

Ronnie Cummins

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From the Star Tribune:

Ronnie Cummins (1946-2023), was a leading figure in the global organic regenerative food and farming movement. His enthusiastic organizing skills were infused with passion, warmth, courage and tenacity. He was tireless in his work for justice and peace. Ronnie called three places home. He developed deep roots in Finland, Minnesota, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

His work brought him around the world where he formed close relationships with activists working on organic regenerative food, farming, climate, and health freedom issues. He never gave up his passion for investigating the dangers of industrial food systems, genetic engineering and synthetic food technologies. He fought against the greed of the pharmaceutical, chemical, and pesticide industries, he was also earnest and optimistic in the search for climate solutions.

Ronnie was the co-founder and International Director of the Organic Consumers Association, (OCA) and its international affiliates, Regeneration International and Vía Orgánica. He had a passion for educating young people, and headed up the creation of Vía Orgánica, an agroecology farm school and research center in Central Mexico.

The last few years he dedicated endless time, energy and research to Vía Orgánica and Regeneration International's Billion Agave Project; he firmly believed this could be game-changing as way to regenerate the land, make a major impact on carbon sequestration, the climate crisis, ease rural poverty and heartbreaking forced migration of so many small farmers around the world.

Ronnie wrote countless hard-hitting essays relating to the organizations' campaigns, working to inspire action with information. He edited OCA's widely distributed newsletter Organic Bytes and was an engaging public speaker. Ronnie was the author of a series of children's books called Children of the World, (Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Cuba) as well as the book Genetically Engineered Food: A Self-Defense Guide for Consumers. His other books included, Grassroots Rising: A Call to Action on Climate, Farming, Food, and a Green New Deal. Ronnie's latest book was The Truth About COVID-19, co-authored with Dr. Joseph Mercola, which were both published by Chelsea Green. Most recently, he was in the process of writing a new book called Agave Power.

Ronnie especially loved daily hikes, swimming in the icy tannin rivers on the North Shore that flow into Lake Superior, singing, playing guitar, researching and writing. He enjoyed gatherings with home cooked food in the company of family, friends and activists, always forthcoming with: "This is the best meal I've ever had." Ronnie has touched the hearts of so many throughout his life's journey, he will be forever missed, but his lifetime of passionate work leaves a legacy for all of us to carry on.

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From Kaare Melby, OCA's Field Organizer Director:

I'm deep in grief with the loss of Ronnie. I've known him my whole life. He has been a mentor and teacher to me, and he taught me about radical populism. He helped me learn how to bring the theory of social change to reality. He taught me to stand up for truth, no matter the consequences. He taught me how powerful the truth is, even in the face of unimaginable power and greed. His lessons will be the stuff we will study for decades. But I still can't assimilate the reality that he is gone. And when I approach that reality, the emotions are still too much. We needed him. But now that he is gone, the world needs us to pick up where he left off. The regenerative revolution is now OUR responsibility. Let us all find the strength to carry it on and make the future all that Ronnie knew it could be. He never stopped fighting for us, now let's come together to fight for his regenerative vision.

From Alexis Baden-Mayer, OCA's Political Director:

What a life and person to celebrate! He's left us a fortune in books, articles, songs and speeches, not to mention farms & organizations. We'll never have to be totally without him because he's left so much of himself here with us.

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From Mark Kastel, Organic Eye:

Ronnie has been a friend, colleague, and ally for over 30 years. I met him in the early 1990s when we collaborated along with others in fighting Monsanto's genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (BGH).

He represented the interests of consumers through his work with the Foundation on Economic Trends, along with another longtime friend and colleague, John Stauber. I was a lobbyist for the Farmers Union at that time. We were joined by others I still revere, like Dr. Michael Hansen at Consumers Union and Tim Atwater, who at the time also represented family-scale dairy farmers at Rural Vermont.

Ronnie, John, and I applied what we learned, endeavoring to build a more just and equitable food system. John launched the Center for Media and Democracy in 1993, Ronnie and his wife Rose founded the Organic Consumers Association in 1998 and Will Fantle and I founded The Cornucopia Institute in 2004 (more recently transferring our hard-earned skillsets to OrganicEye).

Ronnie was tireless in his search for justice, with an emphasis on the dysfunctional system of producing food in our country that disadvantages eaters and farmers alike. He never gave up his passion for investigating the genetic engineering, novel food technologies, and production systems that turn us all into lab rats.

Our phone calls and emails were never exchanged frequently enough. But any time I called him for help, he was always willing to back my efforts. Always.

Before the pandemic, we used to cross paths somewhat regularly when we were both speaking at food and farming conferences around the country (sometimes appearing on the same panel, such as at Ecofarm in California). Ronnie was a rock star when it came to educating stakeholders about what was at stake with the control of our food and health in the hands of corporate agribusiness, big Pharma, and the biotechnology industry.

Ronnie was a giant in his own right and I, for one, will miss him sorely.

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From Robert F. Kennedy, Jr:

Ronnie Cummins was a pioneer in highlighting the necessity of organic regenerative farming and foods to counter the negative impacts upon human health from shortsighted agricultural practices driven by chemical industry greed.

Ronnie and I worked side-by-side as allies for most of the last 40 years. He had a clear vision of the links between environmental degradation, the subversion of democracy, and the dangerous rise of corporate power. His buoyant optimism about human nature and the resilience of our planet always energized me, even in the face of the most disheartening defeats.

His indefatigable spirit, humor, and merciless work ethic enabled him to educate multiple generations of environmental warriors to pursue a healthy lifestyle and inspire them with the courage to push back against the industrialization of our landscapes and commoditization of our people by rapacious corporate power.

From Dr. Joseph Mercola:

“The legendary life of Ronnie Cummins has given us a wealth of knowledge and humanity. He has been so much more than a partner over the dozen years we have worked closely together to improve our food and the lives of farmers around the world.

His work will live on through us all, and our dedication to his visionary framework will continue to grow.”

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From Precious Phiri, Regeneration International:

These have been a hard couple of days, of Great sadness and deep gratitude for a life well lived and maybe a life I didn't think will be taken so soon.

Ronnie was a true revolutionary. My greatest gratitude goes to him for being an incredible leader. He possessed a deep respect for grassroots groups, his dream was to see all of us arising together. Every bit of this work was his life, his calling and his purpose- one which he was given to beyond any shadow of doubt.

I will remember Ronnie for his humble yet fierce spirit, his brilliant mind, strength, positive insight, strong energy, passion, wisdom, wit and huge generosity.

I will miss him. He was a great and very funny friend- one time I was a host, for a Regeneration International gathering in South Africa held in 2018, with partners (like the then NEPAD). My husband Shadreck (who's a minister of the gospel in the Christian Faith) came along. Ronnie said to me, "I expected you to bring a collared minister here, And, you brought us a handsome devil 😂😂".

So many stories, so many beautiful moments and so many things that still had to be done. But I will keep the spirit of keeping one foot in front of the other!

To Rosemary , thank you Rose for being the bearer of light in this season. Ronnie used to say you're an absolute light in his life. I will never forget the respectful and yet powerful relationship you two shared.

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From Katherine Paul:

Ronnie was everything [the Star Tribune obituary] write-up says - and so much more. I worked for Ronnie and his wife, Rose, for nine years. We forged a lifelong friendship. But he treated me more like family than an employee or a friend.

Ronnie was a visionary, whose irrepressible hope for the future was informed by his deep knowledge and understanding of history. He captivated crowds, speaking at length without a single note or prompt, the facts and figures just flowed. Rarely did his speeches not end in a standing ovation.

I had the good fortune to be able to travel to faraway places with Ronnie.

Everywhere he went, he inspired -- and was energized by -- others, but especially the young people. Long after people half his age had retired for the night, Ronnie would be singing and playing guitar into the wee hours of the morning. Yet when morning came around, he was the first one up, sipping his coffee, scanning the headlines . . . and plotting his next project.

His slow, southern drawl belied an inexhaustible energy. Ronnie was inclusive. Generous. Fearless when it came to speaking truth to power. But most of all, he was authentic to the bone.

The highest compliment he bestowed on others was to call them "the real deal." Ronnie should know -- he lived a life unequivocally committed to seeking justice and confronting those on the wrong side of it -- no matter how powerful.

No one person can step in and take his place -- but together, an army of passionate revolutionaries can carry forward his life's work. That, in the end, is the only way to honor his legacy.

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From Diana Reeves, Executive Director of GMO/Toxin Free USA:

It is with sadness that the staff of GMO/Toxin Free USA learned of Ronnie Cummins' passing in Mexico on April 26, 2023, after recently diagnosed bone and lymph cancer. Ronnie was the International Director of Organic Consumers Association (OCA). GMO Free USA got its start thanks to a shout-out from OCA in 2012, introducing our Founder, Diana Reeves, as a Mom Turned Activist.

"Few people in our lives have been as impactful and inspirational on so many levels as Ronnie Cummins. At least a small part of his tireless and relentless efforts on behalf of people and planet continues on through the many people like me who he touched deeply. Our condolences to Ronnie's family and to his work family.

Ronnie, you were a force, a champion who made the world a better place, and you will be sorely missed. Forever in our hearts."

