- just know that you are surrounded by love and so many arms to hug you when needed. Ron was such a wonderful fighter and helped more than he probably even realized. I am thinking of you all and sending much love and peace. Love you- Kellie Jett



**Kellie Jett** - August 23, 2016 at 08:13 AM

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“ Karen & Jim Freeman lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Bush



**Karen & Jim Freeman** - August 22, 2016 at 08:36 PM

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“ Sharon, my thoughts and prayers for you and your family at this sad time. I feel so fortunate to have know Ron...he was a wonderful man. Love, Corky

**Corky Gatewood** - August 22, 2016 at 04:19 PM

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**Stacy Smith** - August 22, 2016 at 02:26 PM

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“ Dear Stacey - Out deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pat and Bob Gotsch

**Patricia K Gotsch** - August 22, 2016 at 10:59 AM

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“ Marianne Wind Robertson lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Bush



**Marianne Wind Robertson** - August 22, 2016 at 12:33 AM

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“ Love Judy Chamness and Barry Lederman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald W. Bush.



**Love Judy Chamness and Barry Lederman** - August 21, 2016 at 11:42 PM

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“ He was a wonderful man. My heartfelt condolences to Sharon a day the family.  
Renee Stark

**Renee Stark** - August 21, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ David Armour lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Bush



David Armour - August 21, 2016 at 02:57 PM

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Stacy Smith - August 21, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ Ronnie and Sharon Bush...still a lovely looking couple.

Mary Anne - August 25, 2016 at 09:03 PM