



## Ronald Undella

January 27, 1939 - April 8, 2020

Ronald Undella, affectionately known as “Goose”, 81, of Sarasota, Florida, died at home April 8, 2020, surrounded by loving family.

Born January 27, 1939, in Danbury, CT, he started playing sports at an early age. He excelled at them all, from baseball (even earning a tryout for the New York Mets), to hockey and basketball (he loved playing at Madison Square Garden). His passion, however, was auto racing. He was the youngest driver in the history of the Southern New York Racing Association, and raced at the old Danbury Racearena. He continued racing after he, his wife Martha, and their four daughters moved to Sarasota. He raced all the local tracks and always had a large fan club in the stands. At 80 years old, he drove the famous Daytona International Speedway, with laps averaging over 154 mph.

Goose was proud of his work at Data Control in Danbury, often saying he helped put a man on the moon. He was inducted into the Danbury Old-Timers Athletic Hall of Fame; was a member of the Army National Guard; and a Bronze Medalist in the Sarasota Superstars Competition.

He is predeceased by his parents, Burton and Lois Undella, and his daughter Cindy. He will be forever missed by his sister Joyce (Lee) Chase; and his daughters Marcy (Jim) Alberdi, Julia Undella and Jenny Undella. He was a beloved grandfather to Garrett, Carter and Maxwell Mook; Ellen Undella; and Madeleine Alberdi.

Due to the pandemic, the burial will be private. A celebration of his life will be held this summer.

# Comments

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“ So sorry for your loss, Joyce and the entire family! Phyllis Esposito Tarsi

**phyllis A tarsi** - April 20, 2020 at 07:30 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to the family.  
John & Marie Crowell

**John Crowell** - April 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Ron's family. I played many softball games against the "Goose." We had a lot in common as we were both catchers, Always a true sport and gentleman on and off the field. This is his final "Home Run." God bless you, Ron, and God speed.

"Don't let your hearts troubled. Trust in God, and also in me, There is enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am." (John 14: 1-3)

I hope that reading this scripture gives the family a little solace.

God Bless you all!

Fran Kieras

**Fran Kieras** - April 14, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ My condolences to the family of Ronald "Goose" Undella. We were classmates and friends at DHS. RIP

**James Ginch** - April 12, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie (Goose) Our prayers are with you. We live on Blueberry Lane and Venice.  
Nick & Trudy LaCava

Nick & Trudy LaCava - April 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ I can't put words on how sad we all feel. The Goose lived "full throttle" and was nothing but kind and fun to our whole family-God bless Goose and all his family-he was a truly special man-Pat Waldron and family

pat - April 11, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Well said!!

Fran Kieras - April 14, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Knew Goose through softball and the hospitality industry when I lived in Sarasota. A true original, friend to all and much fun to be around.

Tilden Martin

Tilden Martin - October 31, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Undella.



April 10, 2020 at 07:08 PM