



Ronald E. Shaeffer

April 19, 1939 - November 17, 2019

SEE UPDATE BELOW FOR DETAILS ON THE CELEBRATION OF RON'S LIFE!

Ronald Edward Shaeffer of Tallahassee, Florida died on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Big Bend Hospice House due to kidney failure. Ron graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master's degree from Iowa State University, after which he taught structural engineering for over thirty years. The majority of his career was spent teaching at the Florida A&M University School of Architecture where he published many text books including "Elementary Structures for Architects and Builders" and "Reinforced Concrete". Ron continued to publish and was active in many professional organizations following his retirement in 2004. He received many awards for his work and was recently presented with an Honorary Membership in the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures. Ron was very proud of his work and truly enjoyed teaching.

Ron married Jane Hunter in 1969, and they enjoyed life together for 40 fabulous years. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed spending time on Cape San Blas, and loved to travel the world, most recently with his beloved friend, Annie Gaynor. Ron's sense of humor (often bawdy) and love of life brought laughter and love to those around him. He is survived by his children, Joe Shaeffer (Seattle, WA) and Kristin McCreery (Pasadena, MD), his grandchildren Nathan, Rylie, Alex and Owen, and countless nieces, nephews,

relatives and friends. He was a wonderful father, husband, brother, Grampie, uncle, and friend to all and will be greatly missed. In celebration of his life, Ron would want you all to remember that "It's 5 o'clock somewhere" and to throw back a Manhattan in his memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his honor to the Florida Coastal Conservancy at www.floridacc.org.

CELEBRATION OF RON'S LIFE!

CHEERS TO RON!

JOE AND KRISTIN (RON'S KIDS) INVITE YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF THEIR DAD'S LIFE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 31, 2020 FROM 5pm TO 8pm
AT RON'S HOUSE: 3519 KIMMER ROWE DRIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32309.

JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR AS WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF RON SHAEFFER.

DRINKS AND LIGHT FARE WILL BE SERVED.

TOASTS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM.

PLEASE RSVP TO KRISTIN McCREERY AT kshaef3910@aol.com, or text to: 443-690-8632.

The family is being assisted by Skip Young, and cared for by Jackie Fulford.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ron Shaeffer's House
3519 Kimmer Rowe
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald E. Shaeffer*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Ronald E. Shaeffer*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Ronald E. Shaeffer*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Ron was my professor of structures decades ago at the University of Maryland School of Architecture. He was a fantastic teacher. Even 43 years after I graduated, I think of him often. I'm sorry I didnt get to Florida in time to visit with him.*

Howard Campbell - March 06, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Ron Shaeffer was my Structures proffessor. I will never forget him. He was dedicated and was tough but made a difference in my career. Thanks for all those years you taught at Florida A&M School of Architecture.*

Roxana Saap - December 22, 2019 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Ron has shepherded so many architects through the most daunting portion of their education that his memory will live on for many, many years. He was a brilliant and caring educator. Everyone in the profession who was fortunate enough to have learned from him owes him a debt of gratitude that cannot be measured.*

Thank you, Ron. You will be missed.

Kenneth H. Cureton, AIA

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