



Ronald J. DiLorenzo

December 10, 1947 - August 3, 2019

Ronald Jacob DiLorenzo, 71, of Wheeling died on Saturday morning, August 3, 2019 peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family.

Known as Ron, Ronnie, DiLo or Mr. D. by his beloved students, he was born December 10, 1947 in Steubenville, Ohio and raised in Weirton, WV.

Ron graduated from Weir High School in 1965 and received his undergraduate and advanced degrees from WVU.

He is the son of Armeda DiLorenzo and the late Paul DiLorenzo.

Ron married his loving wife of 48 years, Roberta "Robbie" in 1971.

He was an active member of St. Michael's Church and served as Eucharistic Minister, Engaged Couples Sponsor and Confirmation instructor for many years.

After 42 years of service, Ron retired as Wheeling Park High School's Dean of Students/Chairperson of the Guidance Counseling Dept. Prior to counseling, he taught elementary music and was assistant band director. He was also a professional musician (since the age of 14) who played his trumpet and sang in numerous Ohio Valley bands, the most recent being the popular SHOP band. His reputation as an entertainer and an educator reflected his incredible musical talent and people skills.

He shared his time and talents with many and was a model of integrity, respect, love and laughter. He was a friend to all.

The WV Board of Education named Ron the 2007 WV Character Educator of the Year in recognition of his exemplary modeling and instilling character in his

students. Wheeling Park High School honored Ron as the 1999-2000 Educator of the Year. Well-deserved tributes for a true gentleman and man of character – a good and honest man.

He is survived by his wife and four children: Cara (Terry) Netherton of Richmond, KY, Matt (Amy) DiLorenzo of Lexington, KY, Adria (Ron Scott) DiLorenzo of Wheeling, Nathan DiLorenzo of Detroit, MI. along with his eight grandchildren: Peyton and Haley Netherton, Dominic, Angelo and Gianna DiLorenzo, Luca DiLorenzo, D'asia and Lorenzo Scott. He is also survived by his mother Armeda and siblings Paula and Robert (Bob) DiLorenzo and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Say not in grief he is no more but live in thankfulness that he was.

Friends and family will be received on Thursday, August 8th, from 12:00 – 9:00 pm at Grisell Funeral Home Bethlehem, 1 Ridgecrest Road Wheeling, WV. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9th at St. Michael's Church, 1225 National Road, Wheeling, WV. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to a scholarship created for a Wheeling Park High School student furthering his/her education in music and for beginning band instruments for Woodsdale Elementary students. Donations may be made to the Ron DiLorenzo Memorial Scholarship, WesBanco, 1 Bank Plaza, Wheeling, WV 26003 Donations accepted via mail and/or deposit in any WesBanco branch location.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michaels Catholic Church
1225 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald J. DiLorenzo*



Grisell Funeral Homes - August 05, 2019 at 02:14 PM

MM

“ *Mr. D was my first cool teacher I ever had. He taught me 3rd grade music. He also moved into my neighborhood and I remember him playing pick up basketball with us kids. He was such a nice guy. He totally changed the way I looked at teachers. He was the first one I ever saw as a normal person. In 1970 he loved the band Chicago, I remember him playing Does Anyone Really Know What Time It Is for us. My 5th grade band experience was awful, getting Mr. D back in 6th grade band was great. I am sad he is gone I hope he didn't suffer.*

Max K Mahlke - November 03, 2020 at 09:51 AM

JB

“ *I am sorry for you loss. May God comfort you & give you peace. Mr. DiLorenzo was my music teacher at Woodsdale. He was the BEST! I will never forget him playing his trumpet during class. Whenever I hear Kool & the gang or Earth, Wind & Fire I think of him. I truly believe I have a love for most types of music because of him. ❤️*

Jaymie Wyatt Barry - August 11, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CR

“ Charles Riggs lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. DiLorenzo



Charles Riggs - August 10, 2019 at 03:45 AM

CR

“ Mr D always had the best interest of students. Black , white , poor , rich it did not matter he believed that you could do anything. He was always there for anything issued at school or home he was always the ear you could bend. Prayers and love to Matt and Adria and family.

Charles Riggs - August 10, 2019 at 03:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



August 08, 2019 at 10:19 AM

DE


“ I am so thankful for the opportunity to know Mr DiLorenzo. He was a man who led by example and with character. He cared for his students, but also wanted them to know if they set a high pace in their lives they could accomplish great things. I remember the first time I heard him play music. I was so impressed. He graciously allowed me in his home. He was a man of solid faith. But the thing I will remember about him most is that he was teacher at heart. There are many people you passed by in life, but I remember Mr DiLorenzo because he was constantly teaching me. He caught my attention and I was listening. Thank you for the life of Mr DiLorenzo!!

