



Ronald Lee Ginger

December 24, 1934 - March 5, 2026

Ronald "Ron" Lee Ginger of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away on March 5, 2026, at the age of 91. Born in Eaton, Ohio, on Christmas Eve in 1934 to Kenneth and Grace Ginger, Ron lived a life defined by grit, determination, and a deep love for his family and community.

After graduating from Ohio University with a degree in Journalism in 1957, he married the love of his life, Myra Alter, in 1958. Ron spent nearly 40 years as a dedicated journalist, working as a reporter, editor, and photographer for various local newspapers and companies. He was known for his hard work ethic, his reliability, and an endless supply of corny dad jokes.

Ron was a man of immense courage and empathy, once rushing into a burning car to rescue several teens after a train accident. Outside of work and heroics, he loved photography, music, sports, sushi and wine. While he enjoyed basketball, softball and bowling in his youth, he later found a true passion for bicycling. He participated for decades in organized rides like Great Ohio Bike Adventure (GOBA), Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV), and Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), often taking his grandchildren along to create forever memories on the road.

Even in retirement, Ron stayed active by volunteering as a van driver for the elderly at Mason Christian Village and writing newsletters for the Cincinnati

Bicycle Association. He had a special soft spot for animals, especially dogs and even more specifically Schnauzers!

Ron is survived by his son, Elliott Ginger (Vicki), his daughters, Kelly Stockwell and Amy Ginger (Frank), and his grandchildren Allison Ginger (Paul), Michael Berg (Mercedes), Chris Ginger and Claire Diaz (Connor), and his great granddaughter Chloe Ginger. He was preceded in death by his wife, Myra, his parents, his sister, Doris Martin, and his son-in-law Dean Stockwell.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, March 15, at 1:00 pm at United Jewish Cemetery, 7885 Ivygate Ln, Montgomery, OH 45242. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider a donation to SPCA Cincinnati, 11900 Conrey Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BC

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Barb Cohen - May 20 at 03:52 PM

BH

“ My sympathy to the family for your loss. I did not know Ron, bur reading the obituary and your personal stories, I feel that I got a glimpse into a life well lived. You have my prayers for peace and comfort.

Ben Hurst - March 11 at 12:33 PM

AG

Thank you Ben. Your kind words are much appreciated.

Amy Ginger - March 12 at 09:05 PM

BM

“ My sympathy to the family, I knew Ron from the Bicycle Club.. We rode together for many years and I could spot him very easily cause of the little turtle on his helmet.. He got a kick out of it as other riders would ask about why he had it on there.. We lead a group of casual riders each week to different parts of town and then would have lunch after for a social time..

Bob Myers - March 10 at 03:44 PM

AG

Thanks so much Bob. Ha! I know exactly what you're talking about, but I think it was a frog? 🤔😂 He truly loved everything about his biking days & made so many good friends.

Amy Ginger - March 12 at 09:00 PM

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Barb Cohen - May 20 at 05:38 AM

EG

“ Sometime in the late 60's/early 70's Ron, Myra and the kids did a camping trip in Kentucky (Daniel Boone National Forest or Lake Cumberland/Land Between the Lakes?). Ron let the gas get too low and was worried about running out of gas. So every time he would get to the top of a hill, Ron put the car in neutral and coasted down the hill, trying to save enough gas to make it to the gas station. They made it to the gas station without running out of gas but not before instilling a deep phobia of running out of gas in all his kids haha.

Elliott Ginger - March 09 at 11:56 AM

SG

“ So very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I just remember all the dinners we had together as part of our dinner club and your dad trying to be funny. May his memory be a blessing!

Sue Ginsburg - March 09 at 11:53 AM

AG

Thanks very much Sue. I love how you said Dad "tried" to be funny 😂 I know both Mom & Dad enjoyed the dinner club & your group of friends!

Amy Ginger - March 10 at 03:27 PM

EG

Haha Sue, love tried to be funny. That's my job now, telling corny jokes.

Elliott Ginger - March 13 at 02:40 PM

EG

“ *Ron's first job after graduating from OU was as sports editor for the Piqua Daily Call in 1958. Gunther Jacobson was editor.*

Next Ron worked as a court reporter for the Dayton Daily News. He really enjoyed that job & befriended two of the judges he followed.

Next Ron worked as the editor for the Kettering-Oakwood (KO) Times.

Next Ron worked for Monsanto at Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg. He only worked there for a couple of years.

Next Ron worked for Formica in Cincinnati, commuting from Kettering. He only worked there for a couple of years.

Ron's last and longest job was Senco Fastening Systems in Mt. Carmel. He worked there for many years, writing, editing & publishing Senco's monthly employee newspaper.

Elliott Ginger - March 09 at 11:46 AM

EG

“ In 1952-53 Ron took a year off after high school and worked at Aero Products in Vandalia doing maintenance. Ron became friends with someone that also worked at Aero (he can't recall his name). During that year, Ron, his friend, and a friend of his friend decided to drive to California; they were supposed to take Ron's car. However, Ron did not keep up maintenance on his car, so they ended up having to drive his friends car and it broke down in Kansas or Colorado. The repairs took most of their money, so instead of going California they ended up going north to Yellowstone. They slept in the car due to lack of money and all returned safely to Eldorado, Ohio.

Elliott Ginger - March 09 at 11:42 AM

EG

“ In Dayton there was Gray's Sweet Shop down the street. The owner put up some money and started a basketball team, including Ron. He loved to play basketball.

Elliott Ginger - March 09 at 11:40 AM

EG

“ When Ron's grandmother Mary (Rinehart) Denlinger died during his senior year of high school, Kenneth, Grace, Ron & Doris Ginger moved to the Denlinger farm in Eldorado OH (rural), but Ron had a '38 Plymouth & was allowed to drive to Eaton High School to finish his senior year & graduate.

Elliott Ginger - March 09 at 11:39 AM

EG

“ Ron lived in Eaton OH until 8th grade when his grandmother, Mary (Falknor) Ginger, died. Kenneth, Grace, Ron & Doris moved from Eaton to Dayton OH to live with Ron's grandfather, Ernest Ginger, and Uncle Bernard Ginger. After 2 years they moved back to Eaton.

Elliott Ginger - March 09 at 11:38 AM