



## Ronald Edward Henges

October 13, 1932 - January 30, 2021

HENGES, RONALD EDWARD,

January 30, 2021, of St. Louis and Naples, FL, was born in St. Louis in 1932 to the late J. Gordon and Vera M. Henges. Beloved husband of 66 years to Anne S. Henges, dearest father to Michael E. (Judy) Henges, Carolyn H. (Bob) Guest and the late Lawrence N. (Vanessa) Henges. Adored "Papa" to his grandchildren Christopher and Courtney Henges, Brad (Alexandra) Guest and Sarah (Naji) Bsisu, Jessica (Brent) Fierro and Neil Henges and five great-grandchildren.

Ron graduated from Country Day School and Vanderbilt University where he met Anne. They married just before Ron entered the U.S. Army. After his tour, Ron and Anne returned to St. Louis where Ron joined his family's manufacturing business, before shortly starting his own manufacturing business. He then sold to Keene Corporation before buying it back and forming Henges Manufacturing and Henges Associates.

After Ron and Anne returned to St. Louis, he served as Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department of Creve Coeur which sparked a lifelong love of fire engines and as a result, he was very involved in the Fire Department of St. Louis and published the Fire Apparatus Journal. In addition to serving on many Boards throughout the years, he was a co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of Enterprise Bank and Trust and the founder of Creve Coeur Camera. He gave his time and efforts generously to many causes and he served as Chairman of the Veiled Prophet Fair for three years, and Chairman of the Board of

Maryville University. He was an early supporter and board member with the likes of Elon Musk and Larry Page, of The X Prize which promoted competitions to create breakthroughs in the space industry. The causes that he was involved in and the boards on which he served are too numerous to mention. He had a deep love for his city and country. He was an exceptional carpenter and Master Woodworker and he loved sharing the craft with his children and grandchildren and friends. Many friends benefitted from his skills as he was known as "Mr. Fix It". He was a collector of fire engines and fine autos, having bought his first Ford Model T at the age of 17. He was a generous philanthropist to many causes that he and Anne were passionate about. He was a mentor to many. He dearly loved his trips to London in the fall to attend "Last Night of the Proms" and his hikes in the woods with his grandchildren and his wonder dog, Millie. He and Anne loved spending time in Naples, FL where they have spent time for more than 35 years with family and friends. They had a great love for traveling and enjoyed taking extensive trips with his family and grandchildren all over the world. There was not anything he would not do for his "Lucky Six" including sleepovers at Papa's, midnight milkshakes and candy runs in his 1949 hook and ladder fire engine. He was a pilot, an inventor, he built his own sailboat while in the Army and he was a scuba diver after having developed an interest while in the service and having built his own diving gear from airplane parts. His legacy will be the love, support, and interest he and Anne gave to their children and grandchildren. They were the single most important factor in his life. In short, his was a life well lived and he will be greatly missed by all.

The family would like to thank Dr. Steven Jacobson, the wonderful staff at the Gatesworth, and BJC Hospice for their care over the last few months. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the ALS Foundation, 1950 Craig Rd., St Louis, MO 63146 or a charity of one's choice.

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A "Celebration of Life" will be held on Monday, August 9 from 4-7 pm at The Bogey Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Bogey Club  
9266 Clayton Road  
St Louis, MO 63124

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *To Anne and the Genres Family:  
Please know of my deepest prayerful sympathy on RON's passing!  
During my 20 years with VP Fair/Fair St Louis' Public Relations  
Committee, Ron was always positive, motivational, humorous and  
adroit in his longtime leadership of this event! His personable,  
directive style will be missed by all of us. Know of my sincere  
sympathy to you and the Henges family, and know of my  
consolation at this sad time*

*Sincerely,  
Max Kaiser. Jr.  
Fair St Louis/VP Fair  
Public Relations Committee*

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**Max Kaiser Jr** - February 04, 2021 at 11:42 AM

SA

“ *Dear Anne and the Henges family - You have my deepest  
sympathy.*

*Ron meant so much to so many people. Ron was an incredible  
mentor. He was always coaching to make the individual and the  
bank better.*

*He played a significant role in my career and I'm very grateful for  
the lessons he taught me. Most importantly, I appreciate Ron's  
friendship. Ron will be missed.*

*Steve Albart*

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**Steve Albart** - February 03, 2021 at 09:48 PM

RK

“ Dear Anne,  
Kay and I will miss Ron. I first met Ron through ENTERPRISE BANK & TRUST. He always was so welcoming to both Kay and me. I always knew he was a talented guy but reading his obit was amazing in describing his many interests and talents.  
Sincerely,  
Kay and Rob Kaiser

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**ROB and KAY KAISER** - February 03, 2021 at 06:40 PM



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**Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery** - February 01, 2021 at 02:34 PM