



Ronald Philip Underberg

September 9, 1935 - December 28, 2020

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1935-2020

Lifelong Memphian, Ronald Philip Underberg, passed away December 28th at the age of 85. He graduated Central High School in 1953, then attended Memphis State University for two short years before enlisting in the Armed Forces and serving overseas. He returned to Memphis and began his next phase, selling paint, before stumbling on an opportunity to buy a small bankrupt furniture store on the courthouse steps. His next 30 years were spent growing that small business into one of Fortune 500's largest 100 Furniture Retailers. His next career change steered him into real estate. He was passionate about his work, well respected for his business acumen and for treating everyone fairly. He worked daily until his death.

Ronnie was passionate about his family, friends, and employees. His generosity was felt by many through his "behind the scene" approach, while never expecting recognition or favors returned. Ronnie's greatest pleasures included numerous trips to places around the world, rooting for Memphis Tiger Basketball, and fine dining including a nice bottle of wine.

Family came first for Ronnie. He was devoted to his parents, wife, children, and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Polly, and is survived by his children, Mike (Marsha) Underberg, Barbie (Kevin) Schaffer, and Susan (Ben) Persin, 7 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, a sister Carol (Bob) Tessler, a brother Barry Jay Underberg (deceased), and his companion, Ann Churchwell.

He will be sorely missed by all.

A private graveside service took place on December 30th at Temple Israel Cemetery. The family requests donations be sent to Temple Israel, Theater Memphis, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery

Temple Israel Cemetery

1708 Hernando Road

Memphis, TN, 38106

Comments



“ I am so sorry for your lost to the Underberg family. My prayers Mike, Barbie, Susie & families...

Patty & Gene Armstrong - January 03 at 03:46 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Ronnie's death. My sympathy to his children . Anita Spragg

Anita (Mrs Eddie K) Spragg - January 01 at 05:10 PM



“ Mr Underburg was a great man who cared for his family . We are so sorry to hear of his passing all our love to Mike. Marsha and family

From Wayne and Carol Whaley

Wayne Whaley - January 01 at 02:37 PM