



Ronald Noel Hendrick

November 4, 1938 - April 10, 2025

Ronald Noel Hendrick was born on November 4, 1938, in Clearwater, FL, and passed away peacefully at home on April 10, 2025, at the age of 86. Known to many as Ronn, he was a devoted husband to Eileen for 56 years and a loving father of five.

A proud Marine and a man of Catholic faith, Ronn lived a life of service, hard work, and humor. He had an entrepreneurial spirit, running a variety of businesses over the years—from catering trucks to a gas station with a sandwich shop to cab driving. In recent years, he could be found happily bagging groceries at Publix, a job he sometimes said was his favorite of all.

Ronn was beloved for his quick wit and memorable catchphrases, including “you can’t improve on perfection,” “hey big guy,” “I’ll see you when I see you,” and his signature response to how he was doing: “Well, I’m overrated.”

He was also known for his “yellow pad prayers,” written in pencil with a mix of capital and lowercase letters, creative spelling, and patriotic intentions. Ever generous, he always carried a pocketful of crisp \$1 bills to dole out to his kids and grandkids.

He was fiercely proud of his family and is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Eileen Hendrick (née Hayes), and their five children: U.S. Army

Command Sergeant Major Raymond Hendrick (Christina Castillo); Neil Hendrick, Glenn Hendrick, Gary Hendrick (Fiona Karran), and Jeannie Hendrick-Perales (Daniel Perales) as well as many lifelong family friends and surrogate children including, Yolonda Youngs, Virginia Shearer & Arkady Medovy & Christian Gonsalves

Above all, Ronn took the greatest pride in his grandchildren: Isajah Wilson, Ajna Rain Wilson, Kique Perales, and Luci Perales. He is also survived by his sisters, Janet Holman of Alaska and Rachel Wray of High Springs, FL, and many beloved nieces and nephews. There are too many other friends, cronies & enemies to list – suffice it to say, he loved you all.

A military funeral will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 1:30 PM at Sarasota National Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life. Religious services will be scheduled at a later date.

Previous Events

Military Service

APR **16**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall

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“ Rachel Wray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Noel Hendrick



Rachel Wray - April 14, 2025 at 01:40 PM

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“ Mark Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Noel Hendrick



Mark Stewart - April 14, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Belva Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Noel Hendrick



Belva Wallace - April 14, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Ron may the Lord give you comfort 🙏
love Belva

Belva Wallace - April 14, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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Thank you so much Belva. Love you too. 💔

Rachel Wray - April 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM

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I remember Ronny coming to see us while we were living in Savannah, GA in the 1950's. He was so handsome in his Navy uniform! Especially to a 7 or 8 year old. I rode with my dad, Philip Eckenroth, to drive Ronnie to the edge of town so he could hitch hike home. At that time, people loved to pick up men in uniform and give them a ride. He was bigger than life to me. In later years, he was the one that kept the family notified of what was going on with other family members. Never one to not have something to say. His communication skills were a trademark. He will be missed.

Phylis Eckenroth Thorson - April 15, 2025 at 08:43 AM