

Ronald Eugene Grand

1931 - 2010



Ronald and Audrey Grand
at Catalina Island - 1963

Ronald Eugene Grand passed away peacefully at 3:55 pm on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at Namaste Alzheimer Center in Colorado Springs at the age of 78. Ron was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Ferdinand Grand and his mother, Mildred Nancy Pigg Grand. Ron is survived by his sister, Suzanne Lombardozzi, his wife Audrey Grand and their 5 children, 14 grand-children, and 1 great-grandchild.

Ron was born on November 25, 1931 in Park County, Colorado. He was raised in Colorado and Montana. He spent wonderful summers on his Uncle Walter Nash ranch near Guffey. He attended High School and College in Montana. He married Audrey A. Barton on November 4, 1952 in Billings. They moved to California, where they raised their family of 5 children. The Grand family settled in Orange County, buying a home in Fullerton in 1960. In the fall of 1964, Ron along with two business partners started Cal Plate in Downey. The business was very successful and provided a wonderful means of support for Ron and Audrey's family. Ron was a

kind employer and was admired by his employees.

Ronald Eugene Grand was an extremely hard worker and great family man, insisting on always putting family first. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton. He was active in his three son's Indian Guides and Boy Scout Troop, eventually becoming the Boy Scout troop's Scoutmaster. Ron enjoyed life to the fullest, but he was happiest during family vacations to Mammoth Mountain for skiing, vacations to Colorado and Montana to visit family, and camping with his family. His 2 daughters and 3 sons were the light of his life. The unconditional love Ron had for his family was incredible. He was an engaged and vibrant family man who cared deeply about the welfare of his children.

Ron Grand retired and moved to Colorado Springs by 1989. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, where Audrey works part time. His most recent years have been very challenging, with the onset of dementia and other physical failings.

His death brings a sense of loss and sadness mixed with relief that he is now not confused or anxious. He is with Christ, clear-minded again and unburdened from his failing mind and body.

There will be a celebration of Ron's life at the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs on Tuesday, November 23 at 2:00 pm followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Deacon's Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs. The Deacon's Fund is used to help church and community members in difficult times:

Ron Grand – Deacon's Fund
First Presbyterian Church
219 East Bijou Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-1392



Ron at the wheel of the VW Bus
1966 - Canon City, CO

GRAND



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Grand, Ronald Eugene, of Colorado Springs CO passed on November 16, 2010. He was born on November 25, 1931 in Park County Colorado. Ron spent his growing up years in Bozeman and Billings, Montana. He graduated from high school and college in Billings where he met his wife, Audrey Ann Barton. They were married November 4, 1952 in Billings.

Ron and Audrey moved to California in 1952 and lived there until retiring to Colorado Springs in 1989. Ron was a successful salesman and small business owner. He was a hard worker and a great family man. He loved the mountains and skiing. Camping in the mountains with his family was when Ron was happiest.

Ron is survived by his wife Audrey; five children: Pam Watanabe(Mike), Gene Grand (Teresa) of Littleton, CO, David Grand, Salt Lake City, UT, Andy Grand, Lake Arrowhead, CA and Pauline Clenney (Taft) of Huntington Beach, CA: 14 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and sister Suzanne Lombardozzi of Billings, Montana.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, 2:00 pm, November 23, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, 219 E. Bijou Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Deacon's Fund at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs.

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