



Ronald Anthony Cheese, Sr.

February 20, 1953 - January 21, 2026

On January 21, 2026, Ronald A. Cheese's classroom grew quiet as the final school bell softly rang, marking his dismissal in Largo, Florida.

He began life lesson on February 20, 1953, in Groveland, FL, where his first chapter was written by his parents, Willie L. Cheese and Pernelle Y. Cheese.

Earlier in the lesson, Ronald's foundation was built on structure and discipline. After graduating from Groveland High School in 1971, he entered service through the United States Military Academy at West Point, where precision and order shaped the man he would become.

Upon graduating from West Point in 1975, he began serving his country in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. His military career included several duty stations, beginning at Fort Sill, followed by three years stationed in New Ulm, West Germany, at Wiley Barracks. His final duty station was Fort Stewart, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After completing his service, he resigned from active duty to follow his dream of becoming a teacher.

Capt. Ronald A. Cheese married Rhoda Henderson June 7, 1975. From this union came his children, Jaime Lynn Cheese, his daughter, and Ronald Anthony Cheese Jr., his son.

He later went to marry Lori Ann Robinson, his current wife on October 4, 1982.

He earned his teaching credentials and taught several schools throughout Central Florida, eventually finding his way to Edgewater High School, where he taught mathematics and coached basketball earning him the name "Coach Cheese."

Outside of the classroom he still had love for numbers and the strategy of the game. One of his favorite pastimes was playing poker at the Hard Rock Casino.

Capt. Cheese was preceded in death by those who were part of the original equation of his life; Willie L. Cheese (Father), Pernel Y. Cheese (Mother), Julius P. Cheese Sr. (Brother), Dorothy Mason (Sister).

Capt. Cheese lessons are carried forward by: Wife - Lori. A. Cheese, Brother - Michael Cheese, Children - Jaime L. Cheese and Ronald Anthony Cheese Jr. (Monisha), Grandchildren - Jermia L Alston, Jermaya L. Alston, Jermaine L. Alston II, Ra'Leah A. Cheese, Raven A. Cheese, Great-Grandchildren - Jessiah and Omari, his special nieces - Cassandra Cheese-Graham and Angie Mason McLean (Dave) also a host of nieces/nephews, friends, loved ones and his cherished students.

Cemetery Details

Stuckey Memorial Cemetery

15509 Stuckey Loop
Groveland , FL 34736

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
15641 Stuckey Loop
Groveland, FL 34736

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I was deeply touched to hear about the passing of Mr. Cheese. He was my cherished teacher at Edgewater High School, and he taught me so much more than just math. I was fortunate to have him as my math teacher for two wonderful years, and I also had the privilege of being his teacher’s assistant during my senior year. His classroom was a comforting sanctuary for me on challenging days. During my freshman year in college, I sent him an email expressing my gratitude for being such an incredible teacher. He replied with heartfelt appreciation, since he said he had been contemplating retiring early. He eventually retired 12 years later, undoubtedly continuing to touch the lives of many more students. I will forever hold dear his kindness, support, and encouragement. He truly made a lasting difference in my life that continues to resonate today.

“A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything.”

—Anonymous

Cassidy Wallace - May 13 at 09:20 AM

JR

“ Ron was in the class ahead of me at West Point, and we were in the same company. He was a true gentleman and friend. RIP Ron.

Jim Riffe - January 31 at 06:41 PM

DW

To my old Geometry and LA math teacher at Edgewater, thanks for all you did to help me understand. I tried my best, but you never gave up on me. You were one of the best.

Dr. Kenya S. Webb

Dr. Kenya S Webb - February 06 at 09:33 PM

MS

“ *MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of
Ronald Anthony Cheese, Sr.*



MONICA SCOTT - January 29 at 08:47 AM