



Ronald "Ron" James Bethel

July 12, 1955 - March 3, 2015

Ronald James "Ron" Bethel, 59, beloved husband, father, son, brother (& in-law), uncle and friend soared into heaven on March 3, 2015 as a result of a traffic accident in Atlanta, GA.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with Rev. Stephanie Scott officiating. Visitation will be at 1:00 PM, one hour prior to the service.

Ron was born on July 12, 1955 in Key West, FL to the late Dolores Kollars Bethel DeMarco and Herman H. Bethel !!.

He married the love of his life, Cherlyn Hunt Bethel (whom he affectionately called "Baby Doll" & he was her "Honey Honies") on May 2, 1987 in Vicksburg, MS. By the grace of God and with the help of modern medicine, they were blessed with the birth of their miracle child, Elliott James Kealoha Bethel, on December 2, 1992 in Houston, TX.

Ron grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He left the island before finishing high school & got his GED on the mainland. He began his lifetime of employment in the airline industry...starting as a baggage handler for Continental Airlines & working his way up the ranks to a Director position. He left Continental & went to work for AccuFleet (an airline services company in Houston, TX), traveling

the U.S. & Pacific handling Sales & Contracts. Ron had a life long dream to own his own company...in 1998, Ron & his brother, Herman, bought the Pacific niche market of AccuFleet and formed Unlimited Services Group, LLC. Ron was CEO of USG which grew into a multi-million dollar company, employing 300+ people on Guam, Hawaii & Saipan, until his death. He was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church.

Ron is survived by his wife & soulmate, Cherlyn; his sons Elliott of Fayetteville, AR (formerly of Tyler, Jason Kuna Lee Bethel (Tara) of Joplin, MO, Joshua Kawika Ryan Bethel (Melissa) of Independence, MO, Jacob Keoki Scott Bethel of Blue Springs, MO; Norwegian Exchange Son, Christian Balsnes (Anne-Brit) of Aalesund, Norway; brothers, Michael Olson of Garden Grove CA, Herman H. Bethel III (Thim) of Mangilao, Guam; sisters, Anita Valdez (Rodney) of Novato, CA, Nancy Jenny (Paul) of Brookings, OR; father & mother in law, George & Jo Glyn Hunt of Vicksburg, MS; brothers in law, Tim Hunt (Dee Dee) of Azle, TX, Lewis Hunt (Mary) of Flower Mound, TX, Geir Balsnes (Tone) of Aalesund, Norway; sister in law, Hope Weber of Citrus Heights, CA; "Calabash" Family; Robert, Maria & Sean Ender of Kaneohe, HI, Kris Trinies (Steven) of Sacramento, CA; grandchildren, Hope, Jordan, Ethan, Damien, Donovan & Uriah Bethel; many nieces & nephews & cousins-in-law and fur babies, Gizmo and Molly Girl.

Ron was an astute businessman, a fair boss, always dealt above board and thought "outside of the box". He was a grill master of ribs, steaks & pork tenderloin. He was a handy man to the max (w/ the tools, knowledge & where-with-all to prove it) & could fix, build, & repair most anything. He never met a stranger, had friends all over the world & was willing to help friend or neighbor at a moment's notice. He was a man of integrity, faith and loyalty.

He was a Volunteer Extraordinaire. At Guam United Methodist Church he served as President of the Administrative Board, would help take care of the

church grounds & host meals for visitors. He was the middle of 3 generations (with son, Elliott & Father-in-law, George) who worked together for many summers at Service Over Self (S.O.S.) a youth ministry of Crawford Street United Methodist Church in Vicksburg, MS helping to repair, fix, mend house of those less fortunate in the community. He relished his time as a Band Parent for the Robert E. Lee Red Raider High School Band (Tyler) loading, unloading & towing the trailer to/fro all football games, chaperoning, cooking for the band directors and assisting in whatever capacity was needed.

Ron and his wife kept their home opened as a welcoming haven for Elliott and his friends (affectionately called "Hoodlums"). Treasured "hoodlum", Trey Groom, wrote..."Your dad was very proud of you (Elliott) and we all saw it. He had a profound, lasting effect on everyone he knew, most of all the hoodlums & will live on through you and us! He was a good man & showed us how to be good men. We loved him & he will be missed but not forgotten. He wasn't just a good man. He was the best of men!"

Honorary pallbearers are George Hunt, Tim Hunt, Lewis Hunt, all golfing buddies on the mainland, Guam & Hawaii; past & present REL Band Parents Association members, Directors and students and the "Hoodlums".

