



Ronald J. Caldwell Sr.

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Ronald J. Caldwell, Sr passed away on January 7, 2023.

Ronald was born the eldest of three children to Joseph and Doris Caldwell in Lynn, Massachusetts, on June 17, 1934. He met his wife Shirley A. Caldwell (Fowler) of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and built a family, having three children: Marcia Caldwell, Ronald Caldwell, Jr., and Philip Caldwell. Ronald wore many titles: Husband, dad, brother, son, friend, pops, and poppi.

Ronald became a member of the United States Army, where he discovered and nurtured his passion for computer science. Upon completing his military service, Ronald and his family moved to Queens, New York, where they continued to build their lives and careers.

Ronald had a great love of computers and made his career in the field of information technology. He served as a Computer Science Business Management Consultant, which position he relished his entire life. He would help build webpages as well as show clients how they could automate their businesses.

In addition to his many personal achievements, he was one of few people of color to hold a VP Administration position at Ziff Davis, a world-renowned magazine publishing company.

He was a valued member of the historic Trinity Church in New York City, holding a place on the congregational council as well as in the Trinity Church vestry. He was well known for his participation in the church, which included many international trips to Africa and Europe within the church's mission.

Ronald was an active participant in many hobbies throughout his life. He loved to go fishing and would often include his children and grandchildren in his fishing trips. He was also active in



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building computers and helping others build their online presence. His great love of photography manifested itself in his beautiful pictures of life as we know it, as he would always travel with camera in hand, capturing the beauty in all he saw. He would enter photography competitions for many of his pictures. Most of his subjects were nature and animals.

Ronald was one of the founders and an active participating member of the Southeast Queens Camera Club. He was passionate about bringing artistic appreciation through photography to black communities and garnered many valuable lifetime friendships through his association with the club.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife Shirley (Fowler) Caldwell; his mother, Doris Caldwell; his father, Joseph Caldwell; his brother, Robert Caldwell, and his sister, Joyce (Cully) Caldwell.

Ronald is survived by sons Ronald (partner Vincente), and Philip (partner Iris); his daughter Marcia Hollinsed (husband Terrence); his eight grandchildren: Candice (partner Randall), Bernard (wife Jasmine), Samantha (husband Mark), Tyler (partner Alyssa), Milan, Jacqueline, Analisa, and Ariana; and great-grandchildren Aidan, Isaiah, Justin, Chloe, Joseph, Isabella, Jayden, Milan, Jr., and Story.

Ronald was devoted to his family and friends and will be deeply missed by all in his life, including a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ronald was a strong man that instilled in all he met a great sense of family and community, always striving to have the voices of people of color heard. He instilled in his family a great sense of family and a strong bond between all that loved him. He will be missed greatly.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Southeast Queens Camera Club – memo line: After-School Program. Checks may be mailed to the attention of Brenda Gates, 172-24 133rd Avenue, Apt. 13F, Jamaica, NY 11434

A visitation will be held Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 from 1:00-2:00PM at Moss Feaster Funeral Home-Dunedin. A funeral service will follow starting at 2:00PM. The service will be livestreamed and you may use the link below to view:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/83460/hash:F15F6F384922A5CB>



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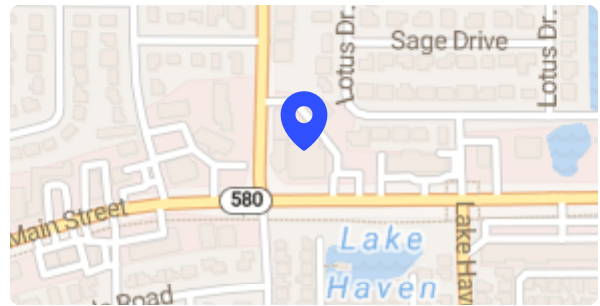
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, January 24, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation - Dunedin**

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698



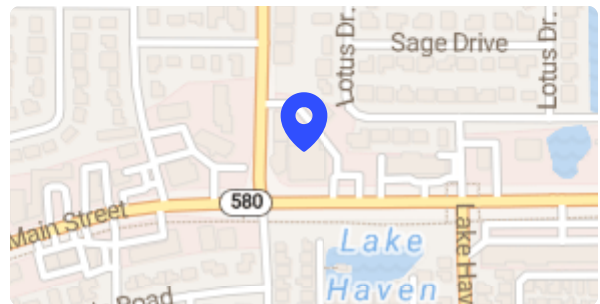
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EK

