



Ronald 'Tip' Denese Tipton

August 28, 1944 - November 23, 2011

Ronald D. "Tip" Tipton passed away due to complications related to lung cancer on Wednesday, November 23 2011 at his home in Gardnerville, Nevada. Tip was born in Salem, Oregon August 28, 1944. He graduated from Harry Ells High School in Richmond, California in 1962, and served as an Air Traffic Controller in the United States Marine Corps from 1962-1966 where he attained the rank of Sergeant. Tip went on to serve as a police officer at UC Berkeley Police Department for 30 years, also as a Sergeant. He received his B.A. degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco in 1976. He retired from the police department in 1999 and moved to Gardnerville, Nevada. Tip wasn't one to stay idle long, and soon went back to work for the State of Nevada where he retired in 2010. Tip is survived by his wife Jane, 2 daughters Veronica and Cynthia, 2 sons Justin and Ian, 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald 'Tip' Denese Tipton*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Ronald 'Tip' Denese Tipton*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Jane, I just heard about Tip today at a memorial luncheon for Sgt. Gordon Smith. I was so sorry to learn about Tip's death. I hope you and the kids are feeling better by now. Tip was a heck of a guy. He was always so nice to me and he was fun to work with.*

Maria Elena Byron - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Good man, great sergeant! Tip knew the difference between leadership and supervision; he was truly "old school". I can't think about him without smiling! Rest In Peace.*

Jason Fletcher - December 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful picture of Tip. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to work with him and share an office. Jane, he loved you so much! I'm sure you know how important and special you were to him. I hope you find peace and solace during this difficult time.*

Michele Fair - December 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jane,

Billy said it well... Ron was a one of a kind guy. I would have followed him off a cliff... He will always be in my heart.

Sara Ferrandin - December 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ God bless Ron. Peace be with the family during this difficult time. (from a fellow Ells grad & retired Richmond PD).

John & Eileen Brooks - December 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sgt. Tipton was a great mentor, leader, and friend. He will be missed. His was a type of leadership that is not taught, learned, or shown in police work anymore. This is the passing of an era for us cops that remain in the business. RIP.

Billy Brashear - December 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jane I was very sad to hear the news of Ron's death. I was glad to know him. He spent his life serving others and will be missed by all.

Jay R Hoogestraat - December 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I have many fond memories of UCPD serving with Ron, primarily sharing supervision of 3rd Platoon and for a shorter time on 1st Platoon. He had a wealth of knowledge on police tactics and his devotion to properly training new officers was tremendous. We will all miss him!

John Powell - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jane and family,

I wanted to send you my deepest sympathies at this difficult time. Ron was a great man. While some thought he was tough and he was, there was always a “teddy bear” on the inside. I was fortunate and privileged to have work for and with him at UCPD. I will always remember him as a wonderful mentor, co-worker, and a hard worker. I am glad I knew Ron, he was a wonderful person.

Bill and Maggie Foley

Bill Foley - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM