



RONALD JOSEPH BARALE

September 11, 1941 - November 18, 2017

Ronald Barale passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, November 18, 2017 at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley after suffering a massive stroke at home in Nevada City. Ron was 76 years.

Ron was born in San Jose, California to Frank and Vera Barale on September 11, 1941. He graduated from San Jose High School, Class of 1959, and began taking electronics classes at San Jose City College to support his young wife and son. During one of these college classes he met an employment recruiter for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company and was hired soon after as an entry level electronics assembler at \$2.09/hour. His entire Lockheed career spanned a total of 35 years and he retired as a Program Manager after having successfully run a \$379M 10-year program supporting the Department of Veterans Affairs.

After retiring from Lockheed, Ron moved to Nevada City to enjoy the rural life at “hacienda loco” as he affectionately referred to his home and its adjoining property. He traded his Silicon Valley career to care for horses, goats, chickens, dogs, and birds. He built a pond, figured out irrigation problems, and created a “secret garden” while riding his tractor.

Ron is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathy; children Ron Barale Jr., Mark Barale, Christina Ducato, Michele Barale, and Heidi Olvera; grandchildren Jamie Ducato, Syrus Olvera, and Jeremiah Olvera.

A private family gathering is planned in Monterey where Ron loved to spend time at.

Tribute Wall



Michele
Martinez

“ *Michele Martinez lit a candle in memory of
RONALD JOSEPH BARALE* ”



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