



## Ronald Earl Harman

August 15, 1945 - February 21, 2022

Ronald Earl Harman, a veteran of Vietnam and longtime resident of Longwood, passed away on February 21, 2022, surrounded by family.

Ron was born August 15, 1945, to Robert and Ruby (Starr) Harman in Elwood, Indiana. The family moved to Ohio where he graduated from Hoover High School in North Canton. He studied art in Pittsburgh, PA and attended Ohio State University, majoring in Medical Illustration, and later joining the teaching staff.

Ron moved to Washington, DC and kicked off a career in Advertising that lasted about 40 years as an award-winning Creative Director for several firms. He completed his Master of Fine Arts degree at Catholic University.

In between pursuing his educational goals, Ron spent four years in the Marine Corps (1967 – 1971), serving as a helicopter door gunner. He earned many awards including the Purple Heart.

Ron was predeceased by his parents and his sister Rhonda Harman. He is survived by his wife Lisa whom he was married to for 39 years, his four children: Jaime (Sean Capelle) Harman, Corey Harman, Richard (Rachel) Harman, Mark Harman and his four grandchildren.

The family will conduct a Celebration of Life on May 22nd, 2022, at 2pm at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Longwood.

The family of Ron Harman invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection  
251 E. Lake Brantley Drive  
Longwood, FL 32779

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Ron was my Marine brother and a great friend.  
The picture is the "band of brothers" from a 2020 reunion.  
Joe Goins



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**Joe Goins** - May 28, 2022 at 08:44 PM

KS

“ Farewell Ronbo. I have thought of you almost every day since you moved on to spend time with the Cosmic Muffin, as you frequently referred to the landlord of the Great Beyond. I know you are looking out from somewhere guffawing at all of the nonsense going on with us mere mortals. We were friends and business partners and co-conspirators in mockery and high comedy for so many years. I miss our phone calls, which could go on and on as we dissected the affairs and inanities of the day, did in-depth assessments of the Super Bowl ads, and laughed at politicians and Grand Poobahs of all political persuasions. You taught me just about everything I know about advertising, except for where to put the commas. I had to add those.

*I suspect our history as purveyors of fine promotions (yes Ronbo, our clients were wrong, advertising really is art!) gave us a wry view of the world and taught us not to take things too seriously, even during the worst of times. As you said so often, "If there aren't any bullets flying by your head, it's a good day." I wasn't a Marine, but Semper Fi, my friend. Rest easy, and one last request. On the paths you're traveling now, please keep sharing your wonderful stories and making folks chuckle. And if you see them on your travels, say hello to our old friends High Sheriff Otis Cephas and his sidekick Sausage VanVeen. Till we meet again.*

*Mister Mambo (Kenn Speicher)*

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**Kenn Speicher** - May 21, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Earl Harman.



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May 19, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald Earl Harman.*



May 18, 2022 at 11:42 PM



“ *I will always remember Ronbo's smart, wicked sense of humor that was just right in any moment. I salute you, my friend. You are missed by many. Mary Ann*

**Mary Ann Sirc** - May 18, 2022 at 08:03 PM



“ *My sweet & sarcastic brother in law who always brought humor to the party. His first meeting the family was in my 2 bedroom SF apartment. Lisa brought him to meet the gang & announced that they were engaged!! Yea, so, because we were so happy to have him in our fantastic family, we gave him the balcony as a changing room. We had 8 adults , 2 kids in a 2 bedroom 1 bath ... so my sweet Man welcome to the Sigmunds, the fun never stopped.... Damn Babe I miss you....*

**Linda Wong** - May 07, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *dear Ron, you were always one of my favorite people in the world. I will always cherish the memories of Christmas Eve at the Harman's. And shots of the best vodka! Your whole family is very special and I am praying for them. I will miss you dearly.*

**Cheryl** - May 07, 2022 at 12:19 PM

BG

“ *I only knew Ron for a few years, but always enjoyed his sense of humor. He was always welcoming and gracious on my visits to his home. Bonita (Bunny) Gerard*

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**Bonita Gerard** - May 06, 2022 at 01:19 PM

DD

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**David Dillon** - May 05, 2022 at 06:23 PM

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**David Dillon** - May 05, 2022 at 06:20 PM

DD

“ I met Ron in the early 80’s at a meeting of Vietnam veterans. It was a period when we didn’t discuss Viet Nam or even that we were there or it’s impact on either the country or ourselves. The ‘group’, as we called ourselves, was a divergent bunch. We were Army and Marines and Navy veterans who had all experienced heavy combat but were convinced that the war had little or no impact on us. We were so very wrong. Through anger and tears and gut wrenching honesty we bonded. Ron and I quickly realized we had similar creative backgrounds in design. His was fine arts & graphic design while mine was architectural interiors. We decided to join forces & professions & created Odyssey Design Group. It was scary & It was some of the most creative times of our lives. The best part was that Ron met Lisa. She worked at one of our clients and I think he realized very quickly he had met his match and the perfect partner for the rest of his life! He and I stayed in touch in the subsequent 40 some years, through ups and downs, my wonderful marriage to Vicky & the birth of their 4 fantastic children. I always knew I could call him & he could make me smile. Between May & August each year he would remind me that he was SO much younger than me - by 3 months. We swapped books & music & good scotch & bad jokes. Since early February, when we stopped by, Vicky & I have said over & over we were so very grateful to get to see him & Lisa & Lisa’s Mom to join them for lunch. Also, he remembered a dinner Vicky fixed for him 30 years ago - Chicken enchiladas & chocolate lava cake. She shared both recipes with Lisa & promised Ron that when we came back in mid May she would love to make it for him again. It was not to happen. ‘Ronbo’ always appreciated the finer things in life. Vicky & I will always be grateful to have had a friend such as him & to remember him as one of the finest!

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David Dillon - May 05, 2022 at 04:09 PM

SW

“ During one of the most turbulent and divisive times in history, Ron chose to serve his country by joining the Marine Corps. We will always be grateful for his strength of character and bravery in making that decision. In addition, we will remember Ron for his wry wit, which he delivered in his distinctive, resonate voice. He never failed to make us laugh. Finally, we will miss Ron's presence at the Harman's Annual Christmas Party. The event was the highlight of the holiday season for so many of us.

Thank you, Ron, for sharing a life well-lived with your friends. Rest in peace. Love and prayers to the entire Harman Family for their loss.

Our deepest sympathy.

The Scales Family

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**Susan Woodbery** - May 05, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ "Ronbo" as we fondly called him through the sometimes glorious but ultimately tragic days joined together in a truly outstanding advertising, marketing & public relations agency in the mid- to late 1980s - The Marcom Group! Ron was the creative genius behind our success and among the first in the nation to embrace design technology - even before there was Apple! As Advertising Age wrote of us at the time "Marcom Uses Running Shoes to Tie Nike-Net." Even more than his considerable talent - I valued his friendship, a wonderful, honorable man and a true American Patriot who was like a brother to me through those exciting years in the DC area. And easily the most grounded "ad guy" I've ever known. Truth is, I loved Ron Harman and I miss him dearly! Rest In Peace, Ronbo!

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**Thomas Herron** - May 04, 2022 at 10:35 PM

DD

“ *Rest In Peace my brother.*

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**David Dillon** - May 04, 2022 at 03:44 PM

RH

“ *My father was a smart, funny and one sarcastic man. I remember going to the house to do some home repairs for him. One of them was installing a new ceiling fan in the living room. After installing the fan, pop came inching over and said let's give your mom a heart attack lol. I said ok pop what you got and he said I'm going to get up on that ladder! I said that's insane even for me! But the man was a fighter and inched his way up the ladder and we took a picture and sent it on to mom. I'll always remember the laugh he made that day, even tho I knew he was hurting that day. Love you so very much pop.*



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**Richard Harman** - May 04, 2022 at 11:31 AM

