



## Ronald Hastings Curry

September 24, 2020

Ronald Hastings Curry of Willow Street, PA was born in Louisville, Kentucky on December 9, 1938. He was the son of the late James Seigle Curry and Mary Pauline Butler Curry.

He graduated as valedictorian from Eastern High School in 1957 and attended Cornell University on a Cornell National Scholarship. He graduated with High Honors from Cornell University with master's degrees in Chemical Engineering and Business.

Being the son of a Methodist minister, Ron lived in many small towns in Kentucky before settling in Louisville. Ron played varsity football, basketball and golf in high school with a great group of guys who became his lifelong friends. Ron became an avid golfer, winning his first tournament at age 11. He was captain of his high school golf team, which won the State Championship, and also captain of Cornell's golf team, which competed in the NCAA Golf Championship for three years. With a zero handicap, Ron went on to win several local and regional tournaments, including the National Jaycees Golf Championship. Ron served as the president of the Wilmington Jaycees and was a member of the Board of Directors. He was awarded Outstanding Delaware Jaycee.

Ron's winter hobby was chess. As a member of the Wilmington, DE Chess

Club, Ron won the DE Championship. Over the years, he competed in many other national and international chess tournaments. Ron also wrote a chess book, *Win at Chess*, which received wide acclaim. He even invented a new chess opening that has been adopted by many players! Ron volunteered his time teaching chess to individuals and groups of all ages. He served as an officer in various chess clubs and was a qualified National Tournament Director.

Ron began his career in the New Products Division of the DuPont Co. in Wilmington, DE. Later he moved on to become a Marketing Representative for IBM, finally rounding out his career as an independent consultant. When Ron retired, he chose to teach English as a Second Language for many years.

Ron leaves behind his beloved wife of 64 years, Suzanne Curry; his daughter, Catherine Edge of Northeast Maryland; his grandson, Austin Edge; his brother, Richard Curry (Page) Louisville, KY; and his two nephews, Todd and Brent Curry. He was preceded in death by his son, David Hastings Curry.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Macular Degeneration Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, P.O. Box 1952, Clarksburg, MD 20871-1952.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Hastings Curry*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Ron Curry is the most brilliant chess author I have read from. I was not his personal friend or anything or person that he knew or that even played a chess game with him, but reading his work was enough to actually let me know that he is a good man, He will be remembered for his work and brilliant chess games, content and guidance. May his soul rest in peace.*

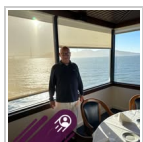
**Themba Mavimbela** - December 06, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *A remarkable man. Sorry for your loss. My son and I attended his free chess seminars back in the late 90's; bought his book and had him autograph it. Many talents and sharing his gifts with many, much appreciated.*

*T Lawlor Jr Roanoke, VA (raised in DE)*

**Tim Lawlor** - November 05, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Ron was a great man and a very knowledgeable chess player. I had the good fortune of playing chess against him when I was a teenager, and learned more than just chess from him. He taught me about people and business also. Ron Curry was a gift to the world, and I am grateful for having known him.*

**Anthony Beron** - October 18, 2020 at 10:31 AM



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**Tim Enright** - September 27, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ *Sharing your sadness at Ron's passing. We have many good memories of time spent together.*

*Flora and Tony Poulos*

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**Flora Poulos** - September 27, 2020 at 12:19 PM