Dave Etling - August 08, 2019 at 06:38 AM

CM

“ We are so very sorry Robbie and family for your great loss! Ron was so loved by so many especially the students! I myself will always be so grateful for both of you and your support and knowledge with St. Michaels confirmation program! His loss is great but the memories he made with so many is even greater! Our deepest sympathy and many prayers for you and your beautiful family! Cheryl and Nick Maltese and family 🙏

Cheryl Maltese - August 07, 2019 at 07:35 PM

 Carol
Hummell
Balaz

“ Robbie, our love and prayers go out to you and your family in your loss. May God comfort you and hold you close.
Carol and Rich Balaz

Carol Hummell Balaz - August 07, 2019 at 12:39 PM

DA

“ My sincere and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ron. Denny Albaugh

Dennis R Albaugh - August 07, 2019 at 09:36 AM

MR

“ Mike & Marlene Runkel lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. DiLorenzo



Mike & Marlene Runkel - August 07, 2019 at 05:56 AM

MR

We are deeply saddened for Ron's passing, always a big smile and a warm Hello; such a talented musician he was, and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Sincerely, Mike & Marlene Runkel, Weirton, WV

Mike & Marlene Runkel - August 07, 2019 at 06:03 AM

MM

“ I remember Ron as always positive, hopeful and smiling. He was kindness. He cared about people.

Maria McKelvey - August 06, 2019 at 10:04 PM

CL

“ I had the priviledge of playing in the band with Ronnie several times. He was a terrific musician and an absolute joy to be around. I am very sorry to hear of his passing.....Chuck Lemasters

chuck lemasters - August 06, 2019 at 10:00 PM

PM

“When Ron looked at you, his whole face smiled. You could never walk anywhere with him in Wheeling without someone yelling, “Hey, DiLo!” And, out would come that smile. Old and young were drawn to him, knowing him from school—students, band members, advisees, parents, and colleagues; knowing him as a musician—those hearing his joy-filled trumpet at weddings, at parties, or at a local club. We were fortunate to know him as a neighbor and friend. His name for us is forever linked with “Robbie” and filled with so many of our best memories, so much laughter.

Peter and I are several years older than Ron and Robbie, but in 1971, when we came to live as their neighbors in a beautiful Leatherwood Lane mansion converted into apartments, we bonded easily; going out for pizzas and beers at night, then finding dusty beer bottles in the house’s basement and deciding to brew our own beer; sharing experiences at first teaching jobs and with first pregnancies and first babies. That memorable year on Leatherwood Lane forged a life-long friendship.

*With love,
Phyllis and Peter*



Phyllis Makuck - August 06, 2019 at 07:34 PM

KK

“ Ken Sr., Kenny, Cheri, Kyle and Kasey purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



Ken Sr., Kenny, Cheri, Kyle and Kasey - August 06, 2019 at 12:49 PM

NW

“ Nancy Weeks lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. DiLorenzo



Nancy Weeks - August 06, 2019 at 12:12 PM

BM

“ Bobby Joe & Family,
Please accept my sympathies on the passing of your bother.
Sincerely,
Moose Musulin

burt musulin - August 06, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



August 06, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.*



August 06, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *Shae Harris Wensyel lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. DiLorenzo*



Shae Harris Wensyel - August 05, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.*



August 05, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the DiLorenzo family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Sending so much love, Regis Bane and Kate Masley*

Kate Masley - August 05, 2019 at 07:23 PM

MR

My condolences to the family. He was a wonderful person. He is resting in the palm of God's hand. Prayers for him and the family. 🙏🙏

Michele Ritchie - August 06, 2019 at 10:06 AM

NW

*Robbie and Family;
My heart is breaking while I remember all the wonderful times we shared as student, educators and friends. My prayers are that God will wrap you in his arms of love and peace. Ron will forever be remembered by thousands!!!*

Nancy Weeks - August 06, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.*



August 05, 2019 at 06:54 PM

MH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie passing I will always remember him putting together the band for my wedding. He is at peace now and what a wonderful life he led. My heart is with all of you right now. God Bless you.*

Mary K Davis Haidle - August 05, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



August 05, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



August 05, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



August 05, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.



August 05, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald J. DiLorenzo.*



August 05, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *222 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - August 05, 2019 at 02:04 PM