



Ronald "Ron" G. Cucchiara

February 25, 1948 - August 19, 2024

Ronald "Ron" G. Cucchiara, 76, of Mooresville and formerly of Stuart, FL, passed peacefully from this life surrounded by his loving family on Monday, August 19, 2024, after a long battle with Lewy body dementia. He was born as the only child on February 25, 1948, in Alexandria, LA to the late Mario Peter and Geneva (Grayson) Cucchiara.

Raised in the southern climate of Louisiana, Ron graduated from Holy Savior Menard Central High School with the class of 1966. Upon graduation, he proudly enlisted in the United States Army where he was a rifle specialist. After selflessly serving his country, he was discharged and secured employment with Southern Bell, the job that would lead him to find his best friend and soulmate, Pat Long. The pair fell fast in love, and were married with a simple ceremony on May 7, 1971, and never looked back.

Throughout the years, Ron reenlisted with the Army National Guard, as well as with the Coast Guard. He worked for the Florida Highway Patrol, later retiring from the Martin County Sheriff's Department as a Captain in 2006. During his trials and tribulations as a police officer, he once jumped out of a helicopter into a river to capture two escaped convicts, earning him the prestigious National Sheriffs' Association Medal of Valor. Ron was not one to hold back and put his heart and soul into his work; Bruce Willis had nothing on Ron Cucchiara!

Outgoing by nature, Ron and Pat lived life to the fullest, riding their Harley Davidson, scuba diving, traveling in their RV, shooting sporting clay, dining out in new restaurants, and spending quality time with family. In 2006 the couple took the northern trek to Indiana to be close to their daughter, Tonya and his grandchildren. Continuously putting family and friends first, he ensured his family's needs were met. Full of personality, Ron loved telling jokes and always brought smiles and laughter to those around him. With a heart of gold beating in his chest, he was the strongest, yet softest man you would ever meet. He lived a good life in the time he was given and left an indelible mark on the world. Ron will be profoundly missed by all who were blessed to know and love him.

Ron leaves behind his devoted wife of 53 years, Patricia A. Cucchiara of Mooresville; daughter, Tonya Durham (Steven) of Monrovia; stepdaughter, Sheri Johnson (Jay) of Stuart, FL; grandchildren, Brett Durham (Alexa) of Mooresville, and Brooke Cook (Jake) of Camby; along with his great grandchildren, Colter, Jameson, Walker, and Barrett.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. His family held a Celebration of Life Gathering on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 3pm until 6pm at Pritchard Park, 4040 Blue Bluff Rd, Martinsville, IN, 46151. A Celebration of Life Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 3pm until 8pm at the Frances Langford Center, 1707 NE Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach, FL, 34957. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested for donations to benefit the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc., via mailing to 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 and online at <https://www.lbda.org/donate/> To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Ron's memory, please visit his tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pritchard Park
4040 Blue Bluff Rd
Martinsville, IN 46151

Celebration of Life Gathering

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Frances Langford Center
1707 NE Indian River Dr.
Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Bill, Mary and Holly Mathers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald "Ron" G. Cucchiara.



Bill, Mary and Holly Mathers - September 20, 2024 at 10:44 AM

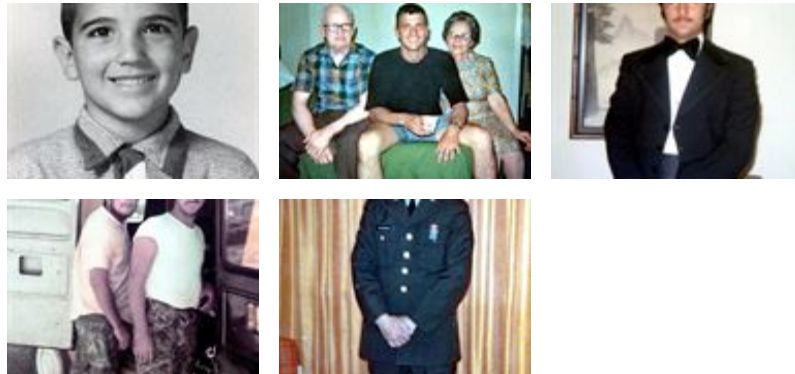
BM

“ Bill, Mary and Holly Mathers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" G. Cucchiara.

Bill, Mary and Holly Mathers - September 20, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ 105 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - September 04, 2024 at 03:13 PM

CT

“ Dear Pat and family - I am so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. I will never forget his slow drawl, tall tales, and sharp wit. His friendship meant a lot to Bob and I know they shared quite a few adventures. Such a big life leaves a big void.

Carolyn Timmann - September 03, 2024 at 10:34 PM

LS

“ Ron was a great soldier and law man. My prayers go with Ron and his family.
He will be with our Patron Saint Michael the Arch Angel.

Chief (Ret.) Lou Savini

Louis Savini - August 27, 2024 at 11:59 AM

BP

“ Ron leaving us puts a hole in all of our hearts. The good times we had are times I will always remember and cherish. I will truly miss him. Thanks for the memories, Ron.

