



Ronald Irvin Uhlfelder

June 18, 1944 - October 10, 2025

Ronald Irvin Uhlfelder, 81, of Catonsville, MD died peacefully on October 10, 2025 at Harbor Hospital.

Life and Family

Believe it or not, Ron was born a tiny premature baby on June 18th, 1944 in Baltimore, MD to the late Irvin Uhlfelder and Bernadette Wise. Ronnie, as he was affectionately called, grew up with three sisters – the late Bernie (Wes) Hash Brown, Cindy (Wayne) Tunney, and Debbie (Doug) Ammlung. He spent his childhood in Baltimore, and teenage years with his Aunt Edith and Uncle Gus Cooksey in La Plata, MD. Ronnie’s dimples and contagious smile helped him to charm his way into people’s hearts.

Ron enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1962, at age 18. He served for four years, stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. He loved to share stories of his time in the Air Force, especially the time he landed himself on the wrong side of the Berlin wall after going a stop too far on the U-Bahn. He said that joining the Air Force “straightened him out” and he proudly wore his Air Force hat until his final days.

After returning to Baltimore, Ron met and married Renée (later divorced) and had two daughters - Misty (John) Troll and Mary (Joel) DePalma. Being a father was the most meaningful role Ron would have in his life and he loved his daughters completely. When his girls were married, he loved John and Joel as if they were his own.

A country boy at heart, Ron spent 17 years in Georgia after his daughters were grown. He loved his friends in Reidsville and Collins and his darling Judy. Ron had his own antiques shop, which was jam packed, floor to ceiling with “collectables”.

Lucky for his family, Ron returned to Baltimore after he was bestowed with the name Poppy - his favorite name of all. He wanted to be close to his four grandchildren (Amelia, Emery, Lola, and Desmond) and wanted to be involved in their lives. And involved he was - Poppy wouldn't miss a chance to see his grandchildren and was always so proud of them.

Work

Ron held many jobs throughout his lifetime, including sound systems installer, retail at Montgomery Wards, and a 20-year career at UPS where he drove a package delivery truck, tractor trailers, and then went into management. After retiring from UPS, he was a mail hauler, and check casher while living in GA. Ron was a hard worker and excellent provider for his family, and only had one sick day in all 20 years at UPS.

Church

A Child of God, after being raised Catholic, preferring flea markets to church for years (he was ahead of his time), worshipping in a Southern Baptist Church and at Mosaic Church, Ron more recently became a member of Catonsville United Methodist Church. He could be found there smiling on Sundays and also at the weekly community lunch, where he befriended everyone.

A Good Man

Ron loved his nieces, nephews, and in-laws, and had special relationships with many of them. He always provided a shoulder to cry on or an ear to

listen. He had many friendships that lasted decades - from childhood, neighbors in Violetville, UPS, his Georgia days, from his veteran's group, and most recently from his apartment at St. Mark's, where all of his neighbors looked out for him.

Ron had a true gift of being able to connect with others. If someone needed something, he would give his help, money, or even the shirt off of his back. There was a soft spot in Ron's big heart for someone going through hard times or down on their luck. He did not hesitate to help a friend, family member, neighbor, coworker, or even a stranger if they were ever in a bind, because he could empathize greatly with them.

A few of Ron's trademarks were his Hawaiian shirts and flip flops (even in the cold winter months), his love for dogs and cats (and they loved him back!), having constant rotation of motorcycles and classic cars, acquiring the latest electronics and gadgets (and then mysteriously breaking them soon after), and surviving on a diet of cereal, peanut butter crackers, and donuts.

Celebration of Life

God seemed to grant Ron more lives than even a cat – he most recently said he was on #14. It was this world's loss but Heaven's gain when Ron passed away. In his final days, Ron had a stream of constant visitors; family and dear friends came from all over to tell him how much of an impact he had on their lives. His heart must have been completely filled with love.

