



Ronald Marston Pike

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Ronald M. Pike

Ronald Marston Pike, 93, of Mapleton, Utah, husband of Marilyn Cecilia Waris Pike, died at home Tuesday, February 26, 2019. He was born August 16, 1925 in Calais, Maine, son of the late Roscoe M. and Eugenie (Adams) Pike. Ron was a long-time resident of Pelham, NH. He and his wife lived in Mapleton with their son and daughter-in-law for the past three and a half years.

Growing up in Maine, Ron graduated from Cony High School, class of 1943, in Augusta, Maine. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in organic chemistry from the University of New Hampshire, and earned his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army in Europe and the Philippines.

After working at Union Carbide for several years, Ron became a chemistry professor at Lowell Technological Institute (Lowell, MA) and then Merrimack College (North Andover, MA), where he served as chairman of the chemistry department. He also taught as a visiting professor at Bowdoin College (Maine) and the United States Military Academy (West Point, NY). As part of his distinguished career teaching and consulting, Ron was a member of the American Chemical Society, and was instrumental in developing modern "microscale chemistry," which has resulted in improved laboratory safety and a significant reduction in cost and waste.

Ron was always religious. Raised a Baptist, he was later a deacon in the Congregational Church in Pelham, NH. Ron, his wife, and children joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1965. As a Latter-day Saint, he served as a Bishop and in numerous other ward and stake callings. Ron and his wife Marilyn served a mission for the Church, 1995-1997, at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

In addition to his wife Marilyn, Ron is survived by his son, Dana M. Pike and his wife Jane Allis-Pike, of Mapleton, UT; his daughter Gretchen Pike Mourtgos and her husband John Mourtgos, of



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Londonderry, NH; seven grandchildren: Benjamin M. Pike, his wife Emilee, and sons Talus and Baden; Daniel A. Pike, and his children Nikole and Isaak; Allison Pike Merrell and her husband Michael Merrell, and their children Finley, Silas, and Maren; Erik J. Mourtgos and his wife Shelley; Shane W. Mourtgos, his wife Laura, and their children Joshua, Maia, Lillian, Kayla, and Hanna; Scott M. Mourtgos, his wife Brooke, and their children Katie, Lauren, and Cade; and Beth Mourtgos Taylor, her husband Ryan Taylor, and their children Nathan, James, and Ashleigh; a sister and brother-in-law, Pauline Pike Bender and her husband George Bender of Walnut Creek, OH; and a sister-in-law, Mary Clayton Pike of Granby, CT. Ron was preceded in death by his identical twin brother, Roscoe A. Pike (2004).

Among other things, Ron loved gardening, Maine, family history, and sports, especially baseball. He was devoted to his wife and family, his country, his church, and his God. May he rest in peace.

A funeral service will be celebrated 11:00 am, Saturday, March 2, 2019 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint chapel, 31 W. Maple Street, Mapleton, UT. Viewing hours will be from 9:00-10:45 a.m. at the same building. Interment in the Springville City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Ron to one of the following:

The Calais Free Library, 9 Union Street, Calais, Maine 04619

Humanitarian Aid Fund, <https://www.ldsphilanthropies.org/humanitarian-services/funds/humanitarian-general-fund>

A charity of your choice.




Events


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Funeral Services

 **Saturday**, March 2, 2019

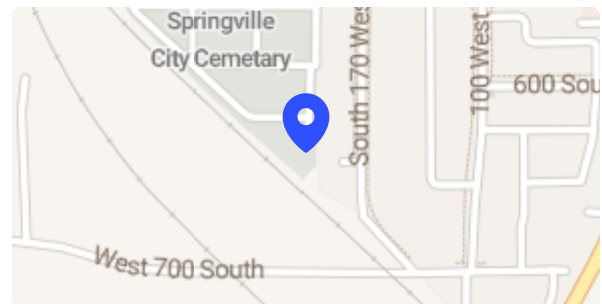
 11:00 AM MT

 **White Chapel**
31 West Maple Street, Mapleton UT



Cemetery Details

 **Springville City Cemetery**
400 South 200 West, Springville UT





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Debra Pike posted:

My fondest memories of my Uncle Ronald are from childhood trips to their home in Pelham, NH. We had such fun at that property and there were many tears when it was our time to leave. Of course he and my dad, twin Roscoe, would confuse us as to which of them was our dad and it was really hard to tell them apart when we were kids! They both would regale us with stories of their adventures when they were kids. One of my favorites was an occasion when they were accompanying their father to work and while he was inside an establishment they started giving away free hot dogs out of the back of his Swift Co truck. The people on the street evidently loved it, but grandpa, not so much! I also remember talking about Ron's microscale chemistry text books, I was a chemistry major and was so proud that my uncle wrote and published such a fine book. It was fun to brag on him at school! We will miss him but know that he is at peace in God's mansion. Love, Niece Deb Pike

March 1 at 3:54 AM



Linda Lindell lit a candle in honor of Ronald.



February 28 at 12:58 PM



Linda L. sent a sympathy card to the Pike family.



February 28 at 12:56 PM



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DH

David Horrocks posted:

When I was in my mid-teens, Doc Pike would call my dad (George Horrocks) when we got a decent snowfall, and invite us over for a wood-fired Finnish sauna created in an old milk house . We would get to the point of almost passing-out from the heat, then dunk our heads in buckets of cold water to revive ourselves so we could stay in the heat and sweat longer. Then, after about 20-30 minutes we would run outside and roll in the recently-fallen snow, all buck-naked. Our hearts would beat furiously from the extreme temperature change. My dad always said that if he didn't have a heart attack he figured the sauna would improve his health. I have such fond memories of "The Pikeys" when they lived on Tenney Road. Now in our 60's and felling many aches and pains my wife and I plan to supplement out hot tub in the winter with an indoor sauna. I'll make a sign over the door and call it "Ron's Place" -David H.

February 28 at 4:17 AM

GH

George Horrocks February 28 at 6:34 AM

So sorry to miss the passing of a giant of an influence in my life, the ripples of which are felt eternally. I do not know how to spell the Finnish, but here's to Pieru Poron Isa. I miss the sauna and making of snow angels. Love to the Doc. Love to Marilyn, Dana, and Gretchen.

KA

Ken Alford posted:

Ron was such a good man, and it's been an honor and pleasure to maintain our friendship with him through several decades. My wife and I first met Ron and Marilyn when Ron was selected to serve as a Visiting Professor of Chemistry at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Many of the children in our Church congregation referred to him as "Brother Santa" because of his very Santa-like beard. Ron and Marilyn embraced "the West Point experience" quickly and became beloved members of our branch. We were all sad when his Visiting Professor period ended, and they moved away. How fun it has been to keep in touch through mail and email for several years -- and in person during the past several years after my wife and I returned to Utah. One of the things I will always remember about him is how upbeat and positive he always was. Thank you for being such a great example of optimism, Ron!

February 27 at 12:24 PM

WC

William Clifford March 30 at 12:38 PM

Dr. Pike was a great professor at Merrimack College. I think of him as one of my best teachers and an inspiration. RIP Dr. Pike. I feel fortunate that our paths crossed. All will miss.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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