

Ronald Serrats, 86, of Beverly Hills, FL, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on July 5, 2022, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. Ronald was born on May 23, 1936, in Brooklyn, NY, to the late John Serrats and Genevieve (Jean) McGrath.

Ron was a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. After 22 years and 2 days serving in the Air Force, Ron retired with five honorable discharges. Ron was stationed in Da Nang Air Force Base, Vietnam; Otis AFB, Falmouth, MA; Walla Walla, Washington; Canadian Forces Station Val d'Or Quebec, Canada; Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, Klamath Falls, OR; Charlestown Air Force Base, Charlestown, S.C.; Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan; Takhli, Thailand; George Air Force Base in California; Indianhead, MD. (E.O.D. school - U.S. Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal); Bangor, Maine, where he was in the Strategic Air Command loading B-52 Bombers; and Shemya, Alaska, at the end of the Aleutian Islands. He moved to Citrus County 27 years ago from Merrimack, NH. Ronald was a member of the V.F.W. Harry F. Nesbett Post 10087, D.A.V., E.O.D., and was Catholic.



Ron was awarded the Air Force Longevity Service Award with three bronze oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, and the Army Good Conduct Medal. Two of Ron's grandchildren, Amanda and Anthony, completed the ROTC program in High School. After time spent in the Air Force, Ron worked for The Faulkner Mill in North Billerica, MA, as well as the Raytheon Corp and Digital Equipment Corp in Merrimack, NH. Ron met and shook the hand of President George H. W. Bush when employed at Digital Equipment Corp.

Ron had a great sense of humor; he always had a smile on his face and a joke on his lips. He always made sure never to enter or leave a room without making everyone laugh. Papa (as his grandchildren knew him) loved to do his Donald Duck impression when his grandchildren were little, along with being the "Bzzz Bzzz" man. One of Papa's favorite times was making his signature silver dollar pancakes. One of his favorite sayings was, "See my pinky, see my thumb, see my fist, you better run." His love for his grandchildren was unconditional, and they were blessed with all the special moments they shared. He enjoyed watching them play sports and was always very supportive. Fly high, watch over us all, until we meet again, Papa, we love you bunches.

He avidly loved pool and poker and enjoyed the little things in life surrounded by those he loved. He also loved playing Buzz Off with Tom and Dee Zipps and enjoyed time on the boat

with his dear friend, Val. Ron was very dependable and could fix anything, even his dentures with superglue. He was always very courageous and sacrificial to others.

In addition to his parents, Ronald has joined his brother, John Serrats; two sisters, Dolores Santillo and Gail Walsh; his son, Leroy J Serrats in heaven. He is survived by his wife, Claire E. Serrats; four children, Kathleen A. Derochers, Ronald E. Serrats, Jr., Colleen J. Dinardi, and Kimberly E. Lachance; thirteen grandchildren, Travis Cordua, Heather Serrats, Kyle Serrats, Christina Bennison, Michael Derochers, Daniel Derochers, Patrick Carrier, Ryan Serrats, Danielle Serrats, Amanda Levesque, Anthony Dinardi, Makayla Lachance, and Keira Lachance; and six great-grandchildren.

Family will be receiving friends on Wednesday July 20, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL. Funeral Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. The burial will follow the service at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at 1:30 p.m. where full Military Honors will be given.