



Obituary

Born: Sunday, April 8, 1934

Died: Thursday, October 6, 2016

Ronald D. Simon, 82, passed away October 6, 2016 at home surrounded by his family. Ron was born in Lakewood, Ohio April 8, 1934. He moved with his family to Kenmore in 1935 where he graduated from high school in 1952. After marrying his wife Mary Lou in 1957, they moved to Cuyahoga Falls where he lived the rest of his life. Ron is the retired Art Department Head for the Cuyahoga Falls School system as well as long time art teacher at Cuyahoga Falls High School. He had also been a part time instructor at the University of Akron. Ron retired from CFHS in 1986 with 30 years' service. Ron earned his BS in Education and M.S.ED in Art Education degrees from The University of Akron. Ron's Master's thesis hung in the Old Gardner Student Center for years on campus. Along with being a long standing and respected educator, Ron was a professional artist and sculptor whose work was commissioned by, but not limited to, NUMA Corp, Taylor Memorial Library, Liberty Harley Davidson, University of Akron and City of Pittsburgh Communications Center. During Ron's teaching career he served two years as First Vice-President for OAEA and was part of a nine member board to develop and write "A Guide for the Teaching of Art, Grades 7-12" for the state of Ohio. Ron also designed all signature and signage for the OAEA state conventions. Ron was named teacher of the year in 1986 as well as being one of four teachers nominated by the Ohio Art Education Association as Outstanding Ohio Art Educator. In 2012 the University of Akron awarded Ron the "Distinguished Education Alumni" award. Ron was surrounded by his family and friends at this prestigious award ceremony. Ron's artwork earned too many awards nationwide to list, but his vast talent and creativity is seen in every corner and aspect of his life and that of his family. Ron was a devoted and hard working life member of St. George Antiochian Christian Church. He was a member of the choir and parish council. Ron designed and handcrafted the stained glass windows of the old church on South Hawkins. A project that took him one year. Ronnie was preceded in death by his father John Sr. (who gifted his children with his hard work ethic) and his mother Ida Mae (her sense of humor and creativity were parallel to Ron's). Ron is survived by his brother and best friend John Jr. (Joyce), sister Marlene Elzeer (George) and brother-in-law Edward Collins. He leaves his nieces and nephews Diane, Jackie, Leslee, Johnny, Paul, Johnny and Debbie. Ron was godfather to Leslee, Karen, Ronnie (named after Ron) and Michael. Left to deeply mourn his passing are the lights of his life, his two granddaughters Samantha (Alex), Jordan Simon (his namesake) and his daughter Wendy. Ron leaves his confidante, partner, devoted primary caregiver and wife of 59 years, Mary Lou (Collins). GO CAVS, GO BUCKS, GO

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Mon Oct 10, 2016

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Tue Oct 11, 2016

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

3204 Ridgewood Rd.
Fairlawn, OH

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Tue Oct 11, 2016

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3204 Ridgewood Rd.
Fairlawn, OH

Interment following funeral service

Tue Oct 11, 2016

Lakewood Cemetery

1080 W. Waterloo Rd.
Akron, OH

FALLS BEAT STOW! ABC Dad, you're finally free.... The family will receive friends [on Monday from 4 to 8 pm](#) and [Tuesday from 10 to 11 am](#) at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, [3204 Ridgewood Rd](#), Fairlawn. Trisagion Prayer will be [at 7 pm Monday](#). The Funeral Service will be [at 11 am Tuesday](#) with Rev. Fr. John Alassaf and Eulogy by Sub-deacon Jeff Reale. Interment will follow at Lakewood Cemetery then a Meal of Mercy will be at St. George Fellowship Centre. In lieu of flowers Memorial donations may be made to St. George Orthodox Church.