



Ronald R. Thornblade

June 30, 1950 - October 19, 2025

Ronald R. Thornblade, 75, passed away on October 19, 2025, in Surprise, Ariz.

Born on June 30, 1950, Ronald graduated from Mason City High School before serving honorably in the United States Air Force. He went on to build a dedicated career in both the restaurant and real estate industries, where his strong work ethic and commitment left a lasting impression.

Ronald was a loving husband and father who cherished time spent with his family. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Laurie Popowski and Melissa (Gene) Cortesio; grandchildren, Malory (Daniel) Porter, Ben Holck, Anthony Cortesio, Samantha Popowski, and Sofia Cortesio; and great-grandchildren, Elijah Porter and Emma Porter. He is also survived by his siblings, MaryJo (Jerry) Nelson, Nancy (Kurt) Johnson, Sally (Graydon) Lau, Barbara Rasmussen, and Tim Thornblade.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Helen Thornblade; brother, Tom Thornblade; and sisters, Jane Alvarez and Suzanne Hagemirer.

Ronald had a passion for working on cars and enjoyed building model cars, assembling intricate wood 3D puzzles, and coloring. His warm personality made him a friend to many-often after just one meeting-and he was always

willing to lend a helping hand.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 1, 2025, in Surprise, Ariz. at Melissa Cortesio home.

Ronald's memory will live on through the love he shared with his family and the friendships he built throughout his life. May his legacy bring comfort to all who knew him.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

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Melissa Cortesio Home

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Thornblade. Thank you for entrusting our funeral home with his final services. - Ashley at Simply Cremation*



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