Ron's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 AM at Catonsville United Methodist Church, 6 Melvin Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228. Wear your Hawaiian shirts and join us for a dessert party & luncheon in the Social Hall after the service. There will be plenty of time for socializing (Ron's favorite). The family would love to hear your own stories about good times with Ron – please feel free to write them down or share them out loud at

his service. Also, plan to eat at least four desserts in honor of Ron, he would want that.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ron's loving memory to the Warm Welcome Lunch Mission Fund at Catonsville UMC, a free lunch with a warm welcome for all that Ron really looked forward to attending each week. Please also consider donating blood at the American Red Cross in thanks for the many pints of blood Ron received in the past year.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Worked with Ron many years and we were good friends. We kept in touch after he moved to Georgia. When he moved back we got together and kept in touch. We both liked car shows with the classics from when we were younger. I shared my faith with him and my wife got a Bible to give him. I'll see him again one day. Rest in peace my friend.

Mike Zimmerman Sr - November 04, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ We were friends and coworkers for many years. We kept in touch and talked regularly. I will miss him and will see him again one day. My condolences to the family.

Mike Zimmerman Sr - November 04, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MK

“ My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the family of Ron. He and I were coworkers and friends back in the 80"s at UPS." Rest in Peace Ron"



Michael Kowalski - November 01, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MS

“ My friend and coworker for many years we kept in touch after our careers ended. Was a groomsman at my wedding in 1992. Rest in Peace my friend.

Mike Zimmerman Sr - October 31, 2025 at 11:51 AM

GM

“ George Milligan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Irvin Uhlfelder.



George Milligan - October 27, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Irvin Uhlfelder.



October 23, 2025 at 06:36 PM

DL

“ My condolences to the family. Ron was a good friend and was missed when he left Georgia.

Donald Lindsay - October 23, 2025 at 01:14 AM

GS

“ Only knew Ron for a few months. He was a kind and friendly person. Wished I had more time to get to know him better. Prayers go out to Ron's family. He knew Jesus and is now being comforted in Heaven. Gerald Schleig

Gerald Schleig - October 22, 2025 at 04:55 PM

TM

“ From Tracy and Gary Mosley- we grieve with you all the passing of Ron... we have wonderful memories of time spent with him and Judy through the years.. we lived in Key Largo, Fl and they came to visit after Christmas one year and stayed with us a few weeks- until Judy's birthday on January 6th- we welcomed in a New Year with fireworks, we ate at many of the seafood restaurants, we shopped, went “junkin” Ron bought me a very special wooden box similar to one my parents gave me when I was a teenager- I treasure it ❤️ - we laughed which was a beautiful thing to see with Ron and Judy how they teased one another playfully showing the love and respect they had for one another.. oh how we miss them but we know we will see them in heaven again someday.. Ron LOVED his girls and his family and talked about how much he missed you all and when the grands started who knew he wanted to be with yall .. Ron was a good man and he gave great advice and just loved unconditionally... our hearts are with yall❤�

Tracy and Gary Mosley - October 22, 2025 at 02:38 PM

KH

“ I am so sad to see this ! Ron was a gem of a guy. He and I became close friends down here in Collins, Georgia. One day I was on my Harley and had stopped at the convenience store. Ron came out and said hey nice Harley. I bet it has an insurance card with my name on it taped under the saddle bag lid. I had already seen it I said are you Ron ?? That began a years long friendship..Ron and I had a lot of good times and laughs together.. rides on our Harley's... I even fixed his bike one time when it was messed up. Finding out that he's passed breaks my heart. What a great guy and great friend! But I know where he is now because we talked about the Lord many times and I know that he is with Jesus and I will see him again!

Keith Horne - October 22, 2025 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ Uncle Ron was a great man, he used to tell us stories of him riding motorcycles and eating crabs. He took us out to number of places that we would go eat. I remember in Baltimore inner harbor I learned so much from him. I will miss him dearly, And loved him. God rest his soul Uncle Ron.



Sheri Hamill - October 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM

CM

“ My dear sweet Uncle Ron. You are so selfless and caring. You and I had a special bond before you moved to Georgia and then picked it right back up when you moved back to Baltimore. I will never ever forget your kindness during a rough time in my life. You were quick to listen, help and most importantly never judged. You will always have a very special place in my heart. The last year and a half was a complete joy helping you stay independent in your apartment. I love you so much and miss you terrible.
Love you,
Connie



Constance McMahon - October 22, 2025 at 12:39 PM