



Ronald Drew Meehan

February 25, 1936 - May 8, 2019

Ronald Drew Meehan, 83, passed peacefully in his sleep May 8, 2019, while lying next to his wife of 60 years, Mary Jane Meehan.

Ronald was born February 25, 1936, to Grace Jane Hurlburt and John Joseph Meehan in Kansas City, Missouri, as their only child.

Ronald grew up during the turbulent times of WWII. His parents worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps and Ronald stayed at many different houses with several different family members.

Ronald attended Catholic schools and served in all capacities as a youth, including Alter Boy. Ronald enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. At the age of 17, Ronald left his High School and joined the United States Navy. Ronald served in the Naval Air during the Korean War.

After his discharge from the Navy Ronald went to college in San Rafael, California. While on summer break from college Ronald met the love of his life, Mary Jane Lawson, an 18 year old girl who had just graduated High School. Ronald first met Mary Jane as she set twirling on a barstool at his father's bar. Five months later Ronald married Mary Jane in Los Angeles, California, on October 25, 1958.

In 1960 Ronald became a Police Officer and joined the La Habra Police Department. Ronald worked for the La Habra Police Department for the next 30 years rising through the ranks until he became Chief of Police; a position he held for over 15 years. During this time Ronald was invited to the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Ronald returned a second time to the

FBI Academy for Executive Planning and Leadership.

Ronald was the President of the La Habra Police Association. He was President of the California Police Chiefs Association, Commander of the La Habra American Legion Post 267, headed up the worship committee at Temple Baptist Church, taught Sunday school and was the beneficiary of a Paul Harris Fellow Award from the La Habra Rotary.

When Ronald retired as Chief of Police he went to Law School where he obtained his Juris Doctorate. Ronald then went to work at the Courts in Orange County. Ronald worked another 16 years at the Courts before retiring from Santa Ana Superior Court to battle his Cancer.

Ronald became the Camp Chaplin for Puente Hills Gideon's where Ronald helped share the Lord's word at schools, Fairs and to at risk youth in Juvenile Hall.

Ronald was a long time member of Inland Hills Church where he attended weekly Church services with several other family members.

Ronald valiantly fought Cancer in multiple parts of his body for his last 11 years.

Ronald is survived by his wife Mary Jane Meehan, his 5 children Kerry Lynnette Gerber, Rhonda Shay Bausch, Shannon Kathleen Halstrum, John David Meehan, Michael Sean Meehan and his 17 Grand Children and 16 Great-Grand Children and 1 Great-Great Grandson.

Cemetery Details

Memory Garden Memorial Park

455 West Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821
<http://www.memorygarden.com>

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 17. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary
455 W. Central Ave.
Brea, CA 92821
(714) 529-3961
info@memorygarden.com
<https://www.memorygarden.com/>

Graveside

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Mr M(as i fonly refered to him) was a srong positive influence in my life.From the day i met his daughter Ive been treated like family.from putting a roof over my head,feeding a hungry knowface or giving sage advice....He was a man i looked up to as well as loved 🙏💕*

Lisa Pandolfo Brewer - May 17, 2019 at 07:59 PM

JP

“ *Ron was a great cousin and was like a brother to me. I have many fond memories of us getting into mischief and having fun adventures. He was a good family man and he and Mary Jane always remembered my parents. I am sorry not to be there for a final good-bye but am so thankful that I saw him a few months ago.*

Jan "Mimi" Pepper

Jan Pepper - May 17, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Drew Meehan.*



May 17, 2019 at 02:01 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Drew Meehan.*



May 16, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ronald Drew Meehan.*



May 16, 2019 at 04:05 PM

JR

“*RON became Chief of Police for the City of La Habra 1976. At that time I was in the Orange County Academy so he "inherited" me from the previous Chief. His leadership provided a progressive, effective and principle based culture for the LHPD. During his many years at the helm, I was promoted several times and eventually, he promoted me to Captain, where I had the pleasure of working with him on a daily basis.*

His most memorable quote to me was made during a difficult personnel matter in which we received the advice of three well established and trusted attorneys, who did not agree on how to address the various issues. After these discussions, we talked and RON said "JOHN, WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE LAWYERS, BUT WE CAN'T LET THEM RUN THE PLACE! GIVE ME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONING ON MONDAY!" So I did and we eventually resolved to situation. It interesting that following his tenure as Chief, he went to and completed law school.

RON was a good man who lived great life. The MEEHAN clan should be very proud of his life choices and many accomplishments. Maryjane, we will be thinking and praying for you and the MEEHAN family.

JOHN REES - May 16, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Drew Meehan.*



May 14, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Drew Meehan.*



May 14, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ *I first met my cousin Ron Meehan when I was 4 years old . My Mother and Father took my Brother Paul and Me to buy Sailor suits because we were going to meet a Real Sailor at my grandmothers Apartment. It was summer so he was wearing White and my brother and I were in blue .*

David Hurlburt - May 14, 2019 at 07:35 PM



I never met Ron Meehan but My biological father was George HURLBURT, Who was Ron's mother's Brother. This makes me his cousin, but I have never met him face to face. My sincerest sympathy to his wife.

Rachael Duncan - May 16, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



John Meehan - May 14, 2019 at 06:23 PM

RB

My dad my hero !

Rhonda Baisch - May 14, 2019 at 07:33 PM

JR

“ *I have to admit when I first met Ron, after marrying his nephew, James, he was a bit intimidating and scary. Wasn't sure what to think of him; but after a while and for the past 43 years he has shown us over and over the sweet, kind, and generous man he truly was. He was a gentle giant and will truly be missed.*

Love and hugs to Mary Jane and the entire family. I know Ron is looking down and smiling on all of you. He always bragged on each and every one of his kids and grandkids and you could see the love in his eyes.

Janice

Janice Richardson - May 14, 2019 at 01:44 PM