



## Ronald Joseph Cory

June 11, 1932 - April 20, 2022

His pilgrimage on earth complete, Ronald Joseph Cory entered eternal life peacefully on April 20, 2022. Ron was born on June 11, 1932 in Cleveland Ohio. He was educated at Our Lady of Peace School, where he met the love of his life, Loretta. He went on to attend Cathedral Latin School and earned a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University. Ron and Loretta were married in August, 1954. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army in 1955 and upon completion of active duty served in the Army Reserves for several years where he earned the rank of Captain. Ron had a distinguished career in industrial management and industrial distribution. Ron joined the Patterson-Leitch company in 1957 and was eventually assigned as District Sales Director in Central Ohio. Ten years later, he joined Borger Brothers, a heavy steel plate fabricator as Vice President, Operations. He saw the company through a number of challenging situations including the engineering and fabrication of complex radioactive shipping containers for the US Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission. When completed, Ron accepted an offer to join the Ben-Tom companies as VicePresident, Manufacturing, responsible for the operations of its metal fabrication division as well as other manufacturing divisions. In 1978 Ron was appointed President of the Ross Willoughby Company, an Edwards Company. Under his management the company became a recognized leader in the Industrial Distribution field and received numerous awards from both vendors and customers. An integral part of the Ross-Willoughby Company's success was its affiliation with ID.One, an

international buying group of which Ron also served as President. Under his direction they eventually merged with the Affiliated Distribution Group to form the largest industrial buying group of its kind in the world. During the late 1990's, Ross-Willoughby was acquired by Windpoint Partners to become the flagship company of the new enterprise. As a part of the acquisition, Ron joined the new company as Vice President primarily responsible for mergers and acquisitions and other traditional matters. Retiring in 2001, Ron rejoined the Edward's organization in the commercial real estate area. Ron served on numerous business and civic boards and organizations including the Riverside Methodist Hospital Foundation Board, Children's Hospital Foundation board, Crittenton Family Services, the Distributor Advisory Board of the Precision Twist Drill Co., Loctite Corporation, Cooper Tools, Sandvik Coromant Corporation, Stanley Proto Industrial Tools, Bay State Abrasives and the 3M company. He also served on the board of the American Welding Society. Ron was a long-time member of the Athletic Club of Columbus and the Brookside Golf and Country Club. He was also a past president of the Touchdown Club of Columbus. Ron was a devoted and loving father who enjoyed many precious moments with his wife, children and grandchildren and a devout Catholic. Preceded in death by his parents Carmen and Helen and brother Gerald. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Loretta. Loving father of Daniel (Jeanne) Cory of Denver, CO, Paul (Kelli) Cory of Powell, OH, Jack of Columbus, OH and Joan (Jeremy) Barnes of Loveland, OH and brother David (Dottie) of North Royalton, OH and grandfather of Robert and Anthony, Emily Frost, MacKenzie and Nicholas, Julia and Katherine Barnes, nieces and nephews, Brian (Cheri) Cory, Melissa (Greg) Zito, Michael (Mary) Cory, Louise and Laura Cortland, Mark Leonetti and lifelong friend Richard (Rosemarie) Dow Middleburg Heights, OH. Friends and family will be received Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington OH. Visitation at 10:00am prior to funeral Mass at 11:00am on Friday April 29, 2022 at St. Peter's Catholic church, Columbus. Reception following. Contributions in Ron's memory may

be made to the American Heart association or consider donating a pint of blood. Condolences can be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Calling Hours

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church  
6899 Smoky Row Road  
Columbus, OH 43235  
<http://www.stpetercolumbus.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church  
6899 Smoky Row Road  
Columbus, OH 43235  
<http://www.stpetercolumbus.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Joseph Cory*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Ron was such a caring boss at Ross Willoughby. I will forever have great memories of him.*

**Carol Betz** - May 16, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ *I worked with Loretta at Riverside Methodist Hospital where Loretta volunteered at the Information Desk every Thursday. Loretta always shared stories of her husband Ron & their family. Her face would light up when she said Ron's name. Even though I never met him I felt like I had a glimpse of what a loving man Ron was.*

*Sending prayers & love to you, Loretta and your family.*

*Linda Hanson* 💔

**Linda Hanson** - April 29, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayerful support are yours. May this lovely man and fine gentleman rest in the peace of our Risen Lord whom he served so faithfully and so well. The Knittel Family*

**Catherine A Knittel** - April 28, 2022 at 10:31 AM

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“ Dear Loretta, Dan & Jeanne,  
I want to send my most sincere condolences to each of you. Ron was such a wonderful, generous, charming, engaging man, & I know how deeply he will be missed. As you know, my mom had been lifelong friends with both Loretta & Ron. I wish that I could channel her, now, to bring a bright smile to your faces with all of the wonderful memories she shared with Ron & Loretta when they were kids & throughout their lives. My mom would show me pictures of all of them at summer camps, on hayrides, parties, school dances, etc., & in most all of them, they looked like they'd been laughing for days on end. What a true joy he was to so many.  
My prayers are with you, Loretta, Dan & Jeanne & all who loved Ron so much.  
With love,  
Mary Houlehan (Betty Courtad (Houlehan)'s daughter)

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Mary Houlehan - April 27, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Cory.



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April 25, 2022 at 06:51 PM

RJ

“ What a full life he lived. Quite the fighter to the end. Shine on....  
  
Our condolences. Rich & Lee

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Rich Jones - April 25, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Cory.*



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April 25, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Cory.*



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April 25, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *Go rest high on that mountain my friend your work on earth is done. One of my best pleasures in life was having lunch with Ron at the ACC for over a dozen years. Great conversation and always helpful as I advanced my career. He was a caring man and a pleasure to be around.*

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**John Callender** - April 24, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *Scott, Brenda, Connor, Daniel, and Owen Dougherty purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald Joseph Cory.*



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**Scott, Brenda, Connor, Daniel, and Owen Dougherty** - April 23, 2022 at 04:33 PM