

Ronald Michael Picket

April 17, 1940 – October 25, 2021



Ronald Michael Picket of Mamaroneck passed away due to heart failure on October 25, 2021, at age 81. He was born in New York City on April 17, 1940, to Morway & Juliette Picket. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Ronald enjoyed a long, lucrative career in commercial real estate which began as a broker for Harry Helmsley.

He then would establish his own Manhattan-based commercial real estate company, Williamson Picket Gross (WPG Inc.). Ronald served as President & CEO for over 40 years, earning the praise and respect of colleagues and partners alike. He also spent 19 of those years as Director of Manhattan Shipping Associates.

After retiring from WPG, he transitioned into the technology and telecommunications industry, serving as CEO of Marteleron, Bermlogic, and managing partner of Obie Technologies.

Ronald volunteered for the military following his graduation from Dartmouth, and was a proud Marine during the Cuban Missile Crisis, where he was part of the blockade. He attributed much of his success in life to the values and character he developed from his years of service to his country.

A gifted tennis player, Ronald was captain of the Varsity team at Dartmouth and would later play at Forest Hills before the US Open era. He had an even stronger passion for the game of golf, spending much of his time on the greens at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY, and practicing his swing in anything with an even remotely reflective surface.

Ronald, who was a quiet but deeply thoughtful man, enjoyed spending time with his family, whom he loved dearly, and his close friends, all of whom fondly recall his good nature and terrifically dry sense of humor. When Ronald was given the prognosis by his doctors that due to the weakness of his heart, he would have between weeks to months left to live, he demanded the hospital confirm his death had, "Not a damned thing to do with COVID!" His sense of humor was such that the doctors did not realize he was not kidding. As such, he left that task to me, his son, to confirm that, indeed, his death had

not a damned thing to do with COVID... though the word he used was a bit saltier than “damned”. (You’re welcome, Dad).

He leaves behind his devoted wife of 54 years, Gladys, his cherished children, Kerry C.R. Picket and Bronson Picket and his wife Lynn Snowden Picket, and loving grandchildren, Shane & Lauren Picket. He is also survived by his beloved brother Geoffrey Picket.

Ronald’s family and friends will gather privately to celebrate his life. Memorial contributions can be sent to FACES NYU <http://faces.med.nyu.edu/>