



## Ronald L. Culpepper

July 9, 2021

Ronald Lee Culpepper "Big Ron" passed peacefully on July 9, 2021 in Maryview Hospital ICU. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Walter A. and Addie Lee Culpepper, Big Ron grew up in the Churchland area of Portsmouth and graduated from Churchland High School in 1964. Big Ron retired from SUPSHIP Portsmouth in 2002 with 36 years of government service.

In his earlier years Big Ron coached multiple youth sports teams, and was an avid softball player and golfer. Later in life he thoroughly enjoyed Karaoke with friends, going out to eat and even just staying home watching TV especially if the Yankees or Redskins were on. Big Ron dearly loved his wife, his two sons and three grandchildren and bragged on them every chance he got.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years Shirley Marland Culpepper; son Ronald L. Culpepper, Jr.; son Randy L. Culpepper; grandchildren Haylee, Rylan and Harlee Culpepper; sister Betty Lou Marland; brother Kenny W. Culpepper (Teresa); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Walter A. Culpepper, Jr.

A graveside service will be held at 11 am Friday, July 16, 2021 at Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends and family at Loving Funeral Home from 5-6:30 pm Thursday



# Cemetery Details

## Graveside - Olive Branch Cemetery

Clifford St. & City Park Ave.2 CPL James  
Williams Ave.  
Portsmouth, VA 23701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave.  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
(757) 484-3373

## Graveside Service

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graveside - Olive Branch Cemetery  
Clifford St. & City Park Ave.2 CPL James Williams Ave.  
Portsmouth, VA 23701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Culpepper.*



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July 15, 2021 at 02:37 AM

BG

“ *RIP Ronnie. I got to know Big Ron back in the day at SUPSHIP as we started the Habitability Program and we became good friends. He loved to go and watch my daughter on karaoke night, and even got on stage to sing his songs. I have to admit Big Ron and I would be the only ones in there knowing his songs because it was those by Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and such, whereas Heathers followers were mostly in there 20's and 30's and didn't even know who they were but he enjoyed singing them. lol. My thoughts and prayers go out Shirley and family.*

*Butch Gordon*

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**Butch Gordon** - July 14, 2021 at 06:25 PM

BK

“ *My condolences to Ronnie's family and many friends who are grieving his loss.*

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**Bernie Kirsch** - July 14, 2021 at 09:41 AM

JH

“ Shirley and family we are so sorry for your loss. We remember the time Ronnie came to stay with us several days because your home loss power for several days due to a storm. We had power and most importantly air conditioning. Also remember the good times on Friday nights when we went to dinner and the movies. The first thing Ronnie would tell the waitress is that we were going to the movies thinking they would care and hurry up the meal. Good times. Judy and John.

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**Judy and John Hollingsworth** - July 14, 2021 at 08:38 AM