



Ronald S. Kaczala

May 20, 1943 - October 24, 2024

Wantage - Ronald S. Kaczala, age 81, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Hackensack to the late Dimitri “George” Kaczala and Helen (Chunka) Kaczala, Ron was raised in Paramus. He lived in Suffern, New York before moving to Sussex County in 1970. He believed in having a well rounded education and received multiple Master degrees. Ron was an educator and taught science, retiring from the East Ramapo Regional School in Spring Valley, New York.

Baptized at St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church in Jersey City, Ron taught Sunday School at an early age and became a man of great faith. He had many hobbies and enjoyed being outdoors. Ron was an avid skier, golfer, and climber. One of his biggest accomplishments was climbing Mount Rainier, which is the most heavily glaciated peak in the US, located in Washington State. He was also an avid reader and has a personal collection of over 2000 books. Ron was involved in his community and was a former member of St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon and a member of the Wallkill Valley Rotary Club.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Walter and Ted Kaczala and his sister, Dottie Reigel. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Cecilia and many loved nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at St. Monica R.C. Church, 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex. Interment will follow at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ron's memory to Houghton University, the Ronald Kaczala Scholarship, 9771 Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744. Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

George Washinton Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
Sussex, NJ 07461
(973) 875-3272
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<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Monica R.C. Church
33 Unionville Avenue
Sussex, NJ 07461
stmonica@ptd.net
<http://www.stmonicasussex.org>

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am Diane Cistaro, Cecilia’s sister and Ron’s sister-in-law. Over the past few years I spent much time at Ron’s bedside due to his health battles. To pass the time Ron would recount memories of his youth such as trapping to sell furs, or hunting for arrowheads in the farm fields of Paramus, NJ. Ron had many adventures, climbing MT Rainier, and his many ski trips to Vermont with Cecilia. It always amazed me how sharp his mind was as he would recall names of ski runs, hotels and restaurants. Ron would always be concerned about all the family especially how were his nephews and neices doing. I know my late eldest son Justin will be welcoming Ron with open arms in heaven , as they shared a very special bond with the love of nature and the great outdoors. But utmost and foremost, Ron verbalized frequently his concern for Cecilia. He never underestimated her untiring care and devotion. I witnessed first hand their mutual love, daily personal rituals, and loving sentiments. For the past 12 years they had much hardships but always supported each other. Ron May you rest now in peace as a love you and Cecilia had will live on forever.

Diane Cistaro - October 29, 2024 at 12:37 PM

CK

Diane what a most beautiful tribute. Thank you

Cecilia Kaczala - November 16, 2024 at 07:31 PM

AP

“ Arlene P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Kaczala.

Arlene P. - October 29, 2024 at 12:29 PM

TA

“ Toni A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Kaczala.

Toni A. - October 28, 2024 at 10:08 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ronald S. Kaczala.



October 28, 2024 at 06:58 PM

BS

“ Bernadette S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Kaczala.

Bernadette S. - October 28, 2024 at 06:47 PM

MM

“ Dear Cecilia, my prayers are with you and your family these days. It has been a long journey for Ron and now the Lord called him home to take his rest in the loving arms of Mary and Jesus. For you this years have been even more difficult to see your dear husband suffering so and not being able to do much for him. Through it all you carried on a smile even when it was very difficult, you never wavered in your faith and trust in God, I certainly admire that. Sorry I'm not able to attend services. At this moment in time I'm the only chaplain at Holy Name medical center and I just can't get away at the time of the services. However do not think for a moment that I don't hold you in my heart and prays. I will have a mass said for him here at the Hospital!

Blessing from Maureen Morosco

maureen morosco - October 28, 2024 at 06:42 AM

TF

“ Tarantino/caruso/mosny F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Kaczala.

Tarantino/caruso/mosny F. - October 27, 2024 at 07:19 PM

PJ

“ Pete, Wendy, and Jenny purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald S. Kaczala.



Pete, Wendy, and Jenny - October 27, 2024 at 05:37 PM

PJ

“ Pete, Wendy, and Jenny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Kaczala.

Pete, Wendy, and Jenny - October 27, 2024 at 05:37 PM

SF

“ Smith family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald S. Kaczala.



Smith family. - October 27, 2024 at 11:02 AM

SF

“ Smith family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Kaczala.

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BS

“ Bernadette Smith lit a candle in memory of Ronald S. Kaczala



Bernadette Smith - October 27, 2024 at 10:02 AM