Ron live life Large, Lively, Loud, with LOTS of Laughter and endless Love!!!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the REL Band Parents Association, P.O. Box 131272, Tyler, TX 75713, the S.O.S., c/o Crawford Street UMC, 900 Crawford Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180 or the charity of your choice

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Mem. Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Stacy Wellinger lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel



Stacy Wellinger - March 31, 2015 at 02:10 AM

DC

“ Cherlyn, It has been years since you and Ron invited me to go on the most wonderful journey of my life. But it feels like yesterday. Ron took me from Houston to Guam and changed my life. From spending time building that ridiculous retaining wall in Barigada Heights, Christmas dinner at your home, to trusting me to take care of USG when you returned to Texas, the Bethel family took me along for all of it. What a wonderful ride. I choose to celebrate the life of a man that I respected completely, admired totally, trusted unconditionally, but most of all loved like the older brother I never had.

David Capehart

David Capehart - March 11, 2015 at 01:04 AM

TG

“ Cherlyn, I will forever be grateful for my memories in band with Ron. He was one of the most generous men I have ever met. I can remember on more than one occasion he and I would have time to just talk about what was going on in our lives and he was so quick to offer his friendship and help. I will miss him! Remember I'm always here and love you.

Tony George - March 09, 2015 at 11:10 PM

TJ

“ My deepest condolences to Cherlyn and his family. I had the great opportunity to meet Ron while working in the airline industry. Ron and I traveled to Guam for while working for Accufleet. We shared many memories. Golfing in Guam. He showed me "the streets of San Francisco". Ron and I lost touch through the years but reconnected in the last couple of years. He shared pictures of his fishing trip to Alaska, his ski trip to Monarch with Elliott. We talked of one day getting together to play golf or go fishing. Ron you will always be in my heart and memories.
Tamara Johnson

Tamara Johnson - March 09, 2015 at 02:44 PM

DE

“ My heartfelt prayers & condolences to Cherlyn and your family during this very difficult time. With Ron's numerous trips to Guam over the years, it was always a pleasure playing golf with him and the group. We will surely miss him...

Doug Edwards

DOUGLAS EDWARDS - March 09, 2015 at 01:20 AM

SC

“ As a customer, Ron soon made you into a friend. We worked together since his Accufleet days when I was with Northwest, and then with USG, when I was with Continental/United. Ron taught me a lot about the Aircraft Appearance business - so much that his team didn't lie to see me inspecting, even when they did a great job. :)

Since Ron knew I play in the Guam Symphony, we often talked about Elliot's music progression, and he was so proud of all Elliot's successes and accomplishments.

I'll be praying for the family through this most difficult time.

Sylvia Crafton - March 08, 2015 at 10:30 PM

LK

“ We just learned of the accident. Such a shock and such an unspeakable loss. Ron was exceptional, a loving and giving person who touched everyone who came in contact with him. We hope that these words will bring some comfort to his loved ones, especially Cherlyn and Elliott. We are keeping you both, his sons and family members in our thoughts and prayers. With much love, Fred , Linda and Ben Kersh

“Beannacht / Blessing

*On the day when
the weight deadens
on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance
to balance you.
And when your eyes
freeze behind
the grey window
and the ghost of loss
gets in to you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green,
and azure blue
come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.*

*When the canvas frays
in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean
blackens beneath you,
may there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring you safely home.*

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
may the clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.
And so may a slow
wind work these words
of love around you,
an invisible cloak
to mind your life.”
? John O'Donohue, Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

Linda Kersh - March 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM

SB

“ *As a former babysitter of Elliott's when he was younger in Kingwood, I distinctly remember the "love" post it notes that Mr. Ron would leave all over the house for Mrs. Cherlyn. Something that showed his outward love and affection for her and stuck in my heart and mind. Mr. Ron always had a smile on his face and his love and joy shined through! His love and adoration for Mrs. Cherlyn and Elliott was apparent all of the time. A wonderful man of God!*

Shannon Boyer - March 07, 2015 at 02:17 PM

LR

“ *Will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers, with deepest sympathy.
Love, Lois Robey*

Lois Robey - March 07, 2015 at 11:24 AM

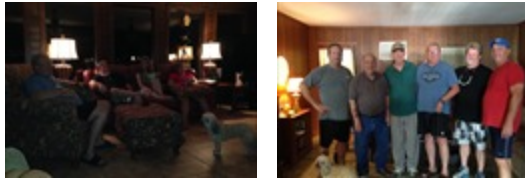
LD

“ We are sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, Ron. We will hold you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Linda and Malcolm Dove.

