



## Ronald Freeze

December 7, 1933 - September 19, 2023

Exeter- Ronald Freeze was born December 7, 1933 in Seattle Washington, starting the family as the eldest son of the late Leigh and Nell (Herrett) Freeze. He was followed by Larry (deceased), Virginia (Doll), Kenneth, and Kathleen (Weibe). Ron spent his childhood in Seattle with friends-for-life Gordie Andersen and Ron Anderson. Ronald was torn between farming and flight, but after graduating from Highline High School and starting college he followed his dream to fly and joined the US Air Force. As a young pilot sent to New Hampshire in 1956, Ron met a beautiful nurse who would become his lifelong partner and soulmate. He and Ann married in 1958, and soon welcomed children Peter, Elizabeth and Jeanne. Stationed in Wyoming, Ron was happiest riding the range at a friend's ranch and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wyoming. Always helping and protecting others, Ron served his country at war in Vietnam and was stationed all over the United States and Germany, earning the honor of a Bronze Star. He retired from the Air Force after 22 years and had a second career with Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Ron's life embodied his motto "Perseverance and Positive Thinking", which he instilled in his children and grandchildren. His joy was being next to Ann, making memories with his family, being out in the sun golfing, gardening and caring for homes in Rye and Mirror Lake, NH. Ron was an active member of the Rye Congregational Church and sang in the choir, was a dynamic part of

the Barbershop Chorus, worked diligently for the Mirror Lake Protective Association, and volunteered for IMEC sending refurbished medical equipment and supplies to communities and countries in need. Ron loved this life and was dedicated to his beloved wife, his family, and his church.

Ronald Freeze, surrounded by his loving family, passed away on Tuesday morning September 19, 2023 after a heroic fight with a lengthy illness. It was a beautiful day for flying; not a cloud in the clear blue sky. He leaves Ann, his wife of 66 years, daughters Beth Gallagher & Jeanne Freeze both of Stratham, and their spouses Brian Gallagher and Jeremy Riecks, and his granddaughters Kaly & Weyni Gallagher heartbroken at his loss. Ron was predeceased by his son Peter Freeze.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ronald's name may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, the Mirror Lake Protective Association (P.O. Box 311, Mirror Lake, NH 03853), and Crossroads House of Portsmouth NH.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I have fond memories of Ron and Ann. Ann and I worked together at Portsmouth Hospital. My deepest sympathy! Diane Bradley

Diane Bradley - October 04, 2023 at 04:06 PM

WD

“ A wonderful guy and a great friend of many years. We shall miss him.

Woody Doxey - October 02, 2023 at 12:35 PM

FA

“ It was an honor to know and care for Ron. I'll miss his sense of humor and his mischievous grin. My heart goes out to Ann, Jeanne, and Beth, and the rest of his loving family. You are in my thoughts.

Fay - September 28, 2023 at 08:02 PM

FC

“ Fay C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Freeze.

Fay C. - September 28, 2023 at 07:59 PM

TC

“ We send our prayers to Ann and the entire family. We are grateful for all of Ron's christian service at Rye Congregational Church and service to his country. We have missed his presence! Such a kind and smart man. Linda & John Cavanagh

The Cavanaghs - September 27, 2023 at 07:57 PM

NN

“ Sweet memories of Ron and Ann on Glendale Road with their beautiful family! My deepest sympathy to you all! He was a wonderful man and he will be missed. Memory eternal. 🙏❤️

Nancy Notis - September 25, 2023 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ Many Wednesday night rehearsals and Sunday morning service singing in the choir together. Rest in the Lord. My prayers are with Ann. Lucy Montagano

Lucille Montagano - September 24, 2023 at 11:22 AM

GE

“ My sincere condolences to Ann and family Georgette Shapiro ❤️

georgette - September 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM