



## Russell J Solomon

May 26, 1951 - July 16, 2022

July 16, 2022, of Cuba, NY. Beloved father of Charles (Melody) and Bridgette Solomon; cherished grandfather of Abigail, Collin and Julian; loving brother of Marlene (Patrick) McDonald; devoted uncle of Shaun (Chrissy) and Kristen McDonald; also survived by many cousins and friends. Russell was a 41-year science teacher with Friendship Central High school. He will be greatly missed. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Friday from 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a Prayer Service will be held on Saturday at 8:15 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 AM in Queen of Heaven R.C. Church, 4220 Seneca St., West Seneca. Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Flowers are welcomed. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

800 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd.  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Visitation

JUL 22. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Prayer Service

JUL 23. 8:15 AM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUL **23**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Queen of Heaven RC Church  
4220 Seneca Street  
West Seneca, NY 14224

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ My condolences. This is a time for remembering- for smiling at his stories and shedding tears for your loss- I know you will keep the memories of your brother close and that those memories will be with you forever. John & Elaine Lepo

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**Elaine Lepo** - July 23, 2022 at 10:25 AM

MS

“ So very sorry for your loss. We worked together for many, many years. He drove me to and from school for lots and lots of winters. During the rides we solved many of the school's and world's problems. He was also a neighbor, friend, and church mate. Sorry not to have been able to attend his service in person. So sad that that awesome singing voice has been silenced. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Mary and William Swift

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**Mary Swift** - July 23, 2022 at 10:20 AM

AH

“ Charles and Bridgette We remember your father so well. He sang with us in the First Baptist Church choir many years ago and he was so much fun. Often when we were eating at the Kopper Keg he would come in to have a slice of coconut cream pie, (his favorite) he would say. Even after he retired we would greet each other at Cuba post office quite often. The picture you chose sure is a true pic of him. Alice Resch and Kate Harbeck

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**alice resch and kate harbeck** - July 22, 2022 at 10:44 AM

CG

“ I was so saddened to read of Russel's passing. We taught together for many years and shared many laughs during that time. He was a devoted teacher and he will be greatly missed by so many!  
Chris Gaeta

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**Chris Gaeta** - July 21, 2022 at 01:08 PM

PM

“ Paul Brown Motors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell J Solomon.



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**Paul Brown Motors** - July 21, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Russell J Solomon.



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July 21, 2022 at 08:02 AM

TF

“ The DeGennaro Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell J Solomon.



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**The DeGennaro Family** - July 21, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Russell J Solomon.



July 19, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Russell J Solomon.



July 19, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Russell J Solomon.



July 19, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Beverly Stanton* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Russell J Solomon.



**Beverly Stanton** - July 19, 2022 at 12:58 PM

BC

“ My family was heartbroken when we learned of Russell's passing.Him and I were cousins and grew up together.We went to YMCA camp together since our Mother's were sisters.When we were younger every Friday our Mom's gave each of us \$2.00 and dropped us off to go see Monster movies at Lincoln show, afterwards we bought Monster magazines,comic books and trading cards.We got together every Thanksgiving and Christmas.Just to say that we will miss him is an understatement.Rest in Peace cousin.

*The Chmura Family-Bruce,Marge,Brent,Lauren+Brittany*

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**Bruce Chmura** - July 19, 2022 at 11:56 AM

KS

“ I had the absolute joy of working with Russ at Friendship School as a fellow science colleague. He was wonderful to work with and always had a smile on his face! He loved life and brought that joy to school everyday! He always blessed us with a song and a cheerful greeting every morning! I will miss this dear man and am so thankful I had the opportunity to call him a friend. Heaven gained a true angel!

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**Kathy Sortore** - July 19, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell J Solomon.



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July 19, 2022 at 09:27 AM

BS

“ After I retired and had lived out of state for a few years, Russ called me to ask if I wanted to be a (not so secret) secret pal! Of course! So, for several years, we exchanged holiday and birthday gifts. It was always a fun phone call from him warning me of the impending arrival of something surprising.

I will miss him and his energetic calls telling me about his subbing days. ❤️

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**Beverly Stanton** - July 17, 2022 at 07:55 PM

JK

I remember Russ from when I worked bingo at friendship firehall, he loved our chilly hotdog, RIP good friend

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**Jim Kupiec** - July 19, 2022 at 09:11 AM

MD

Russ was a man always full of kindness and generosity. He gave his life to teaching and to his family! Rest in Peace Russ!

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**Maureen Donahue** - July 19, 2022 at 01:26 PM

CE

Russell was my high school teacher and later my colleague. Two incidents made my class memorable to him. The first was the breaking of one of his faucets at a science lab and water spraying all over the classroom. Next, a small group of us would take chemistry and physics class with him and he would graciously grade our tests right after we took them so we could see who earned the highest points. The year I took chemistry the regents exam was not given because it had been tampered with. That was unheard of in the day, boy were real lucky! After college I taught with him for 13 years. He had a positive spirit and hummed as he walked down the hallway. RIP Russ, you'll be missed!

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**Cheri Ellison** - July 19, 2022 at 06:28 PM

TB

*Russell and I were cousins. I recall visiting and playing together when we were both much younger. My employment took me out of the Buffalo area many years ago, but when I returned on visits and Russell was present, I found him to be so congenial always with a smile on his face. Knowing how challenging teaching is, his 41 years of teaching is a great testament to him. May God bless and protect you, Cousin!*

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**Tom Baranick** - July 21, 2022 at 03:35 PM