



## Mr. Ronald (Ron) Stephen Kemp

April 29, 1941 - August 25, 2020

Ron was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Nelle Cain and Russell Henry Kemp in April 1941. He spent much of his childhood and teen years in his beloved Woodstock, Georgia when it was a small town and the people there were just simply home. Those precious memories of growing up in a rural small town became the subject of his many stories that entertained countless audiences and family dinners over the years. He married Linda Coleman in 1961 – the true love of his life. They danced, laughed, traveled the world, and loved one another for 59 years. Ron served in the United States Air Force from 1961 - 1968. Following his years of service, Ron and Linda moved back to her hometown of Roswell, Georgia where he lived for the remainder of his life. There he raised his family and was a self-employed business man for over 30 years. He was a man of strong faith and longtime member of Roswell United Methodist Church and the Seekers Sunday School Class. He was a much loved and respected member of the Roswell community as a little league assistant baseball and softball coach, assistant scout master for Boy Scout Troop 431 for over 25 years, an active member of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, and a highly regarded member of the Southern Order of Storytellers. He loved his family dearly, the great outdoors, most people, a great story, and good laugh. Ron left in some random writing, found on the day of his death, his own epitaph – “I did the best that I could.” ... and he truly did. Survivors who will miss him include his wife Linda, son Russell (Helen) Kemp, daughter Rhonda (Chris) Webb, granddaughters Linda Anne (Harrison) Cornforth and Laura Kemp. He will also be greatly missed by his extended family and many friends. Due to the current situation with the Corona Virus, a private service for immediate family will be held on Friday, August 28th. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested in Ron Kemp’s memory to Roswell United Methodist Church H.E.L.P. Fund or to the North Fulton Community Charities.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ronald (Ron) Stephen Kemp*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ *Worked with and enjoyed his company when I was employed with the city recreation department. A very nice man who loved the kids and gave much of his time supporting them. My daughter and Rhonda worked together at University of Georgia and she has always been an “adopted” daughter to us. We’re so sorry for your loss of a wonderful man , husband and father...*

**Jan Baldwin** - August 30, 2020 at 04:32 PM

LL

“ *Ken and I always enjoyed Ron's stories so much at the Story Bar and Roswell Cluster. His great love for you Linda was truly the jewel of his life. Thank you for sharing your love and life with us.*

**Laura G Lockie** - August 29, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JW

“ *I always knew we were in for a good tale when I saw Ron as a presenter at Storytelling festivals! And it was always wonderful to visit with such good friends as Ron and Linda and laugh together, when we would meet at these wonderful gatherings. I am sorry to see Ron go.  
Jean Woodall.*

**Jean Woodall** - August 28, 2020 at 08:47 AM

CK

“ *Linda, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your wonderful husband, Ron. I don't think I ever saw the two of you apart, always supporting each other. I know the loss is great for you and maybe time will help heal your heart. But know that Ron was loved by many and we will miss him and his caps and his storytelling.  
Cathy Kaemmerlen*

**Cathy J Kaemmerlen** - August 27, 2020 at 08:34 PM

GB

“ *So sad to hear about Ron. He was a good man and a great storyteller. I learned so much from him. Thinking of you Linda. Gary Baum*

**Gary A Baum** - August 27, 2020 at 08:21 PM

AL

“ Ron, could always make you laugh, one of those deep belly laughs. He has left me with so many great storytelling memories. I grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Roswell Storytelling Guild with Ron (Thank-YOU).  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we love you  
In our hears you hold a special place  
No one else will ever fill

Alice - August 27, 2020 at 07:33 PM

YW

“ Your friends at WSP purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Ronald (Ron) Stephen Kemp.



Your friends at WSP - August 27, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald (Ron) Stephen Kemp.



August 27, 2020 at 11:16 AM

CO

“ Jenny and I talked today of the splendid time we had when we attended a Storytelling Festival in Roswell which featured the talented Ron Kemp. That is a memory we both cherish. Our love to his family.



Cousins - August 27, 2020 at 12:47 AM

FC

Sending much sympathy Linda to you and your family. You are in my prayers.

Frances Callum - August 27, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SC

*So enjoyed Ron, especially his leadership of our son in the boy scouts. Ron was an inspiration to us who camped and hiked with him.*

*Linda, know Cindy and I are thinking of you. Bless you during this difficult time.*

*Steve & Cindy Corder*

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**Steve Corder** - August 27, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BA

*Linda and family. Ron's death was a total shock to me. He was a good friend and a gentleman AND a gentle man. Funny and just fun to be with. Loved listening to him tell stories and sharing the stage with him. He will be SO missed and I am so glad I've had a friendship and association with both of you ALL these years! May he Rest in Peace! I will be praying for y'all. Fred and I stopped to say a prayer for y'all when we read this.*

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**BJ Abraham** - August 27, 2020 at 09:36 PM

EC

*Linda,  
I wish I could be there with you, to hug you, to cry with you.  
When I count my blessings, one will be how thankful I am to have shared part of my life knowing Ron. Remembering Ron makes me smile.  
Linda, I will be thinking of you.*

*Esther Culver*

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**Esther Culver** - August 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM

PP

*So sorry for your loss. I am wondering if this is the same Ronald Kemp with whom I served in the Air Force in 1966-67 in Udorn, Thailand? We worked in the ECM shop there. (Electronic Countermeasures). Thank you and God Bless. Phil Pearce, Dallas, GA 470-554-5841*

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**Phil Pearce** - October 21, 2020 at 11:53 PM