



Ronald Joseph Aviet

February 12, 1922 - April 27, 2024

Ronald Joseph Aviet most recently of Winter Park, Florida (2019-2024), formerly of Calcutta, India (1922-1965), Toronto and Montreal, Canada (1965-78) and Laguna Beach, California (1978-2019), passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 27, 2024, aged 102 years and two months. He is preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Gladys, Edna and Agnes.

Ronald is survived by his daughter, Gilane Meyer, his son-in-law, Edward Meyer, grandchildren Curtis and Celeste Meyer, and great-grandchild Kiran Brelje.

Ronald was educated at St, Xavier's Jesuit College in Calcutta, India. Before immigrating to Canada, he was a founding member of the Calcutta Jaycees*, and manager of a tea estate in Darjeeling, India. In the 1950s he travelled in conjunction with the Jaycees throughout the Middle East, Hong Kong and the Philippines. Later he would also travel in England, France, and Germany.

In Canada Ron taught high-school business classes on the Mohawk Indigenous reserve at Caughnawaga, Quebec. He also taught driving school, although he didn't own a car for more than half of his life, and never drove again once he moved to the United States.

Immigrating to Southern California in 1978, he pursued his passions full-time, becoming a respected and acclaimed watercolor landscape artist, completing over 1,000 works, samples of which are in homes and galleries in more than a dozen countries around the world. He practiced yoga, meditation and Indian philosophies, including vegetarianism, and well into his 90s he was an

outspoken avid letter writer for both political and environmental issues. He was a voracious reader and a serious chess enthusiast. Always a lover of music, especially Frank Sinatra, he amassed a large CD collection and was able to vacation in Sinatra's famous Palm Desert Rancho Mirage compound three times, including a memorable 92nd birthday.

Since retiring to Winter Park in 2019 he continued to enjoy live jazz music whenever possible, local theatre, dancing at St Margaret Mary social functions, and "birding" with his grandson, Curtis. He was lucky enough to meet and hold his great grandchild Kiran in December of '23, the same month he had his last dance at the St Margaret Mary senior's Christmas party. He went to his last music concert on his 102nd birthday in February, and attended his last play at the Winter Park Playhouse on Palm Sunday, March 24th. He was never in real pain, but by mid-April he was ready to go home to his maker, and often ended conversations in his last days with the quote: "Never get old".

The Jaycees are an international civic organization dedicated to teaching business development and management skills to people ages 18 to 40

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity or a "nature" charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 North Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Aviet.*



May 21, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *What too say... we'll, Ronny and I spent the better part of 10yrs together, he was my first art mentor and a great teacher of life. He always told me to "paint my darks, dark, and my lights, light... I became a world-renowned Laguna artist behind many of his teachings. And if you look at all my work that philosophy echoes true through most of my pieces.. I did paint my darks dark and my lights light, thx Ron. Ron was a friend to everyone and everyone loved him upon meeting. He was a first class human, always kind, witty and had a story for everyone. "Visions of the third eye" was one of his art collections. Ron and I would laugh endlessly at this collection title, it became a running joke for many yrs between us. I'm sure ron is not resting in peace, Right now he's in heaven painting visions of the third eye and i'm sure they're all coming true. Love you Ron*

May 20, 2024 at 12:54 AM

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“ *Being first cousins we were always close. I was 12 years younger but first got to know each other in 1956 in Calcutta. We were together in Montreal for 10 years during this period he organized a friendship club for people from India to meet at dances enjoying the music and memories of a group of people who were in the process of diaspora from their homeland. Ron was a guru to many, teaching the Yoga practice of Mindful Meditation. He was a man of letters and a great artist of water-color landscape paintings. I will miss him dearly. Alan Reynolds*

Alan Reynolds - May 01, 2024 at 08:05 PM

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“ First memory with “Uncle Ron” was communicating and facing him mirroring the yoga pose he was wearing in when I was four years old. At Christmas when I was eleven I remember we shared happy moments discovering a radio with cassette tape feature which I could record music directly from the radio. When I retired from the Canadian military in 1995 I made it a priority to visit Ron in Laguna Hills, California. It was like no time had passed between us even after seventeen years. We listened to his considerable jazz collection singing along together. We took the bus to Laguna Beach, Dana Point, Newport Beach/Pier, San Juan Capistrano etc. Ron and I have the same appreciation and love of nature. We both enjoyed using photography to capture beautiful moments of nature. Ron used some of these photos to paint lovely and inspiring scenes. I remember walking with him along the Pacific Coast by the artist colony which he was an important member and other artists referring to him as “Ronnie-ji” with respect and affection. Fortunately, Dad and I went to see Ron in 2019 visiting all the favourite places including “El Torrito” before leaving California. Dad, Uncle Syd and I went to see Ron November 2022 in Winter Park, Florida thanks to Giliane and Ed. The last time I saw “Uncle Ron” was March 2023 with my boy’s which was a happy and memorable visit for all of us. Ron is in my thoughts often especially as he was a mentor to me in my own wellness journey and the Meditation practice which is important in my lifestyle that I also share with others. As “Uncle Ron” would often say to me, “How’s it going buddy?” “Don’t worry be happy” See you later Uncle Ron buddy. Love Warren, Jack-Alan and Keith Reynolds xoxoxo ❤️

Warren Reynolds - May 01, 2024 at 05:51 PM