



## Ronald A. Yanney

August 27, 1931 - October 23, 2020

Ronald A. Yanney, 89 of Asylum Township, passed away at his home on Friday, October 23, 2020.

Ronald A. Yanney was born in New Albany, PA on August 27, 1931, the son of Walter Benjamin Yanney and Harriett (Hattie) Yaw.

Ronald was raised on the Yanney Family Farm in Dushore, PA., with no running water, only a honey bucket or outhouse, no electricity, just wood stove for cooking and heating. Ronald walked to and from Schrimp School, Grades 1-8, one Teacher in one room with the same amenities as home. Ronald's Teacher called him the sick child, because sometimes he would wait until too late to go to school, then go out hunting or fishing so the family would have food to eat. Fall of 1946 - Ronald's Father died when he was 15 and then his Mother a year later. Ronald's older brother Bruce was able to buy the Yanney Family Farm at auction and kept it in the family. Fall of 1948 - Ronald quit school in 10th grade and joined the Navy at the age of 17. Ronald started in the Navy in the Forward Fire Room, then went to Sonar School. Fall of 1952 - Ronald returned home from the Navy and with the knowledge he had learned while there he wired his family home with electricity. Spring of 1953 - Ronald visited his brother Bruce, who was working in Alaska. Winter of 1953 - Ronald returned home to PA and attended School at Williamsport Technical Institute. Spring of 1954 - Ronald returned to Alaska to start his 36 + years of adventures there. Ronald worked 6 months in Construction, 6 months at the Anchorage Fire Department, then sold Stock Life Insurance, before finding his first 16 year Job. Summer of 1957 - Ronald started with the White Alice Communication System, working 6 months in Anchorage, 1 year in Bethel, 2 years in Boswell Bay and 6 months in Tok Junction before his last assignment. Winter of 1961 - Summer of 1973 - Ronald's final WACS location to raise his family is Homer, AK. Fall of 1965 - Ronald got custody of his two children Julie & Rodney, making him a single parent. Fall of 1973 - Summer of 1989 - Ronald moved to Anchorage where he started his second 16 year job, retiring from the Anchorage Telephone Company. Winter of 1991 - Ronald moved back to his home state of PA and eventually married his Nephew's Widow, Sharon Yanney. Spring of 1992 -

Because of Sharon, her and Ronald were able to buy, at auction the New Yanney Farm in Asylum Township. Together Ronald and Sharon, with the help of family, tore down the old house and built their forever home. They lived in the old milk house until the house was complete end of 1993. Winter of 1996 - Ronald had a quadruple bypass staying in the hospital only 3 day and no complications until a week before his 89th Birthday.

Ronald enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, digging ponds, tinkering on the farm, but most of all family. Ronald kept watch and reported to the PA Game Commission on the bald eagles nesting near his home; more than 28 bald eagles were born in more than 15 years. Ronald always jokingly took credit for bringing the Alaska State Bird back home with him to PA and helping with their repopulation. Ronald was the world's greatest Father, Step-Father, Grandpa, Step-Grandpa, Grandpa-Grandpa, Step-Great-Grandpa, who took care and worried about everyone. You didn't have to be family for him to lend you a helping hand.

Ronald is survived by his children: Julie A. Yanney of Oklahoma and Rodney A. Yanney of Washington; step-children: Peggy S. Hazard of Waverly and Bryan R. Yanney of Athens; grandchildren: Tyrone Brummer, Randle Brummer, Daphnie Abalo, Arianna Mallard and husband Mosie, Shandel Yanney, Mariah Yanney, and Cole Yanney; step-grandchildren: Chelsea Cole, Wyatt Yanney and Waylan Yanney; great-grandchildren: Kennedy Brummer, Madison Brummer, Grayson Brummer, Raquel Landry, Brittani Landry, Maliya Mallard and Mosie Mallard Jr.; step-great-grandson: Julian Cole; sister-in-laws: Bonnie Slater of Waverly, Cyndy Buinskis of Waverly, Sue Vargo of Michigan; brother-in-law: Dan Vough of Florida; also many nieces, nephews and cousins;

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon M. Yanney; children: Arleta M. Yanney and Ronald A. Yanney Jr.; ex-wife: Jacqueline (Jacqueie) Ann Parson; sisters: Onalee Schrimp, Margaret Elizabeth Germain, Elizabeth (Betty) Jean Kehoe; brothers: Joseph Arthur Yanney Sr., Walter Bruce Yanney; Uncle: Perry H. Yaw Sr.; also aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting <http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com>.

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# Comments

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“ What a great man I'll never forget as a dumb teenager Ron let all of us boys live in his rental duplex with his son Rodney another great man and son we had a little party with all our freinds that got a little out of hand Mr. Yanney showed up and kids started scattering Rodney hid somewhere I was left to face Mr Yanney he calmly said wheres Rodney as he just shook his head after that my memory is clouded but he never lost his temper we cleared out and cleaned up and promised to never pull that crap again. Mr Yanney rest in piece from Steve Hannaman.

**steve Hannaman** - January 27 at 12:05 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. I live a few miles from where Joe Yanney, Sr.. lived. My Dad was friends with the Yanneys, especially Bruce. I remember them too. Good people! Rick Scanlin Dushore,Pa.

**Richard Scanlin** - November 17, 2020 at 08:04 AM

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“ Jim Kehoe sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald A. Yanney



**Jim Kehoe** - November 06, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Jim Kehoe lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Yanney



**Jim Kehoe** - November 06, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ I am Jim Kehoe, one of my Uncle Ron's nephews currently living in Fort Myers FL. I remember being young and receiving many pictures, usually slides, from Uncles Ron and Bruce, from their hunting and fishing expeditions in Alaska, along with other native items which I still have displayed, such as a billiken, an Alaskan good luck charm carved from walrus ivory. The slides/pictures and items were always excellent to take into school for show and tell, no one else could normally really quite compete I recall, probably the most amazing of which was an approximately 18 inch length of woolly mammoth tusk that they had found on one of their adventures and they sent to my sister and I in New York. Also had a great visit to Alaska on which Uncle Ron was the greatest tour guide you could have ever imagined. Many memories of visits to Uncle Ron's farm later in life, a beautiful spot on the Susquehanna River, seeing many ruby - throated humming birds darting in and out from feeders on the porch. Looking through binoculars at the bald eagles nest nearby mentioned in the obituary which was a particular thrill since I have an affinity for them (while in Alaska he took us to the Homer Spit where they gather in the hundreds so I was in my own little heaven at the time). Lately before he passed away I had many very enjoyable phone calls with him discussing a variety of things, such as politics, on which we saw pretty much exactly eye to eye, so we could vent to one another about the news at the time which I will greatly miss. He was just a very good and kind man, to family and friends, that we can always use more of, especially during these troubled times. Rest in peace Uncle Ron, you will be missed, by many.

Jim Kehoe - November 06, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Ron's Life in Pictures



Julie A. Yanney - November 05, 2020 at 05:43 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Dad, Miss you Forever, Love Julie



**Julie A. Yanney** - November 05, 2020 at 05:32 PM