



## Ronald "Ronnie" Louis Laudenheimer

November 29, 1951 - December 10, 2025

Ronald "Ronnie" Louis Laudenheimer, 74, of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully, at home, on December 10th, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was born November 29th, 1951, in Monroe, Louisiana, to Nathan James Laudenheimer and Ida Sophie Davidson.

Ronnie graduated from Neville High School and LSU and while he built his life in Shreveport and then Austin, his love of the LSU Tigers never waned.

He married Barbara Jo Baskind on January 11th, 1975, in Shreveport, beginning a loving and cherished union that would span over 50 years. Together they raised three incredible daughters (Kelly, Kim, and Joy) and ran their family business, Toy Fair, a beloved children's clothing and toy store. In his 36 years at Toy Fair, Ronnie fitted most of Shreveport's children with new shoes. They expanded their business with Barbara's brother Bobby Baskind by launching Splash, a pools and spa business that grew to six locations across the Southeast.

While successful in business, Ronnie's main focus was always his family. As a Dad, Ronnie was steady, calm, connected, silly and loving. He was always there to listen and play. His daughters were the pride of his life. That is, until the grandchildren were born. When his first grandchild was born in Austin, Texas he put the wheels in motion for him and Barbara to retire and move to

Austin where they built a life rich with deep new friendships, volunteer work, golf, poker, and family.

Ronnie was easy - easy going, easy to talk to, easy to be with, loved by everyone who crossed his path. He was sweet, kind, gentle, happy, fun-loving, and always smiling. A mensch in the truest sense, he was always ready to help, whether through the many volunteer opportunities Barbara found for them or simply being there for family and friends and people he just met.

He loved football, golf, poker, dumb jokes, good pranks, and sweet treats.

What Ronnie loved most was being a grandfather and man did he do it well. He adored his eight grandchildren, and they adored him right back. He was a steady presence in every one of their lives. His pockets seemed to have an almost magical supply of candy in them, and he loved nothing more than treating his grandkids to ice cream sundaes and other sweets. Ronnie was a grandchild magnet - always having one or more in his lap or just outright lying on top of him. He was down for seemingly any grandfather adventure. Whether the kids wanted to watch construction equipment, feed ducks, play Wii, or drive electric cars, Ronnie was there for it.

His calm, loving and attentive energy will live on through all of his loved ones - both family and friends.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; his siblings Jimmy Laudenheimer (Betsy), Donnie Laudenheimer (Pam), and Julie Smith; his daughters Kelly Cruise (Daniel), Kim Lindauer (Jared), and Joy Solomon (Justin); and his grandchildren Miles Lindauer (15), Ari Lindauer(12), Maya Cruise (11), Levi Lindauer (9), Rylan Solomon (9), Mabel Cruise (8), Keith Cruise (8), and Lyla

Solomon (5). He is also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ronnie's (z"l) loving memory to The Magdalene House (<https://www.magdaleneaustin.org/>) or to Austin Jews and Partners for Refugees (<https://www.austinjewsandpartners.org/>), both of which are near and dear to Ronnie and Barbara.

# Cemetery Details

## Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Temple Beth Shalom  
7300 Hart Ln.  
Austin, TX 78731

## Graveside Service

DEC 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Austin Memorial Park  
2800 Hancock Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a mensch he was! May his memory forever be a blessing and live on through you all. 💜

Ashley Maltz - December 16, 2025 at 09:21 AM

GA

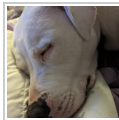
“ My heart goes out to the family. Sending love and prayers to the family. I know he will be missed.  
Ginger Auer

Ginger Auer - December 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM

SM

“ My heart goes out to all the Laudenheimer's who are all like my brothers and little sister. I always loved Ronnie. Even though I haven't seen him in quite some time I will miss him in this world. I will always defend you against Jimmie and yes, he was right, Jimmie was a very bad kid! Love to you and my deepest sympathies  
Barbara for you and all the children

Sharyn Marcovitz - December 12, 2025 at 08:17 PM



As my sister Sharyn wrote the Laudenheimers were always a part of my life growing up, Luke brothers and a sister! I remember Ronnie being just as he is described, a calm, kind, loving and yes silly presence. His freindship with my brother reminds me of how great it was to grow up in Monroe surrounded by such a loving family. my heart and prayers go out to of who knew and loved Ronnie. He shall live on in all of you!

Susan Marcovitz - December 12, 2025 at 11:53 PM

GF

*I recall Ronnie and Barbara from the 1980's when I taught Sunday school and took the children on weekend trips to Camp Jacobs, Dallas, and the Buffalo River with Scott Goldsholl and Janine Goldstein. All the kids from the temple were great, showing the influence of their parents. I remember and miss all that! Gary Fox*

**Gary Fox** - December 13, 2025 at 12:50 PM

FM

“*Ronnie was of my closest friends. His smile and laughter was infectious. Ronnie will live in my heart forever.*”

**Fred Miller** - December 12, 2025 at 05:44 PM

CG

*From the first time that I met Barbara and Ronnie, I was mesmerized! The laughter, the smiles, the endless teasing, and stories! It was no wonder that the kids loved being at the Laudenheimer's house. Throw Ernie in with her admonition to "get yourself off my counter" the first time Lindsay met her, and their home was the place to hang out. I mean who wouldn't want to ride in Squash!! And, Ronnie was my favorite to sit beside at the City of Byrd football games, because no how confused I was about the game, Ronnie explained everything in deal. I would just nod like I got it. The fun and laughter that Ronnie shared with the kids will forever be repeated in the "remember when" conversations that they will recount and share in the years to come.  
Love you, Barbara, Kelly, Kim, and Joy.  
Cay Green*

**Cay Green** - December 16, 2025 at 12:52 AM