Eric Kaplan posted:

Wow....Ron and I'm worked together 40 years ago. Lost touch around 2000/2001. Always regretted not staying in touch. But I retired recently and was anxious to reach out to him and tell him how important he was in helping me build my company. I even dropped him an email just minutes ago. And it struck me that as Ron was considerably older than me, I may not get a response. So I searched the internet and came across this....How much I regret letting so much time go by before reaching out!! had wanted to thank him for being such a kind man, a gentleman and an all around wonderful guy. Very humble, yet very devoted to his work and his church. Men like him don't come around very often - especially during these troubled times. To his family - you were extremely fortunate to have him for so long. To his friends - I'm sure you know what I'm talking about. Rest well my friend. You were one of a kind. With regrets and great thanks...Eric Kaplan

April 27 at 1:55 AM

TC

The Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson posted:

To the family and friends of Ron Caldwell, Greetings! Ron and I probably have not seen or spoken to each other since I left Trinity Church in the early 90's. Yet, when I received the news of his passing, I immediately remembered him and the warm friendship we enjoyed, especially as we labored together on behalf of our beloved congregation. Uppermost in my own memory of Ron, was the heart he had for those suffering in body, mind and spirit, and his willing action to serve those in need; following the example of Jesus. I pray that each of you will be sustained by his memory and by the firm trust that he had, and no doubt, will have forever, in our loving and faithful God. Peace, Lloyd Casson

January 24 at 10:05 AM

AL

Anita Lemonis posted:

I met Ron when I joined the Episcopal Church volunteer for mission program. His work, friendship and support has left a deep impression on me. So much that although it's been nearly 30 years since I've seen him I won't forget his impact. His great personality and his warm generosity touched me as I'm sure it touched all who knew him. May he continue to bring that positive spirit on to the next phase of his life.

January 24 at 9:09 AM



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CM

Cheryl Murray lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Tall Dark and Handsome describes. Ronald. He was always pleasant and welcoming - knowledgeable and generous in sharing. My sister Christina (Bobby) loved and was loved by him and his family. God loved him best.



January 24 at 8:35 AM

DG

Dorothy Gist posted:

At the Episcopal Church's National Headquarters Ron and a team created the Racial Minority Exposure Program (RMEP). Based on the Program, Ron wrote a Lenten Meditation for Trinity Church, NY, for March 15, 1996 ... following are his excerpts: "I Came, I Saw, I Learned.' These are the words of Terry Star, a Native American and member of the Lakota Sioux Nation. I met Terry this past summer in my capacity as one of the leaders of the RMEP while helping him prepare for mission service in a fishing village in Alaska. Terry has made a lasting impression on me by his straight forward and simplistic understanding of faith. Terry says God is always with us and lives his life accordingly. When I kneel to offer prayers of Thanksgiving, I am never short of things to be thankful for. Yes to Terry and all the other summer missionaries: 'I came, I saw, I learned" ...and I thank God for causing our paths to cross."I give thanks for Ron's journey as he reflected on the words "I came, I saw, I learned" ...and how these words were exhibited by Ron. Ron left his touch ... and his memory will last. Dorothy Gist, New York

January 23 at 11:55 AM

AL

Anita Lemonis January 24 at 8:59 AM

Ron was such an open and giving person that he not only observed and learned but he shared. And he shared generously.

BR

Brian posted:

My Condolences to Ron's family, a former member of the South East Qns Camera Club of NY...

January 23 at 10:03 AM



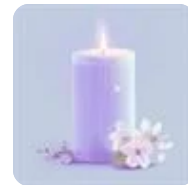
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January 23 at 8:30 AM



Helene Sender posted:

Rons' kindness and thoughtfulness will always be with me. He was indeed an exceptional human being.

January 23 at 8:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Caldwell family.



January 23 at 6:16 AM



James Mahoney posted:

Ron served as president of the Suncoast Camera Club of Clearwater in 2015. Many members from 2015 are still active with the club today and are greatly saddened at his passing. Ron will be fondly remembered for his service to the club and his generous sharing of his photographic expertise.Jim Mahoney - PresidentSuncoast Camera Club

January 23 at 5:43 AM



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Canon Shirley M. Watts lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

I shall remember Ron's dedication to serving in ministries, within the Episcopal Church. He was one of a group of returned mission volunteers, who recruited, provided cross cultural orientation, and trained ethnic minorities for short term foreign mission exposure experiences. Several participants later went on to become ordained priests in the church. Ron also shared his computer knowledge with several Episcopal / Anglican Dioceses abroad. Ron, my former colleague in mission service and friend, you have left a very positive impact on the lives of many. You and your journey will be remembered. Rest now, in God's Perfect Peace. Sincere Condolences to the Caldwell family. Comforting thoughts and prayers are with you. ~ Canon Shirley M. Watts



January 22 at 10:08 AM



Gladys Lundy-Lamm lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

We are deeply sorry for your loss. I met Mr. Caldwell when I was preparing for my Episcopal mission trip to Bocas Del Toro, Panama. His smile and gentle demeanor is what I remember most about him. Rest in Peace..God has a seat for you.



January 22 at 4:01 AM



Hughe Williams posted:

Ronald J. Caldwell Sr. Ron was a very remarkable friend in many ways. If you needed support, he was the best friend you could have at that time. He had a lot of experience in many things, and you could talk to him about almost anything. Ron was a very religious person, but he never pushed his religious beliefs on you. Ron was a person who had a lot of skills in many areas and one of them was Computer Technology, He also was an excellent photographer. and he, the late James Grant, Dorothy Gist and myself organized the Southeast Queens Camera Club in 2005. We wanted to bring the pleasure and joy of a camera club to our Black community. I can not over state how important it was for me to bring a camera club to our community, and we all experienced the same sensation. Thank you Ron for all of your help and input, we will miss you greatly. Rest in peace. Hughe Williams, Southeast Queens Camera Club, Jamaica,

January 21 at 8:18 PM



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Suzanne Abruzzo posted:

I remember Ron as a gifted photographer who generously shared his time, talents, and skills with members of the Flushing Camera Club. He brought so many of us into the digital age of photography through his excellent educational presentations. I grew as a photographer because of Ron. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his grieving family and friends. - Suzanne Abruzzo

January 21 at 11:25 AM



William J. McLernon Iii posted:

Ron was a longstanding member of the Flushing Camera Club (FCC). He was President of the FCC from September 2003 - August 2005. Ron and his computer skills were instrumental in helping us developing the new FCC website. Ron was extremely friendly and a great mentor to others in the club. He loved his camera and sharing his wealth of knowledge. Ron will be truly missed.

January 21 at 6:59 AM



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Joe Crupi posted:

My prayers and condolences to Ron's family. Ron was one of the first people to befriend me when I initially joined the Flushing Camera Club many years ago. I was immediately attracted to his soft spoken ways and giving demeanor. Ron lead us on some great trips to Maine and other places. He helped us with our first web site. Ron lead a few summer sessions at FCC teaching photography basics to members and anyone else who wished to attend. He was always willing and happy to assist me whether I had a dumb question or needed help with some computer problem. I am grateful for knowing him. Ron was a past president of Flushing Camera Club and I believe he is one reason we are referred to as "The Friendly Club". R.I.P. my friend. Joe Crupi

January 21 at 6:10 AM




Robert Uss January 21 at 11:33 AM

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Robert Uss January 21 at 10:39 AM

To all I know and knew in Ron Caldwell's, one of the founders, of the Flushing Camera Club (F.C.C) I'm deeply humbled by his passing. His pre-deceased life story is to understand why he was respected and liked so well. In viewing his/this camera-in-hand photo, it's difficult to keep the eyes from flowing. May you Rest In Peace and always stay focused 



David Russell posted:

Ron gave me my start in Information Technology, believing in me, as a young Black technologist, when no one else did. Because of his mentoring and amazing connections in the IT community, I got my first professional career position and the rest is history (I'm a Database Administrator with over 25 years experience). Ron was an amazing mentor, an incredible example, a good friend, and a very good man. Rest in Peace my Elder Brother. Blessings...

January 20 at 12:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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