



Ronald Dion

April 13, 1932 - August 3, 2025

Ronald Dion, 93, of Cohoes, NY, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2025. Born on April 13, 1932, in Cohoes, he was the son of the late Earl and Bernadette Dion.

Ron was a proud graduate of LaSalle Institute, Class of 1949, where he excelled on the football field as an outstanding running back. His athletic talent led him to hold the school's rushing record - a distinction he carried with pride throughout his life.

In 1952, Ron married the love of his life, Mary Lou Burke. Together, they shared 64 joyful years of marriage until Mary Lou's passing in 2016. They raised five children in Waterford, and Ron often said that his greatest legacy was his family.

Ron spent much of his career as Vice President and Secretary of Dion Oil Company, Inc., which he operated alongside his brother Earl, until retirement. Outside of work, Ron found peace and happiness on his boat, The Mary Lou, on Lake George, where he made countless cherished memories with family and friends. He also enjoyed traveling, especially to Bermuda, with Mary Lou.

Ron was a skilled finish carpenter and took great pride in his craftsmanship. He was also an avid New York Yankees fan and loved hosting clam steams,

parties, and gatherings that brought people together with laughter and love.

Ron is survived by his children; Thomas (Susan) Dion of Cohoes, Greg (Tami) Dion of Crossville, Tennessee, Dale Dion of Hollywood, Florida, Mary Ann DeMio and Ron's very devoted son-in-law, John DeMio, of Waterford, and Rodney (Carolyn) Dion of Cohoes. He was a loving grandfather to Chris (Tara) Dion, Ryan (Khora) Dion, Jason (Erin) Dion, Fallon (Joshua) Jennings, Allison Hopeck, Keith (Kayla) Gregory, Tyler Dion, and Reagan Dion. He was also a proud step-grandfather to Justin (Caitlyn) Walls and Jessica Walls, and great-grandfather to 17 great-grandchildren. He leaves behind several nieces and nephews, along with his devoted niece, Colleen Burke.

He was predeceased by his brother Earl (Ann) Dion, his sister Dorothy (Larry) Ouimet, and his brother-in-law, Joseph (Betty) Burke.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff at Shaker Place for their outstanding care, and to Dr. Caufield for his attentive support. They also wish to acknowledge Ron's very close card-playing buddy, Francis "BoBo" LaPlante, who brought him joy and companionship during countless hours of cards at Shaker Place.

Services will be held at Marra Funeral Home, 246 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY, on Monday, August 11.

The family will receive visitors from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., with a funeral service to follow at 5:30 p.m.

Ron's love for family, the lake, and life itself will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 237-0206

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marra Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Dion*



Marra Funeral Home - August 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM

HD

“ *Mary Ann, Tom, Greg, Dale and Rod,*

Marie and I are so sorry for your loss of a real fine, honest and truthful Father. we got to know your Mom and Dad 57 years ago when we build our home on Sugarloaf Pond and actually watched Ron and Mary Lou raise five great kids.

Ron always gave me good advice as to be a great father and neighbor---as he was---for sure---and I will always be grateful for his friendship.

May his memory always be a blessing for you ---May Ron RIP,

Hank and Marie Dufresne

Henry J Dufresne - August 11, 2025 at 07:26 PM

YF

“ Your Colvin Avenue Dental family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Dion.



Your Colvin Avenue Dental family - August 10, 2025 at 04:12 PM

RM

“ Rick Fontaine Jr & Megan Maguire purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Dion.



Rick Fontaine Jr & Megan Maguire - August 10, 2025 at 07:48 AM

RM

“ Rick Fontaine Jr & Megan Maguire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dion.

Rick Fontaine Jr & Megan Maguire - August 10, 2025 at 07:48 AM

DR

“ The Dion house was my second family growing up. Ron and Mary Lou were my parents’ best friends. I have more memories of Ronnie than I can count. The one memory that stands out for me was when we were in grade school, we walked back-and-forth to school but on rainy days Ronnie drove his kids and me. One day I was sitting in the front seat of his car and didn’t realize I hadn’t closed the door all the way and, of course, in those days we never wore seatbelts. As Ron went around corner, the door opened and I started falling out and he quickly leaned over, grabbed my arm and pulled me back in! Thanks for saving my life! May you rest in peace!❤️

Donna Riberdy Razzano - August 09, 2025 at 09:58 PM

DI

“ To all the Dion children, your dad was a well loved man by not only his family but by his closest friends. I have some of the best memories at your clamsteams . We didn’t see one another for a year but were able to pick right up on the Pond. Thank you for sharing this man and your wonderful family with us. Diane Grennon Ward

Diane - August 09, 2025 at 08:08 PM

J&

“ John &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dion.

John &. - August 09, 2025 at 03:12 PM

LL

“ Lorenzo L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dion.

Lorenzo L. - August 09, 2025 at 09:08 AM

LD

“ Lisa & Tim Waters, Gary& Sue Dion purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ronald Dion.



Lisa & Tim Waters, Gary& Sue Dion - August 07, 2025 at 01:51 PM

MB

“ Mary Ann and all of the Dion family, What a great man your father was!! Some of my fondest childhood memories are at your family home with your dad supervising the clam steams and all the kids swimming in the pool, laughing and playing til dark! I am disappointed that I cannot make the services but I am thinking of all of you! Your dad is in good company with your mom, family & his clam steam crew!!
Mary Ann Beaury

Mary Ann Beaury - August 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Dion.



August 06, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Dion.

August 06, 2025 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ Great memories he lived a full life. He sure loved his cigars

Joe Burke - August 05, 2025 at 10:43 PM

DC

“ Diane Coyne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Dion.



Diane Coyne - August 05, 2025 at 01:42 PM

GG

“ Gwen Graf purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald Dion.



Gwen Graf - August 05, 2025 at 09:57 AM

GG

“ Gwen Graf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dion.

Gwen Graf - August 05, 2025 at 09:57 AM

DB

“ To Greg, Tammi and Family - sorry for your loss. May peace and love comfort you and good memories always be with you. Diane and Don Baker

Diane and Don Baker - August 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM

JC

“ Jessica and Paul Carriero purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald Dion.



Jessica and Paul Carriero - August 04, 2025 at 10:27 PM

LP

“ Le & Rhonda Provoast purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ronald Dion.



Le & Rhonda Provoast - August 04, 2025 at 09:11 PM