



Mr. Ronald W. Mason

August 14, 1930 - December 22, 2022

Ronald “Ronnie” William Mason, Sr., 92, of Plant City, Florida, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2022.

Ronnie was born on August 14, 1930 to Orbie and Bernice Mason in Tampa. He attended Hillsborough High School, where he played both football and basketball before graduating in 1949. In 1951, he began a long and cherished career with Tampa Fire Rescue finishing his service as Tampa’s Fire Chief. Later, Ronnie was elected to Tampa City Council, where he also served as Chairman.

Along the way, he owned and operated several successful local businesses including Mason Motors, Mason Sporting Goods, and Americare Ambulance Service, that served and supported his community and beyond through the years. Americare continues to serve Hillsborough County.

In 1950, Ronnie married his high-school sweetheart and love of his life, Betty Sue Camp. Ronnie and Betty Sue went on to have four children, Ronald William, Jr., Susan Mason Raburn, Julie Mason Otte, and James Douglas. They were married for 72 years.

Ronnie also held multiple leadership positions at Seminole Heights United Methodist Church, where he and Betty Sue were members for nearly 70 years. Ronnie loved serving his community by volunteering his time and talents in many ways through multiple organizations, including coaching and serving as league president for North Seminole Little League.

Ronnie was a man of principle and unwavering conviction. He exemplified

unconditional love and generosity through his support and service to others. His relationship with Christ was evident in the way he lived. Because of those he loved and the many lives he touched, Ronnie would be the first to tell you he was incredibly blessed. He will not be forgotten.

Ronnie was preceded in death by parents, Orbie and Bernice Mason; sisters, Nancy Burnett and Jeanne Combs; and son, Ronald William, Jr.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 72 years, Betty Sue; children, Susan Raburn (Buddy), Julie Otte (Bill), Doug (Jill); siblings Steve Mason (Susan) and Brenda Piché (Jim); He had 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He also had many loving grandchildren-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 4:00 P.M. at Seminole Heights United Methodist Church, 6111 N Central Avenue, Tampa, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Metropolitan Ministries of Tampa at <https://www.metromin.org/>.

Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your Master's happiness! - Matthew 25:23

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Seminole Heights United Methodist Church
6111 N Central Avenue
Tampa, FL 33604

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ronald W. Mason



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“ Condolences to Betty Sue and the entire Mason family during these difficult times. Our prayers are with you.

Bob Buckhorn

Bob Buckhorn - January 07, 2023 at 03:02 PM



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



January 06, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Mason.* ”



January 04, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Mason.* ”



January 03, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Mason.*



January 02, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Mason.*



December 31, 2022 at 12:55 PM