



Mr. Ronald S. Bennett

November 12, 1952 - March 25, 2020

Ronald S. Bennett, 67, of Seffner, Florida, born on November 12, 1952 in Tampa, entered into eternal rest on March 25, 2020. He was a longtime member of East Point Assembly of God in Tampa, where he was the former Sectional Commander of the Royal Rangers Outpost 121. He loved his family and children, and enjoyed playing Santa Clause at Busch Gardens and other venues in the area. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachel Bennett. He is survived by his children, Travis Bennett (fiancée Tina Peel) of Seffner, and Angela Curci (Shane) of Patterson, Louisiana, grandson, Daniel Curci of Patterson, Louisiana; fiancée, Darleen Schaible Avallone of Seffner; brothers. David Bennett (Linda) of Riverview, Danny Bennett of Lakeland, and Bobby Bennett (Linda) of Valdosta, Georgia; and many other family, and friends. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ronald S. Bennett



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 02, 2020 at 09:40 PM

PN

*Absolutely beautiful....Hopewell does great tributes...and we will continue to miss the Gentle Giant of a man...and friend.
Till we meet again ...
The Neeleys*

Patricia Neeley - April 11, 2020 at 08:19 PM

CS

“ *I could always count on Ron to make my day and cause me to be uplifted no matter what had transpired previously...!! His spirit, loving nature, sense of calm and twinkling eyes made anyone/everyone happy to be with him and in the moment. I pray that Our Father blesses his family with all the strength for the times ahead and soothes their hearts. Rest In Peace dear friend.*

Candace Sugarek

candace sugarek - April 04, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 02, 2020 at 09:41 PM

RI

“ *Ron Bennet was a blessing to all who knew him. His heart to invest into others and his ability to mentor others was truly a gift. I served with him at various Royal Rangers events and I know he loved God, his family, friends, and he genuinely cared about people. I appreciated him as a role model, leader, and friend. I am a better person for knowing him and I know he will be missed. My sincerest condolences to the families.*

*Respectfully,
Reverdy E Winfree III*

Reverdy E Winfree III - April 01, 2020 at 05:43 PM

EG

“ Ron Bennett was a unique and wonderful individual. I as well as my husband Eddie were blessed to have Ron as a supervisor during our time of employment at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's office. There was an instant connection for me because of Ron's calm and assuring demeanor. He had a great sense of humor and always had a smile in his eyes if not on his lips. He was a very devout Christian as well and we enjoyed many conversations about our Lord and Savior Jesus. Ron will be missed but we are blessed to have the precious memories of such a wonderful friend. May God comfort and strengthen Ron's family and loved ones in the days to come.

Eddie and Naomi George - April 01, 2020 at 01:20 PM

 Lisa Haber

“ Ron was one of the best!! He was a pleasure to work with. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

Lisa Haber - March 31, 2020 at 08:10 PM

BM

“ RIP Ron you were a great man and will be missed

Bill Moore - March 31, 2020 at 07:19 PM

KJ

“ RIP Ron, you are so missed. One of the best.

Kevin Johnson - March 31, 2020 at 05:34 PM

CD

“ He was one of my favorite dispatchers to be at the other end of the radio for me. RIP Craig Darlak

Craig Darlak - March 31, 2020 at 02:19 PM

AW

“ RIP RON RIP. AJ WHITE

albert white - March 31, 2020 at 12:57 PM

RD

“ Roseann and I always enjoyed seeing you at our luncheon's. Our sincere condolences to Ron's family and loved ones. My he Rest In Peace. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏💔

Roger Dixon - March 31, 2020 at 12:05 PM

PH

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my good friend and colleague. He and I were friends and piers for as long as he worked in the HCSO Communications Center and on into retirement (over 40 years). He was always having to rein me in and calm me down from one thing or another. He had a calming effect on everyone he came in contact with and positively touched the lives of so many people. We love you Ron. Rest peacefully and know that we miss you very much.
~Pam

Pamela Hess - March 31, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ron's family. When I became aware of Ron's ministry with the Royal Rangers, I was very proud of him for investing time and resources in the lives of the boys. There is no telling all that he achieved as a spiritual father to the boys. Through his relationship with the Lord, He changed lives, inspired many, and modeled following the Lord. I'll miss him, but I'll cherish his cheerfulness, especially his smile and gleaming eyes, and other memories.

Donald Bennett - March 31, 2020 at 07:20 AM

CO

“ *My deepest sympathy to Ron's family! He will be missed by many!*

Collette Oppermann - March 31, 2020 at 07:00 AM

BL

“ *I have been blessed to know such a caring person. Ron will be missed, but we know that we will meet again once the Lord calls us home. Keep the fire burning my brother, we will be there soon enough.*

-Bill Lemons

Bill Lemons - March 30, 2020 at 10:39 PM

KM

“ *Ronald Bennett aka Santa left this earth and entered Heaven. God has gained a beautiful angel we lost a beautiful soul. This man touched so many lives young and old and always kept his connection with God every step of the way. He will truly be missed. #santaliveson #humanasanta*



KRISTA MOORE - March 30, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MT

“ So many times you were the voice of reason and calm. God bless those that will miss you terribly. You were a valued boss, mentor and friend. Rest in Peace Ron.

Michele Thomas (Young)



Michele Thomas - March 30, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RM

“ I will miss my brother in Christ. Ron had a spirit for people and for the ministry. He will be missed by so many of his brothers in Royal Rangers and FCF for sure. He had a heart for everyone and was one of the nicest people you would ever have the privilege to meet. I will miss sharing a fire with him at our events but I know that without a doubt we will see each other again one day. Be blessed my brother, we will be praying for Darlene and your family during this time.

- Ryan Mikell

Ryan D. Mikell - March 30, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ He was friendly to everyone that met him and he befriended me to the point he became my brother. For the past 30 plus years we had many wonderful adventures and I was looking for more. I sure do miss him.

God called him home because he had finished his race. 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NKJV)

“6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” I miss him but I know that I will see him again!

Joseph Gonzalez - March 30, 2020 at 07:27 PM

AU

“ I'll always treasure the memories of Ron as Santa. He had such a caring heart and my children adored him. ❤️



Autumn - March 30, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ Having Been So Privileged And Honored to Know My Great Friend for over 40 Years Its Hard to Say Good-Bye Ron. Your Kindness and Love of Jesus Christ have Certainly Earned your Place On Heaven Above, and For That all of Your Family and Friends can Take Blessed Comfort in Knowing that Ron ! Mac n Meg

Tom MacAlester - March 30, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ Went to church with Ron for several years. He was a great Christian man and made a difference in a lot of boys lives through his years in Royal Rangers. Praying for all the family.

Marshia Vance - March 30, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ I've worked with Ron for 2 years at Christmastown as Santa and enjoyed every minute! He was a gentle soul with way to make you laugh in any situation. We will miss you, Santa Ron! Prayers for comfort for your family.

Scott Graverson - March 30, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ I haven't worked for the S.O. for years, but I remember working in the com. center and teaching first aid/cpr with Ron. He was a good guy! Connie Summerlin-Newell

connie newell - March 30, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ My family knew Ron since I was a child. He was loved by many and did so many great things for the community, church, Royal Rangers and even Girls Ministry. You will be missed and our hearts go out to the family.

Tim and Bridget Sayers

Bridget Sayers - March 30, 2020 at 05:06 PM

PD

“ Ron thinking of you buddy. You helped me out in so many ways. Thanks for being available and helping me.



Paul Dahlke - March 30, 2020 at 05:03 PM

AA

“ My condolences to the family and to his children Angie and Travis. Ron was my supervisor at HCSO. Avlyn Allen-Mills

Avlyn Allen-Mills - March 30, 2020 at 04:34 PM

PH

“ Condolences to the entire Bennett family. I, like many others, worked with Ron in the Sheriff's Office Communications Center. He was a great guy and the best Santa ever! At our get together luncheons Ron would tell some of his "Santa stories" - we laughed and smiled a lot. Ron, rest in peace my friend. Darleen, I am so sorry for your loss.

Pam Hartmann

Pam Hartmann - March 29, 2020 at 08:45 PM

NL

“ Ron was one of my first supervisors at Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. He was very reassuring and encouraging to me to get me to do the best that I could. He was a Christian and spoke of his faith often and invited me to worship service. This world was a better place with Ronald Bennett in it. He will be missed dearly. Rest in paradise my friend, until we meet again.

Nellie Lavender-Shakespeare - March 29, 2020 at 08:26 PM

ID

“ I am so saddened to hear of Ron's lost. He was one of my favorite supervisors in the Communications Center. He was always so pleasant to work for. Rest In Peace!
BlackCloud Aka Ida Creamer 🙏

Ida - March 28, 2020 at 08:35 PM

JM

“ I will always remember his low key and calming nature. No matter the circumstance. Ron seemed always to smile in the midst of chaos. I enjoyed working for him and along side of him for several years at the Sheriff's Office.
I am saddened at your loss. May he rest in peace and may God give you comfort.

Jane Maeder

Jane Maeder - March 28, 2020 at 08:06 PM

BB

“ We worked together at the Sheriffs Office for so many years. Ron was always so low keyed which was greatly needed in the stressful dispatch center. He will be missed by all of us who worked him and remained friends after retirement. There will be many children missing him as Santa.

bob bohanan - March 28, 2020 at 06:12 AM