Bob Pryor - August 23, 2024 at 06:24 PM

J.

“ J.poppell lit a candle in memory of Ronald
"Ron" G. Cucchiara



J.poppell - August 23, 2024 at 02:09 PM

J.

“ Meant so much to all of us at MCSO. Have wonderful fun memories, was so good with people, very special kind person, so well liked. So glad I worked around him, unforgettable man. Prayers to Pat, his daughters, family, friends. Heaven received one of the best.

J.poppell - August 23, 2024 at 02:07 PM

GL

“ Ron was a fine Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office. It was always a pleasure to work with him on large scale drug busts, manhunts and then into the Administration part of it. Ron was a good friend outside of work too. A great sense of humor and would do what good friends do and never expected anything in return. My sincere condolences to Pat and the entire family. Ron will be missed by everyone.

Captain Glenn Lockwood, Retired MCSO

Glenn Lockwood - August 23, 2024 at 11:09 AM

GD

“ Great man gone way too soon. I'm so glad I got to know him and be his friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. RIP Ron, we will meet again. So sorry for the Cucchiara family. Prayers.

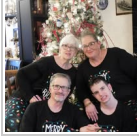
George Dempsey - August 22, 2024 at 08:44 PM

ST

“ A real cop with a big heart. Always there to assist in investigations with his knowledge and skills. He assisted me in many investigations.

Stephen Barborini.

Steve - August 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ Pat and family, I pray you are finding comfort and peace in your time of loss..love and prayers..Your cousin Cheryl and family

Cheryl Scott - August 22, 2024 at 08:08 PM

PT

“ Pat, Tonya, Sheri, and Family

Bill and I are sending our deepest condolences and much love to you all during this sorrowful time. Ronnie was a wonderful man who truly cared about everyone. I loved bragging about my cousin Ronnie; the “good guy”, who chased after all the “bad guys”. He always had a big, beautiful smile and a silly joke to share with anyone who would listen. Ronnie loved you all more than life; He will live on in our hearts forever. May God bless you and grant you peace.

*All Our Love,
Pam & Bill*

Pam Testroet - August 22, 2024 at 07:32 PM

PL

“ I met Ron the day we both reported to serve at the Martin County Sheriff's Office in October, 1977. We became friends, at times worked together, and many times hung out or did shooting activities. Ron was a person who never met a stranger; in our line of work, that is a great thing, as an investigator he could get information from victims, witnesses, and suspects, and as he rose in the ranks, he could enjoy a comfortable relationship with the personnel serving under him, his superiors, and the community we served. Respect n was a great friend, and is deeply missed.

Paul Laska - August 22, 2024 at 07:12 PM

WN

We are the lucky ones who were blessed to be friends with Ron and his family. He set the example on how to be a good person. An example on treating one's family and friends. Few people ever come along that changes a persons life. Ron was one of those that changed mine. There is not enough words that can express how good of a man he was. We will all miss him. Wayne Newhouse

Wayne Newhouse - August 22, 2024 at 08:08 PM

MM

Ron is sorely missed for his great sense of humor, love of story telling and dedication to his profession. He was one-of-a-kind that cannot be replaced. But all who knew him have a treasure trove of great memories, and the privilege to have shared in his life well lived.

Mike McKinley

mike McKinley - August 22, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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Ron, my shooting and hunting partner. I had the honor of knowing Ron his entire career at the MCSO. Remembering some of the fun things we did, from man hunts to shooting competitions, Ron was fun to be around. At one of the S.O. shooting competitions, he was my team partner. He showed up very late, riding in on his motorcycle with Pat, dressed in his black leathers he got off and shot, got back on the bike and said grab our trophy and bring it to me later to Ron and I hunting Turkey at Wayne's in West Virginia, we did have some fun. He worked his way up to Captain and we stayed in touch. He gave me guidance and other recommendations along the way and always asked questions about Dennis Fritchie and me training in the martial arts. Now he has passed on, leaving us with great memories, thoughts and sad feelings of his death. I know for a fact he would want us to know and remember him as he was, and in the fact that he was here, not the fact he has left us. Ron will live on in the memories and thoughts we will share about him, just as he would want us to do. Rest in peace Ron, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Chief Ted Gonzales (retired) - August 23, 2024 at 10:44 PM

CS

“ *RIP Captain. You're a good man and respected by all. Prayers for the family.*

Casey Szparaga - August 22, 2024 at 05:53 PM

TS

Ron, you will be missed by many and remember by even more. You're smile and great nature has touched so many over the years, this I know because you inspired me and helped me with a lot over the years. Prayers for the family .

Tommy Smith - August 22, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TR

I met Ron in 1991 when I began my law encareer with the Martin County Sheriff's Office. I also had the pleasure of meeting Pat and Sheri. I loved having conversations with Ron, chewing the fat, and sheriff's office events. My condolences to the the entire family. I will miss you my friend.

Tony Rodriguez

Tony Rodriguez - August 25, 2024 at 05:54 PM