



Ronald Clayton Holmes

March 20, 1945 - July 5, 2023

Ronald Clayton Holmes, 78, of York Haven, Pennsylvania, passed away on July 5, 2023, from complications following surgery.

Ron was born in Baltimore on March 20, 1945, to Charles Edward Holmes and June Carolyn Wolfe Holmes. He grew up in Lansdowne, Maryland, and graduated from Woodlawn High School.

In his youth, Ron was an avid sports enthusiast and a master at Scrabble, pool, and cards (the first word he spoke was “ace”), but he was best known as a star soccer player. He was offered full college scholarships from several prestigious universities, but he chose Towson State Teacher’s College because of its Olympic soccer coach. In his senior year, Ron scored the only goal in the Mason-Dixon Championship Game and led Towson to a national sports title in soccer ~ its only one in 100 years. He also received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Towson, following which he taught Honors English at Baltimore City College.

In the late 1960’s, intrigued by the new “hippie” lifestyle emerging in California, Ron quit teaching, hitchhiked to California and pursued a Master’s Degree in Humanistic Psychology at Sonoma University. There he became imbued with the love of earth, freedom and community which permanently influenced his later work.

Returning to Maryland, Ron held numerous prominent positions, including VP of Research and Development at Control Cable, Executive VP of US Sales and Marketing at PSC Limited, CoChair of the CIO SubCommittee on Emerging Technologies, and Marketer for Elizabeth Dole's SCANS Project. His most outstanding achievements, though, were in research and writing.

Among other treatises, Ron wrote: "Social Security, A Financial Problem in the 21st Century" (1976); "FTS 2000 Operations System Structure" (1984); "Telecommunications, Dawn of an Epoch" (1988); "The Network Society" (1992); and "The Knowledge Empire" (1996). More recently, he was intent upon outlining a new approach to the structure of society in the technological age ~ an approach which promotes community, well-being and abundance over the capitalistic greed so prevalent in the Age of Survival. Ron was truly a genius and a visionary futurist.

Ron is survived by his brother David Holmes (wife, Helen Holmes) of Reisterstown, Maryland, his sister Donna Holmes Posuch (husband, Edward Posuch) of Venice, Florida, his son Bret Holmes, three grandchildren, five nieces and nephews, and his loving partner, Marilyn Tenenoff.

There will be a memorial for Ron on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Hampton Inn, 1550 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA, 17404. We will be gathering from 1:00-4:00 PM for light refreshments, and those attending can offer remembrances at 2:00.

In lieu of flowers, Ron's partner requests that donations be sent to the non-profit Ron loved, where he was Director of Digital Inclusion: the Museum of Hidden History, 2915 North George Street, Suite 2, York, PA, 17406.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for the Holmes

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“ I am so sorry for your loss and our loss. Ron was a futurist and an optimist when many of us are pessimists. He was a breath of fresh air. He kept hope alive. He had many great ideas for the present and the future. We can learn from him to carry on with creative thinking and action. We will miss his enthusiasm. I am so sorry that Marilyn lost her loving partner. Bless you, Marilyn, for taking care of Ron and taking care of the legacy of John. You are a treasure.

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