LD - March 07, 2015 at 11:05 AM

Wanda
Paul
Meredith

“ 2 files added to the album Visit to Meredith's



Wanda Paul Meredith - March 07, 2015 at 08:05 AM

KA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy and Kerry Ricks

kathy - March 06, 2015 at 06:49 PM

HG

“ Dear friends. So sorry to learn of the sudden loss of your loved one. I share your grief and pray you will find comfort in many happy memories. May the special memories of your loved one live on inside your heart forever. May God walk with you and comfort you. With my deepest sympathy. Hugh Green

Huigh Green - March 06, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel.*



March 06, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ *Paula & Merrin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel.*



Paula & Merrin - March 06, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ *Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Gene and Susie Chatham*

Gene Chatham - March 06, 2015 at 01:00 PM



“ *We love you all and holding you close in our hearts through thoughts and prayers.*

bobby and laura fleming - March 06, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ *Cherlyn, Elliott, Jo Glyn, George and family ---- my thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in God's presence as He walks with you during this difficult time. Love to all, Kathy Mahloch*

Kathy Mahloch - March 06, 2015 at 12:43 PM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers to Cheryl, Elliott, and the Bethel family. I know this is a very hard time for you. May God's love be with you in this time of sorrow.

Kathy Castellane - March 06, 2015 at 12:03 PM

EM

“ Prayers for you. Cheryl, Jo Glyn, George may God circle in his strength. Hugs. Elaine and Tom Moore

Elaine Moore - March 06, 2015 at 11:18 AM

RS

“ Condolences to the Bethel Family. May Ron rest in Peace. From your employees at USG Cargo Guam.

Rhoda N. Sulio

Rhoda Sulio - March 06, 2015 at 05:47 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel.



March 06, 2015 at 05:43 AM

JS

“ Condolences to Cheryl and family. Blessings during this time of reflection. May Ron rest in the peaceful embrace of Lord forever.

Jeni Shimizu
Guam



Jeni Shimizu - March 06, 2015 at 01:26 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel.



March 05, 2015 at 10:44 PM



“ Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel.



March 05, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Bethel.



March 05, 2015 at 10:40 PM

AH

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Auntie Hope - March 05, 2015 at 08:26 PM

AH

“ *Uncle Ronnie...thank you for your love, your support, for the gift of Auntie Cherlyn and always, always the laughter.*

Auntie Hope - March 05, 2015 at 08:24 PM

LH

“ *Where do I begin? Probably with the five couples that were in a Shepherd Group so many years ago- The Bethels, The Harpers, The Grawls, The Kulls and The Van Nattas. We were all seeking Christian fellowship and growth, but we became so much more. friends forever, even when distance and time separate the heart remembers. We took turns meeting in each other's homes on Sunday evenings and the host home providing the dessert. Lots of fun, laughter and good times with friends as we did Bible study. I remember a gracious, fun loving and energetic man named Ron who was devoted to his family. May God comfort your loved ones in their loss of YOU- such a vital part of their lives and the world. Aloha !*

Lynn Harper - March 05, 2015 at 05:06 PM

 KK

So well said Lynn. The heart does indeed remember which makes the heartbreak all the stronger. Jim, Andy and John join me offering our prayers for your comfort Cherlyn and Elliott.

Kathleen Kull - March 05, 2015 at 06:11 PM

 VV

Cherlyn, Elliot and family: We are praying for His strong arms to carry and comfort you all. Sending our love and remembering firm family foundations built as we shared God's word and our hearts. With Ron's passing, we celebrate heaven's gain and mourn our loss. Love, Valerie & Wes VanNatta

Valerie VanNatta - March 05, 2015 at 10:39 PM



“ *I am so blessed to have known Ron Bethel and the best three blessings are having the honor of having three of his grandsons to carry on his name... I hope that my boys grow up to be as half as good as their G-pa Ron. Prayers go out to the whole family... We love you all.....*

Nichole Bethel - March 05, 2015 at 02:01 PM

 SM

“ *Ron reached everyone with his sincere heart. I remember a family dinner when he sat between me and an older member of our family. He kept both conversations going with those sitting on both sides. Through out the day, in talking in larger groups, he kept referring back to little details shared by me and the relative who had dined on the other side of him. What a sincere, authentic soul he is. What a blessing to have him in my heart.*

Stone Meredith - March 05, 2015 at 10:11 AM

 TP

Could not agree more

Tom Prothro - March 05, 2015 at 11:52 AM

NB

I am blessed in so many ways to have known Ron Bethel.. Three major blessings in my life is having the honor to have three of his grandsons that carry on his name... I wish my boys and every one affected by this tragedy had more time with Ron.. My prayers to the whole family.. We love you G-pa Ron..

Nichole Bethel - March 05, 2015 at 01:53 PM

LC

“*Ron was such a sweet man. He LOVED Cherlyn, Elliott, and his sons. Ron and Cherlyn were committed to Elliott's band activities, and helped with all his sons. I was always so impressed with his vision, creativity, and attention to detail. He could do anything! He did goof on his pork tenderloin the last time I saw him - it was marinated but NOT pre-cooked. It was such a rare thing (yes, a pun), and he was so embarrassed that we thought it was funny.*

Rest in Peace - to a true gentleman.

Leslie Mims Cameron

Leslie Cameron - March 05, 2015 at 08:31 AM