



## Ronald James Parker

September 25, 1930 - May 13, 2023

Ronald James Parker, 92, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully, at home, on May 13, 2023.

Ronald (Ron) was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario to Harry James Parker and Mabel (Parker) Helmkey, deceased. He grew up in Ontario, with siblings, Jack (deceased), Patricia, Kathleen, Larry, Sandra, and Ina.

Ron is survived by his wife, Joan Frances (Hoganson) Parker of 63 years and children; Craig (Sheila), Darren (Hazel), Todd (Belinda), and Michele (Andrew). Grandchildren; Jennifer, Joshua (Kelly), Devyn, Maren (Jacob), Payton, Casey, Ana, and Charlotte. Great grandchildren; Jacob and Riley.

Ron joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1954 and finished as a Chief Petty Officer First Class in the communication division. When he retired from the Navy, Ron went on to run a successful heating and ventilation company providing quality work and excellent customer service.

Ron valued fitness, sports, and family most of all. His passion for sports and fitness began during a lengthy hospitalization with rheumatic fever as a child, after which, doctors suggested he avoid strenuous physical activity in general. With a spirit of determination, he carried throughout his life, he defied the odds by leading a very active lifestyle well into his 80's.

While in the Navy, Ron was a standout hockey and football player with the Stadacona Sailors and Shearwater Flyers. His character was evident when he once played quarterback with a cast on his right arm causing him to throw with his left. Ron also won a Naval Bicycle Race from Truro to Halifax by cycling from Halifax to Truro first and back to Halifax in a storm. He was the only competitor to finish the race.

The Shearwater Flyers Football team were inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame for winning the 1957 National Championship. His many sporting accomplishments along with a kind and friendly disposition led to Ron being awarded the highly regarded Admiral Jones Shield in 1963 as the nations' Most Sportsmanlike Athlete in the Navy.

Ron was a wonderful dancer, honing his skills with his sister at teen dances and eventually catching the eye of a beautiful young, Joan Hoganson. He excelled at all sports and was well known to break into calisthenics at any moment. He instilled a passion for sports in all his children, coached many of their teams, and enjoyed watching all the family's children play sports. He remained an active golfer at Brightwood Golf and Country Club until recently. He loved it when the family gathered, especially enjoying the little ones. Ron was most importantly, kind, loving and loved by many.

Cremation has taken place and at Ron's request there will be no funeral or visitation. A celebration of life for family and close friends will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please hug a loved one and think of Ron with a smile.

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ My sincere condolences to the Parker family in the loss of Ron. He was a team mate with my late husband Wayne Fairbairn, they played together on the Shearwater Football Team as well as the Shearwater Hockey Team. May they rest in peace and know they are missed and were dearly loved! EvelynFairbairn & family. Sept. 23, 2023

Evelyn Fairbairn - September 23, 2023 at 11:47 AM

KM

“ So sad to here, our deepest condolences  
Karen & Bill Collacutt McHarg

Karen McHarg - September 21, 2023 at 06:36 PM

CS

“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences on the loss of Ron (Mr. Parker). We were saddened to hear of his passing. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of all your years spent together.  
Joyce and Cathy (Smith) Proulx

Cathy Smith - May 25, 2023 at 03:18 PM

CS

“ Heartfelt condolences to Craig, Darren, Todd and Michelle on the loss of your Dad.  
Cathy (Proulx) Smith.

Cathy Smith - May 25, 2023 at 02:16 PM

DG

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy to the Family.  
Ron and I first met in our youth while we were on opposite  
teams playing Hockey and Football, and we met up again and  
became friends in our Senior Days.  
He will be greatly missed. Sincerely Dave Gardner

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**Dave Gardner** - May 24, 2023 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ To Craig and Todd. Sincerest condolences on your Dad's passing. I  
remember playing at the old Vocational Arena with him when we  
played pick up, and how he amazed everyone with his abilities at  
his age. Classy guy all around. Rick and Colleen Spriggs

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**Rick Spriggs** - May 23, 2023 at 07:04 AM

BL

“ Condolences to Ron's family. Remember our days playing for  
Stadacona Sailors in the early 1970's. One hell of a player in all  
sports. RIP Ron. Your on the first line in heaven.

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**Brian Lapierre** - May 22, 2023 at 01:06 PM

KJ

“ Condolences to the family. Knew Ron when we were with the  
Shearwater Flyers Football Team in 60's. A true gentleman and all  
around great team player. One of the great ones. Rest in Peace  
shipmate and teammate.

*Karl Janes  
Newmarket, ON*

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**Karl Janes** - May 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM

TM

“ Thomas Macdonald lit a candle in memory of Ronald James Parker



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**Thomas Macdonald** - May 21, 2023 at 02:50 PM

TM

“ We are very sad to hear of Ron's passing. He was a great family man and all round great guy. He would light up our house when visiting. Our condolences to Joan and family. Sincerely Bill and Sheila MacDonald and family.

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**Thomas Macdonald** - May 21, 2023 at 02:48 PM

AE

“ Joan and family  
Our condolences on Ron's death. Although many years have passed I still have fond memories of gatherings we had as Philip's employees. Ron was always eager to participate and help in any way he could. A great support to Joan in so many ways. I always admired his athletic ability and many accomplishments.  
Sincere Sympathy  
Alan & Mona Ellis

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**Alan Ellis** - May 21, 2023 at 11:51 AM

WE

“ Sad to hear of Ron`s passing. My condolences to Ron`s family.  
Rest in peace  
friend.

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**William Edison** - May 20, 2023 at 08:48 PM

RY

“ To the Parker family. I am very sorry upon hearing of Ron's passing this morning. As an avid hockey player we both participated on a number of teams together and against each other. Served with Ron at NRS ALBRO LAKE and met him on many occasions throughout our careers. Please accept my condolences.  
Ronald J. Yaschuk (Yapper).

Ronald Yaschuk - May 20, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JD

“ Sad to hear of Ron's passing. So many great memories back in the day within the baseball community. Pleasure to have known Ron and Joan! Thinking of Joan, Todd and family. God bless. Vic and Jane Doucette

jane Doucette - May 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM

RH

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Parker family. Thinking of you all at this sad time. I recall a tutorial from “Mr. Parker” when I was an electrical construction student in the '80's. Ron and June

Ron Heiman - May 20, 2023 at 06:00 AM

AB

Condolences to Darren, Mrs Parker and family!

Andre Beaver - May 20, 2023 at 07:37 AM

PK

Our sincere condolences to Joan and Family. Prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Pat and Betty Kerr - May 20, 2023 at 10:16 AM

SM

“ *Joan and family, I am devastated to hear of Ron's passing. So many great memories of you and him at mom's parties* ❤️❤️



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**sharon mills** - May 19, 2023 at 02:34 PM