PM

“ Ok have to be funny here first. Lisa called her mom and me one day really bragging about how she made a whole chicken dinner for Ron (he usually did all the cooking). We were really proud of her. They came up from Virginia for a visit a few weeks later. While at dinner I said to Ron, "wow I hear Lisa actually cooked dinner for you." He gives me this look and as only Ron could say it. "It was a box of Weaver's for God's sake." Needless to say we were all rolling on the floor laughing. One more cooking story. Poor Ron had to go out on an Easter day to do a photo shoot. It was one of those cloudy raw raining Easters in early April. They had managed to have a early brunch,(which Ron had cooked before he had to go). Coming home cold and wet ask Lisa what she was cooking for Easter dinner. Her reply was hot dogs. Well from then on we ask Ron every year if he was getting Easter Dogs for dinner. He called me the next day to tell me what an "amazing" dinner his wife had cooked him the night before. We always said that we really wished we had lived closer to each other. Both Rons were Vietnam Vets and had a lot to talk about every time we could get together. We did get together a lot more when they lived in Virginia and our boys still remember being able to go in the heated pool in October on one of our visits. We even got in a family get together one Christmas before they moved to Denver. Missed visiting there but then did get down to Florida every year for a great time and visit. After reading Ron's story we always knew what an amazing man he was but wow didn't realize just how accomplished he was. We will miss our great times and visits and am very angry that Covid got in the way of visiting the last two years. We are glad you are at peace and not suffering anymore. You are loved and will be greatly missed. Love Patt and Ron.

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**Patt and Ron Mathis** - May 04, 2022 at 11:07 AM

RC

“ One thing I always look forward to when visiting Ron and family is when Ron would whip up a huge delicious family breakfast with all the "good stuff". Ron was definitely in his element in the kitchen. Ron's cooking and stories would conjure up images of Ron's family farm he grew up on. I really valued his advice and enjoyed listening to his memories. You will be forever missed but not forgotten!



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**Ron Cohen** - May 04, 2022 at 09:41 AM

CM

“ I knew Ron most of my life; he and my cousin Lisa met when I was a young boy. I began drawing at an early age so art was a frequent topic of conversation with him. Whenever I knew I would be seeing him I would always bring my latest drawings along to show him. He (along with my uncle Rich) would then give me valuable tips and pointers on my work. He was an excellent conversationalist and a joy to be around; funny, interesting, engaging, and he was always happy to see everyone. I always looked forward to a high-five from him and a witty greeting; “What’s happenin’, Jackson?!” was one of my favorites. Thank you, Ron, for giving me and many others the good fortune of calling you family. You rest now, buddy.

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**Craig Mathis** - May 04, 2022 at 08:57 AM

LC

“ One of my funniest memories with Ron was when I was in high school and they were visiting us and we went to the casino for something maybe dinner. I was wearing really high boots and my feet were killing me and Ron ended up giving me a piggyback ride through the casino lol. We laughed about that for years 😂  
Another great memory was a few years back when Lisa and Ron came up to our house for Christmas . We all went up to New York City , Corey was still living there then. Haley Ron , myself, Lisa,Ron and Corey went to the Rockettes show , had a great dinner, and walked around and saw all the Christmas lights . We stayed at Corey’s apt that night and then we were all at our house for Christmas day and Christmas Eve . It was a really wonderful time ❤️

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**Leslie Cohen** - May 04, 2022 at 08:31 AM

MS

“ A memory with my brother-in-law was when my son Vaughn was 6 months old 25 years ago and we were at his house Christmas Eve the rest of the family was at church the fire was going with wonderful Christmas jazz music, great cocktails and it was just one of those life memories that we always talked about years after as it was a perfect night with Ron having Vaughn on his chest by the fire. The 3 of us had that special moment.

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**Mark Sigmund** - May 03, 2022 at 10:36 PM

LC

*That’s beautiful Mark. My favorite memory is when Lisa and Ron had come to visit us at the Margate house. I was still in high school and I had worn these really high boots and I couldn’t walk anymore . My feet were killing me so Ron gave me a piggyback ride through the casino lol*

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**Leslie Cohen** - May 04, 2022 at 08:03 AM

LC

*Another great memory was our last Christmas together when Lisa and Ron came up for the holidays. Corey was still living in New York City then and everyone came to our house for Christmas. We all went to NYC and saw the Rockettes Christmas show and had a nice dinner, walked around New York and saw all the lights . We stayed overnight at Corey's apartment , it was Corey, Haley, Ron ,myself , Lisa and Ron and it was a memorable holiday. So glad we had that time together ❤️*

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**Leslie Cohen** - May 04, 2022 at 08:09 AM

CA

“ *Camille lit a candle in memory of Ronald Earl Harman*



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**camille** - May 01, 2022 at 08:13 PM