



Ronald Eugene Sorden

November 21, 1940 - February 4, 2019

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“ *Ronald Eugene Sorden*

David and Ann Murphy - February 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Ron joined our family in 1954 through the state foster program and hung in there with us for almost 55 years. In his sophomore year he expressed an interest in playing in the band. Pat and Bill Christensen, his foster parents said they would buy the trombone he wanted if he got a paper route to pay them back. The music teacher said absolutely not, he could not join the band. The other members had been playing instruments since the 6th grade and Ron knew nothing. Pat managed a deal. Ron would be a drum major during performances and would learn in class. By the time he graduated high school, he was accomplished enough that he auditioned for the Army band. He got diplomatic assignments and when Air Force One landed, he was on the tarmac with his trombone playing his heart out. Ron had a way of making anything he wanted to happen. He married Donna and had 3 children. After his military stint he became a state Trooper in Alaska. When he retired from there he went to FBI training and worked in digitized finger prints to help modernize the program. All the time he was busy with careers and family, he was also taking classes at nearby colleges and universities to get a degree in criminology. Up to the end he was an avid reader devouring books. He had an almost slapstick animated sense of humor. During endless games of pinochle with the folks, he kept us entertained. I am glad that Ron came into our lives and will miss him dearly.

MJ Christensen - February 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ronald Eugene Sorden was borne On Nov. 21, 1940 in Great Bend Kansas. passed at 79 On Mon. Feb. 4th. 2019 He and all 6 of his siblings were orphaned at early ages. He has only been able to re-connect with 4 of the 6 over the years. Donna, his wife met in high school in North Platte, Ne. Dad a Sr. & mom a sophomore. At 17 my dad enlisted in the Army. They were married at 17 & 18 & were married for over 60 years. After 5 years in the Army, While stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska Ron was honorably discharged from the Army in 1962. Within days he applied for & was hired by the Alaska State Troopers. Ron rose through the ranks & attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico Va. After 21 years with The State Troopers in 1983 Ron retired as Dep. Commander. After the State troopers, Ron accepted a job based out of LaHabra Ca. with NEC. A Japanese based computer software company where he was in charge of the instillation of AFIS, the new fingerprint computer up & down the west coast's Sherriff's depts. Where he worked for 6 years. Ron is survived by his wife, Donna, 3 kids, Larry, Dan & Ronda and 7 grandkids.

Dan Sorden - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He and Donna were regulars at the Chehalis Alaska State Trooper Reunions. R.I.P. Ron.

Joe & Margaret DeTemple - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ronald Eugene Sorden

Dan Sorden - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Ron and Donna and Diane and I played a lot of Pinochle in Ketchikan in the 69-71 era. Great friends. RIP Ron and our love to Donna, Larry, Danny, and Rhonda*

Bill Kaufman - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM