



Mr. Ronald M. Croteau

July 27, 1948 - April 16, 2017

Lewiston- Ronald M. Croteau, 68, of Lewiston passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Androscoggin Home & Hospice House on Easter morning April 16, 2017. He was born in Lewiston, July 27, 1948, son of Maurice and Solange Blais Croteau. He attended Holy Cross elementary and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1966. He graduated from the Auburn Maine School of Commerce in 1968 majoring in business administration and was president of the Student Council.

Ronald made his start at Arrow-Hart Electronics in Lewiston during the early 70s working his way up to plant manager within two years at age 26. During that same time he also taught Industrial Engineering at night at the previous Auburn Community College. From there, he made a career in the automobile business and never looked back. He started at Marcotte Chevrolet in Auburn as a salesman which was later changed to Paul Cantin Chevrolet. He almost quit as it took him a few weeks to sell his first automobile but then the following month he was salesman of the month and quickly became sales manager and then general manager. He was a natural salesperson and loved making the deal. He then moved on to Flock Buick in Auburn and was named Sales manager of New England for two consecutive years. He also worked at Clark Buick VW in Augusta. He retired as general manager from Viking Motors of Oxford in 2001. He then focused on real estate and spent more time with his family and friends.

He enjoyed travelling, working on his real estate, reading, and eating out especially at Bates College. He was a very hard worker and enjoyed putting in long hours to get any job done. He never took no for an answer and that is how he proceeded to the end. He loved going to the ocean, eating seafood and staying at his property in Wells.

He is survived by his fiancée and soul mate Mary Jane Bishop of Farmingdale, Maine. His son, Brian R. Croteau and wife Caroline of Poland, Maine, Grandson, Brendon Croteau and granddaughter Shelby Carter and Kitty his crazy cat. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Norman Croteau of Turner and son Scott Croteau from Lewiston.

The family would like to thank Central Medical Center's medical staff and oncology unit and the Androscoggin Home and Hospice for the exceptional care they provided.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com

CROTEAU died in Auburn April 16th, Mr. Ronald M. Croteau age 68 years a resident of Lewiston.

A Memorial gathering honoring Ron's life will be held Thursday April 20th from 4-7PM at PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston. Committal prayers will be held Friday April 21st 11:00AM at St. Peter's Cemetery Chapel, Lewiston.

Memorial donations in Ron's memory may be made to the Hospice House 236 Stetson Rd., Auburn, ME 04210

Arrangements by PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023

Cemetery

Events

**St. Peter's
Cemetery**

217 Switzerland Rd.
Lewiston, ME,

APR Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation
Services

305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US,
04240

APR Committal 11:00AM - 11:30AM

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St. Peter's Cemetery

217 Switzerland Rd., Lewiston, ME, US

Comments



“ My condolences Brian had no idea your pops was sick.

Kevin Franco

kevinfranco - April 30, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ Ron's kindness never be forgotten. My mother is a tenant of Ron's and he frequently stopped in to check on her, often staying a short while to visit or share a joke. From the first few encounters, it was obvious to us that he enjoyed life and like to laugh. I considered him a blessing. May the Lord reward him ten-fold for his acts of kindness and encouragement to others.

Brian & Caroline, thank you for the same kindness I've seen you display, even in your own time of sorrow and loss. May the Lord bless and comfort you during this difficult time.

My deepest sympathy goes out to all of Ron's loved ones.

Lucie Hill

Lucie Hill - April 21, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ My Buddy,

I will miss you and all the good times we had. So many memories will never be forgotten. All the good times we had at Bates cafeteria. Hey Buddy, save me a seat for dinner and one day I will meet you there.

Mary Jane, Brian and Caroline,

Our condolences to you all on your loss with our deepest sympathy.

Steve & Lynn Sylvester

Steve Sylvester - April 20, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ Dear Brian and Family,

It is with great sadness that I learned about your Father's passing this morning. Know that I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. The memories of your Father that make me smile the most are of your Father, Norman and I playing cowboys and Indians in the back yard when we were very young. I have wonderful memories of Aunt Sally as well, her surprise birthday party when she turned 89, taking her to see Aunt Muriel before she died and going out to lunch together whenever I would visit. Sally and Maurice were my Godparents so I visited with them as often as I could as a child and when I was in Maine or visiting from far away as an adult. I miss them very much and pray that they will all be reunited in spirit. God bless you and yours, Brian; you have been a good son and your father was very proud of you.

Love, prayers and deepest sympathy,

Rachel

Rachel Blais Henry - April 20, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ I will always value the time I spent at the Croteau household, the good and the bad. I spent many hours talking to Ronnie because if you hung out with Brian as much as I did, you know he was always late. At even a young age, you felt respected by Ronnie because he would ask your opinion on Chevy adds he was putting out for Viking Motors, opinions on his properties or even personal issues. I always enjoyed our conversations.

Mike Boutin

Mike Boutin - April 20, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ I have known Ron for many years and know that he had a heart of gold even though he didn't always show it. Ron was a good friend and I'm so sorry he had to leave us at such an early time in his life. I'm sure he is in heaven with Scott. My deepest sympathy to his family and Mary Jane who was always by his side



shirley jolicoeur - April 20, 2017 at 07:28 AM



“ We will miss not seeing you in Florida, but we will cherish our fond memories and the many laughs we all had with you and Mary Jane , may you rest in peace. Jeanne & Ray Lebel

Jeanne T Lebel - April 19, 2017 at 11:07 PM



“ My mom, Denise Dutil, has been a tenant and friend of Rons since 2001. He's always checked in on her and made sure she was okay. Thank you Ron... may you rest in peace in Gods presence. And to Ron's son Brian, thank you so much for all you do. To Rons family & friends, may the Lord comfort you at this difficult time. (Ron, you will be greatly missed) Luce Rivard

Luce Rivard - April 19, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ Mary Jane, Brian and Caroline,
I am sad to hear on Ron's passing and I offer my deepest sympathies to all of you. Ron was a loyal client and friend for over 25 years. I always appreciated his thoughts and insights. He fought the battle of life with pride and dignity. May he now rest in peace!
Mark R. Carrier

Mark Carrier - April 19, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ Ron -- True friend and partner -- Sterling character and stand up guy --
--Honest and reliable--
Solely responsible for the phenomenal success of our Dealership.

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The industry's greatest automobile entrepreneur.

Paul R. Cantin - April 19, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Ron for over 12 years. We got together several times a year to talk business, but he never wanted to talk business. Ron always wanted to know how things were going in my life, in my career, and with my family and never hesitated to share stories about his own. Many years separated us in age, but we had a lot in common and he will be missed.

Adam Dunbar - April 19, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ One of the greatest car guys in the history of L-A. Ron made things happen at Paul Cantin Chevrolet; a true competitor and a true gentleman who approached everything he did with a sense of purpose and a sense of humor. May he RIP.

Bill "BC" Cloutier - April 19, 2017 at 04:40 AM



“ Mary Jane Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald M. Croteau



Mary jane bishop - April 19, 2017 at 02:13 AM



“ Remember always the good times and I will love you forever
Till we meet again. Mj

Mary jane bishop - April 19, 2017 at 05:21 AM



“ MJ ... words cannot express my sincere condolences. I'm so sorry that you two didn't get a chance to move south and enjoy all it has to offer. I'm sure that you have many great times to remember, and take splice in the fact that you were a loyal, caring and constant companion for him over the past many many years. May he rest in peace. Nancy

Nancy McKinley - April 19, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ Sorry, that was supposed to read "solace" ...

Nancy McKinley - April 19, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Ronald Ctroteau



Funeral Staff - April 18, 2017 at 10:16 AM



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Funeral Staff - April 18, 2017 at 10:13 AM