



Ronald Cunningham

March 27, 1942 - December 31, 2011

Ronald George “Ron” Cunningham of La Plata, Maryland, died on Saturday, December 31, 2011 at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. He was 69 years old. Cunningham, who was a former teacher, principal and regional administrator, served as Charles County Public Schools associate and deputy superintendent for the past 14 years.

Born on March 27, 1942 in White Township, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Dorothy Viola and the late Clarence Blair Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana State College in Pennsylvania and his master's degree from Georgetown University. Additionally, he earned his administrative certification in education from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He began his career in education in 1964 as a social studies teacher at Crossland High School in Prince George's County. He also taught at Surrattsville High School before moving into administrative positions. From 1979 to 1994, he served in various administrative positions in Prince George's County Public Schools, including 10 years as a high school principal. He served as principal at Bladensburg High School from 1984-1988 and at High Point High School in Beltsville from 1988-1994. Mr. Cunningham started his career with Charles County Public Schools in 1994 as a

regional administrator. In 1997, he was appointed associate superintendent of schools and in 2005 was named as deputy superintendent. Recently, Mr. Cunningham was honored as the 2011 Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA) Advocate of the Year for his support for counselors and their work. Throughout his life, Mr. Cunningham was a member of the Kiwanis, the Elks, the Rotary Club and the United Way.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary Anne Cunningham; his son Douglas B. Cunningham; sister Joann C. Hughes of Verona, PA; grandchildren Christopher R. Cunningham and Caitlin B. Cunningham; brothers-in-law Stephen A. Farrell of Chicago, IL, Thomas M. Farrell and his wife Susan of Coons Rapid, MN, James E. and his wife Martha of Martinsville, VA.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 1PM to 4PM at North Point High School 2500 Davis Road Waldorf, Maryland 20603.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charles County Scholarship Foundation, Ronald G. Cunningham Scholarship, P. O. Box 2770 La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Arrangments by Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., La Plata, Maryland 20646 (301-934-2920).

Tribute Wall

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“ Ron was an American Field Service student in 1957. I don't know where he went in Europe. He got to Europe aboard The Arosa Kulm. I was one of his seven bunk mates. One morning I had a severe epileptic seizure. I was pronounced dead. Clearly, that was a short term diagnosis. However, I was not in good shape. Ron and I had met just the night before. Once I came to, I could not walk at all. Talking was very difficult. Ron wanted to know how he could help. He read Bible passages to me for hours every day as the ship steamed towards Rotterdam. My appreciation of Ron has never diminished. I have told many people about my friend, Ron. Tonight I found this obituary as I was attempting to find him. For those of you who lived with Ron, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. We knew each other for about ten days, but I have never stopped appreciating the man who really saved my life. Ron, rest in peace.

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