



Ronald G. Eisenhower

August 7, 1935 - December 10, 2020

Ronald George Eisenhower, of Crown Point, Indiana passed away December 10, 2020 at The William J. Riley Memorial Residence of the Hospice of the Calumet Area in Munster, IN. He is survived by his wife, Linda Ann Grube, of 59 years, and his only child, Donald J Eisenhower (Mary Jane) and 3 adoring grandchildren Frannie, George and Hattie, all of Beverly Shores, IN. He is also survived by Diane Thalmann Stanton of IL and FL, other Thalmann cousins in Wilmette area, 3 sisters-in-law, Carolyn Rucker of Wilmette, IL, Martie Roehm of Lake Barrington, IL, Jane (Jim) David of Logansport, IN, and 10 nieces and nephews. Ron was born August 7, 1935 in Evanston, Illinois. He was an only child of Clarence and Jewel Eisenhower. Ron is a 3rd cousin of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Wilmette and New Trier High School. He graduated as a history major from Northwestern University in 1958 where he met Linda. Ron was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on campus. Ron was in the National Guard, got married in Logansport 1961, then moved to Atlanta to work in the insurance industry. In 1962, Ron became President of Standard Liquors, Inc. in downtown Gary and remained its CEO until 1987 in Merrillville, IN. From then until 2005 Ron was VP of Operations for National Wine & Spirits out of Indianapolis with locations in Illinois and Michigan. Ron served as Board of Directors of Bank of Indiana, then Bank One which became Chase as well as President of the Merrillville Planning Commission and VP of Merrillville Board of Zoning Appeals. He was President of the Indiana Wholesale Liquor

Association. Other organizations within which he was involved with were University Club, the Indiana Society of Chicago, Northwestern's John Evans Club, many Northwestern class reunion committees, and the Gary Jaycees. Ron was an avid golfer at Gary / Innsbrook Country Club for 52 years and a past Board Member. His beloved golf group played every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday! He loved attending Chicago Cubs and Bears games with his best friend. Ron rarely missed a home Northwestern football or basketball game in nearly 60 years. That was a lot of driving each way from Crown Point to Evanston, and he knew all the short cuts. He and Linda have been Wildcat Fund Benchwarmers forever and bleed purple for their Wildcats. Speaking of cats, Ron had 7 felines over his years that counted on him every day in Lakes of the Four Seasons. Those cats were his best pals. In his spare time, Ron's hobbies included electrical projects at friends' homes & cottages; boating on Lake Holiday; taking care of his yard; attending Northwest Indiana Symphony concerts; and taking naps – lots of them! He so enjoyed reading the Chicago Tribune and Wall Street Journal daily. His friends from across the U.S. are loyal to him and Linda, and he relished that fact. Private funeral service will be held at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Interment Historic Maplewood Cemetery, Crown Point. A Celebration of Life will be held next year on Ron's birthday in August. Donations in Ron's memory may be made to Northwestern University Athletics, c/o Wildcat Fund, Attn: Fred Smith, 28274 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673. Or, Hospice of the Calumet Area, Attn: A. May, 600 Superior Drive, Munster, IN 46321. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Dear Linda,

I am deeply saddened to hear of Ron's passing just a few days ago,. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

May all those happy "good old days" at Northwestern, football games, parties, and reunions that you shared together, bring you pleasant memories and give you peace.

Blessings, Marilyn Marx Adelman

Marilyn Marx Adelman - December 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM

LM

“ Ron was my second cousin, my father's first cousin (10 years and one day between their birthdays).. My mother and father Dorothy and Glen Shafer, were married in Ron's parents' home (Uncle Clarence and Aunt Jewel) on Lake Avenue in Wilmette in January of 1945. As a little girl I remember the times we were invited over to visit. The Eisenhauers were so kind, and I loved my second cousin, Ronnie, since I was able to be aware of him (from my birth). He was a kind and loving man and so patient just like his father, Uncle Clarence. He was devoted to his mother, Jewel until her death. Charles and I will always remember with happiness when you invited us to your home in Merrville after we were married in 2011. Thank you for being family to us. Thank you for all the warm and happy memories. I will miss you Cousin Ron.

Lynn McKenzie

Lynn McKenzie - December 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM

TF

“ The Hauser Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Ronald G. Eisenhower.



The Hauser Family - December 17, 2020 at 04:59 PM

DS

“ Dear Don, M.J., Frannie, George and Hattie,

We are so sorry to hear of the news of your dad/grandfather passing. I only met him a few times but I knew he was a very special man. After reading his obituary, I feel like I need to do a little more in this world. What a track record and great involvement in so many things. I am inspired today by his life and all of the things that I didn't know about him. We certainly have a lot to learn from one another, don't we? We cherish our friendship with you all and want you to know that as you move forward in the near future without dad and grandpa. You know he will be first in line waiting for you when you enter the pearly gates and oh what a day that will be! I pray that you will have peace during this time and trust that he is well taken care of. We will continue to keep your mother in our prayers as well. Love to you all!

Love, Diane, Andy, Dana and Matthew

Diane Sperling - December 14, 2020 at 04:21 PM

TF

“ *Special memories of our "last NU Reunion" as it was so labeled... But what a good time we had! Ron brought the "good cheer" to toast our memories of the years we shared on campus ending scholastically June, 1959. Actually Ron was a year ahead but we celebrated the reunions together. So many stories! He will be missed.*

Terry Flaherty

Terry Flaherty - December 14, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JT

“ *Linda, Don, Mary Jane and family,
I am so sorry for your loss.
May his love and memories always comfort you.
My sincere condolences!*

Jeanette Tugman - December 14, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Don,
I'm so sorry to hear about your father. Sending my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.*

May you find comfort in the many memories you shared.

Maggie Patterson

Margaret Patterson - December 14, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald G. Eisenhower.*



December 13, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Dear Linda and Family,*

Please accept our sincere condolences. I know that Ron will be sorely missed by friends and family, and you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*With love and caring,
Jennie and Lew Gravis*

Jennie Ann Gravis - December 13, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Ron was a true gentlemen and a very well respected man. My sincere sympathy to Linda and family. Judie fisher*

judie fisher - December 13, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald G. Eisenhower.*



December 13, 2020 at 06:31 AM

CN

“ Don,

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I never had the pleasure of meeting him but I know his son and therefore I know he must have been a special man. My deepest condolences buddy. We send our love and prayers to you and your family.

Craig

craig notari - December 12, 2020 at 10:54 PM

JF

“ Dear Don and Mary Jane,

Cathy and I send our deepest condolences on the loss of your wonderful Dad, Ron.

I have many fond memories of Ron checking in on us in Evanston, along with your mom Linda. Ron was such a fun-loving guy, always with a welcoming smile. He understood us, and let us have fun, while making sure we didn't have too much fun. He was always there to cheer on the Cats, but more importantly to be a part of our lives. I appreciated the time he spent with us and getting to know him over the years. Your Dad was a true Wildcat fan and he will be missed.

We send you all our love and prayers,

Jeff & Cathy Farley

Jeff Farley - December 12, 2020 at 10:53 PM

JO

“ Don,
I am so sorry to hear the news. I know that your father will be missed, but he is with you every day in your memories of a great man and a great father. Cherish those memories. Robin and I give our deepest sympathies and are here for you if you need anything at all.
John Throckmorton

John - December 12, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DD

“ To Don, his family and Mrs. Eisenhower,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I have such great memories of Ron (even at my age I still want to call him "Mr. Eisenhower") including his 50th birthday party when Don & I set up the mini golf around your house in Lakes of the Four Season; water skiing on Lake Holiday with the 3 of us (I still have the picture he took of me skiing from the Hurricane). Mr. Eisenhower was always so kind and welcoming, and truly added richness to my life.

I know it's tough to lose a family member, especially during the holiday season. Hold on to the great memories that will guide you through the sadness.

All the very best of wishes,

Doug DeLor

Doug DeLor - December 12, 2020 at 10:02 AM

NA

“ Dear Linda, Donald , Maty Jane and Family,
My sincere condolences on the passing of your Beloved
Husband, Father and Grandfather. I so enjoyed the intellectual
conversations I had with Ron and pondering on his opinion and
thoughts on issues. He was a stellar of a gentleman, visionary and
Kind man. I am honored to have known him. May Our Heavenly
Father hold him close to His heart. God Bless. Noreen Adams

Noreen Adams - December 12, 2020 at 05:00 AM

JA

*My sincere condolences to all of you, especially during this holiday
season.*

judy ackerman - December 12, 2020 at 12:49 PM

ED

“ My Dear Friend Don:

Thank you for sending me this notice.

Words cannot express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. I remember your Dad well. He rarely missed a wildcat game (and I was at all of them in my cheerleading garb), he was a constant fixture at Phi Psi tailgates and homecoming house parties. No doubt he was there to be near his son.

I could always feel the love he had for you when he was around. It was palpable. He demanded excellence from you, but accepted whatever you gave, whether good or bad and loved you all the more. He was welcoming to your friends and accepting of us. I enjoyed his company and never felt like an awkward college student around him or that I should somehow act differently than I would if he were not around.

I'm tearing up as I write this to you and I hope that you are smiling and recalling an incredible life lived and the many warm memories you have. His time here should be celebrated and Julie and I send our deepest sympathies and warmest regards to you, Mary Jane, your Mom Linda, and your kids, as well as my fondest memories of a terrific man.

Gene and Julie Diaz

Eugene Diaz - December 11, 2020 at 05:01 PM