



Ronald J. Venhorst

February 16, 2017

Ronald J. Venhorst, Ph.D., 70, died peacefully at his home in West Hartford on February 16, 2017. Born on March 26, 1946, in Arnhem, the Netherlands, Ron emigrated to the United States with his family at the age of 4, settling in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, where he grew up. Ron attended Leicester Junior College, Adelphi University, and Jersey State College, and worked as a school psychologist in Elizabeth, New Jersey for most of his professional life. Later in his career, Ron earned Ph.D. in psychology at Hofstra University-an accomplishment of which he was very proud. He also served as an adjunct instructor on the faculty of Kean University in New Jersey where he taught courses in psychology. Before moving to West Hartford in 2013, Ron lived first in Ridgefield and later in Westfield, New Jersey. Ron loved travel, books, the arts, and good food. From his home in New Jersey, he made frequent trips to New York City where he visited museums, attended concerts and off-Broadway shows, and enjoyed countless meals at area bars and restaurants. With his wife Annette, he traveled frequently to Europe and enjoyed many memorable family vacations, including a 2002 trip to the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, in which Ron and Annette-along with their two dogs, Casey and Ching-traveled by motor home to see their son, Matt, and their future daughter-in-law, Kendra. Most of all, Ron cherished his wife and son, always doing anything and everything he could to be with them and know that they were what truly mattered to him in life. A loving father and grandfather, Ron will be forever missed by his wife Annette, his son, Matt, his daughter-in-law,

Kendra, and his two grandsons, James and Colin. Visitation will be Monday, February 20, 2017, from 11a.m - noon at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, followed by a memorial service at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McLean Hospice, 75 Great Pond Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *This was a beautiful obituary. I never met Ron, but have had the good fortune to work with Matt. I can see from the obituary that Ron and I share a number of interests such as education, books, family, food, and dogs. It is sad that Ron's grandchildren will not have the benefit of his company and counsel.*

I will also note that from the great picture which was provided that Ron and I have in common an appreciation of the value of drinking a beer out of a proper glass, not the bottle, and certainly not out of a can.

My best wishes to the entire family.

Louis Todisco

Louis Todisco - February 19, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Venhorst.*



February 18, 2017 at 02:10 PM

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“ Ron, a gentleman and scholar. Always considerate, thoughtful and fair minded. Ron was always ready to share an insight or a fact that was very often arcane and made me think to myself "how did he know that" ! Soft spoken with a dry sense of humor, I will remember him as more of a Renaissance man then a child of the 60's. I respected him and will remember him with a smile Thank You Cousin Rayanne Furlong.

rayanne furlong - February 17, 2017 at 01:29 PM

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“ A real honor to meet Ron's wife Annette and spend time in great conversation with her. I could see what a loving and supportive family the Venhorst's are. So wonderful Ron, Annette, Matt & Kendra could all be close together in CT especially with the little guys James & Colin to enjoy. LOVE & PEACE to your wonderful little family. -Linda Kime.

Linda Kime - February 16, 2017 at 09:16 PM