



# Ronald Irvin Shaffer

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**O**n Friday, December 8, 2023, Ronald Irvin Shaffer, loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away peacefully at the age of 82.

Ron was born on May 27, 1941, Johnstown, PA to Howard and Elmira Shaffer. He graduated from Johnstown High School in 1959. After graduation, Ron worked for Bethlehem Steel at their mill in Johnstown. In 1961, Ron moved to Alexandria, VA to begin his career in the Federal Government. He worked for several agencies in the Federal Government for his entire career and retired from the Department of Energy in 1996.

On October 27, 1962, Ron married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Helen Cale, who preceded him in death. Ron and Joyce were married for 59 years. Ron and Joyce raised their children, Scott and Ronda, in Manassas, VA.

Both Ron and Joyce were very active in the Greater Manassas Baseball League, where both of their children played baseball. Ron helped with the construction of the E.G. Smith Baseball Complex, which is still in use today.

Ron's passions were fishing, hunting, and golf. He spent most weekends in the woods, on a stream or on a golf course laughing with friends. From the late 1960's through 2017, he was a regular in the checkout line at Quantico Marine Corp Base where he did most of his deer hunting. He also enjoyed watching his grandsons, Tyler and Nathan, at their sporting events. He and Joyce were fixtures behind the backstop at Kettle Run High school watching Tyler play for the Cougars, and in the bleachers, watching Nathan play lacrosse. Both Ron and Joyce traveled all over the east coast to watch their grandsons play on their travel teams as well as visiting their daughter Ronda in Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC where they loved going to races, concerts, and sporting events.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents Howard and Elmira Shaffer.



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Ron is survived by his older brother Terry Shaffer of Johnstown, Pa. and children, Scott and Ronda, daughter-in-law Tammy and two grandsons Tyler and Nathan Shaffer.

A funeral service will be held at the Found and Sons Chapel at 850 Sperryville Pike in Culpeper, VA on Thursday, December 14th at 7 PM. The family will receive family and friends for one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wildlife Foundation of Virginia (<https://www.vawildlife.org/donate>). The “Additional Information” section on the donation form can be used to donate in Ron’s name.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at [www.foundandsons.com](http://www.foundandsons.com)

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



# Events


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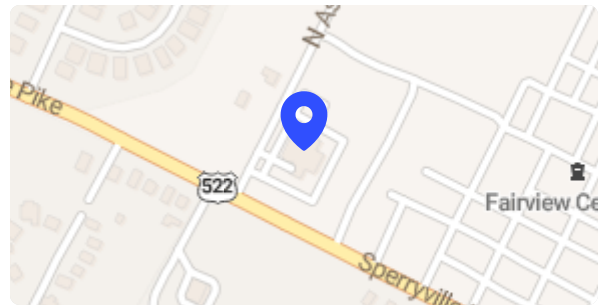
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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 14, 2023


 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**  
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701

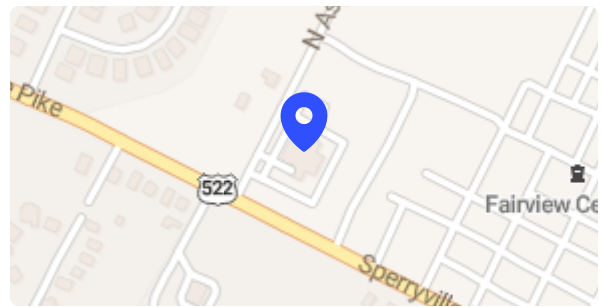


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## Tribute Wall

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**Mark Shipley** posted:

I just learned of Ron's passing. Some of the best times of my life were spent with Ron, his son Scott, my late brother Tom, and the rest of our crew fishing bass tournaments or playing golf. I will never forget and cherish to this day all of the great times we had. Ron frequently made us all laugh, particularly when he didn't get his food in a restaurant in a timely manner or when he debated Tom on a variety of topics. Now he and Tom can reunite to continue those debates, fish, hunt, and play golf. Ron was honest, gracious, and always willing to help a friend. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Scott and the entire Shaffer family. Rest in peace my friend. Mark Shipley

December 13 at 5:10 PM

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**Matt Shipley** posted:

Just a great guy with a sharp wit. That stated, I know Dad has already gotten him to fix his boat. I hope they're out fishing and hunting together in Heaven.

December 12 at 4:46 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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