

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ronald Napolitan

APRIL 15, 1950 – JUNE 24, 2026



Ronald Napolitan of Tucson, Arizona, formerly of Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Milpitas, San Jose, and Tracy, California, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, June 24, 2026, at the age of 76.

Ron was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, on April 15, 1950, to Anthony and Eleanor (Orendi) Napolitan. He was the third eldest of seven children. He graduated from Samuel Ayer High School in Milpitas, California, in 1969.

Ron served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War as an Airman aboard the USS Ticonderoga. One of the highlights of his military service was participating in the historic Apollo 16 and Apollo 17 recovery missions, where he took great pride in helping ensure the safe return of the lunar astronauts.

In 1973, he married Anna Marie Belletti, and together they were blessed with three sons and a daughter.

A brilliant mind and gifted problem solver, Ron dedicated nearly 45 years to Hewlett-Packard as a Facilities Mechanical Engineer before continuing his career with Agilent and Lumileds. He took immense pride in designing, building, and maintaining the complex, mission-critical infrastructure that kept manufacturing operations running smoothly. From massive industrial HVAC and refrigeration systems to custom diagnostic software, Ron was the quiet force behind the technology that allowed entire facilities to operate efficiently and reliably.

Ron had a lifelong passion for muscle cars, especially his Shelby GT Mustangs. Many evenings found him happily

working in the garage, assuring everyone he was “just about done” and would “be right in.” He also loved driving to the beaches of San Diego, Santa Cruz, and Monterey, where he found peace listening to the sound of the waves.

Above all else, Ron’s greatest joy was his family. His four children were the center of his world, and nothing made him happier than spending time with them. Ever the optimist, he brought warmth, kindness, and authenticity to everyone he met. His life’s mission was to help anyone in need, and he possessed a rare willingness to show up for others—at any time, in every way, without hesitation. He was an attentive listener, a trusted source of wisdom, and encouraged everyone around him to be lifelong learners and to “soak up every opportunity like a sponge.” He loved wholeheartedly and will be deeply missed.

Ron is survived by his children, Steve Napolitan (Jenny), Brian Napolitan (Heather), Alicia Calvillo (Robert), and Adam Napolitan (Yvonne); 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers; four sisters; and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Eleanor Napolitan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

A memorial service with military honors will be held on Friday, Aug. 14, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA 95620. A celebration of life will immediately follow at a nearby location. To assist with planning, the family kindly requests that guests RSVP at <https://evite.me/cDBxJ8FrXy>.