From U.S. Right to Know:

Farewell to our friend Ronnie Cummins: We note with sadness the passing of Ronnie Cummins, founder and leader of the Organic Consumers Association. For decades, Ronnie campaigned for an organic regenerative food system with unusual insight and fearlessness. Ronnie was an example to us all about how much hope and inspiration a person can create and share. He was surpassingly generous to U.S. Right to Know, and to its precursor, Commercial Alert. He will be sorely missed.

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Margo Baldwin @MargoBaldwinVT · Apr 28

so sorry to hear this. a huge loss!

carey gillam 🖋️ 📱 @careygillam · Apr 28

Such a nice man. So sorry to learn of this loss.

Dr. Robles @Dr_Robles_DC · Apr 28

RIP...his work was an inspiration

Gerie B @GerieJSJ · Apr 28

I'm so, so very sorry to hear this. Ronnie Cummins did so much good.. shared his great wisdom with so many.. My deepest sympathies/condolences to his family, co-workers and all who loved him dearly. He led a movement, shared his truth and practical know how.

Michigan Magic @great_lake_St · Apr 28

Sorry to hear.

May his legacy live on

May we all learn from it

The Seeds of Vandana Shiva @BecketFilms · Apr 29

Ronnie was a force of nature. He'll never be replaced but his legacy will live on in the people he met and mentored.

Renate Künast @RenateKuenast · Apr 29

We miss you. Thank you for all work and inspiration. RIP . 🍷 🌳 🍎 🥕 🍷 🍷 🍷

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The Seeds of Vandana Shiva @BecketFilms · Apr 30

Ronnie @OrganicConsumer was a force of nature, a visionary warrior for the fundamental rights of the earth & all living beings. His passionate rejection of degenerative food & farming methods was always inspiring. We were honoured to include him in The Seeds of Vandana Shiva

Susan Noss @SusanNoss · Apr 29

So deeply saddened to hear of his loss. He was an inspiration to me and so many. Susan Faith Noss, MS, RDN, LDN.

Non-GMO Toronto @NonGMOToronto · Apr 30



MaeveReilly @MaeveWriter · Apr 30

R.I.P. huge-hearted warrior, you are already vastly missed

Diane Leo @DianeLeo13 · May 6

I have learned so much from him and am so grateful for his life.

Dawn Steinberg ☮️ 🟠 @dawnsteinberg · May 6



Claude Rhodes @sunworks2000 · May 6

Rest In Peace, Ronnie..Thanks for your service to humanity!

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From Jeffrey Smith, Institute for Responsible Technology:

I am sad to report that my long-time non-GMO activist friend Ronnie Cummins has passed. He started educating people on GMOs back in 1992 and was a leader of so many important organizations and movements over the years, including the powerhouse Organic Consumers Association.

Here's a video of one of the last times we shared the stage together, September 2019 at the Heirloom festival in Santa Rosa, CA. I was hosting a panel and asked Ronnie a question, which got him talking about the Impossible Burger, factory farms, regenerative agriculture, veganism, elected officials, winning the food fight, and the Invisible Power of the Universe, all in under 5 minutes.

I treasured Ronnie's company at WTO meetings, food conferences, and strategy sessions over three decades. He and I first met in October, 1997, when he was running the Pure Food Campaign. Standing in front of a wall of TV cameras outside the Chicago Board of Trade, Ronnie and others dumped bags of GMO soy and corn onto the sidewalk.

This was just one of so many colorful, imaginative, and highly effective methods of getting the word out and rallying support, that Ronnie had his hands in. He was a powerful global figure in our space.

Thank you Ronnie for making our world healthier, and for inspiring us to stand in our power.

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Phyllis Tichinin

Ronnie has been such an inspiration to millions with his tremendous writing, organizing and speaking skills. Our deepest gratitude to his ongoing spirit. It's up to us to BE his legacy. Onward and upward in his honor.


Mercedes Zendejas

RIP Ronnie Cummins. Thank You for your work with GMOs!! You will be greatly missed. Your work will continue.

Nancy Redfeather

An Organic Hero in the truest sense, that opened eyes and spread knowledge that helped bring us out of food darkness into the light. May his work continue especially with our young eaters!

Jennifer Buehl

You have always been a strong, courageous, beautiful soul!! May your spirit live on to help us through this journey. So grateful for your amazing hard work, love and peace to you 

Mary Tesoro

Ronnie I never met you personally but always loved what you stood for You will be missed You're in a good place now No pain no poison in Gods arms Thank you for all you have done May it continue even stronger

Lisa Long

What a smart & accomplished guy -- RIP

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Richard McDonald

So sorry that we have all lost a wonderful, intelligent, ally, in our mission to spread the deeper thoughts, and the latest studies, which have been conducted, over the years, which SHOW the superior mineral content of organic foods. Once you try organic food, or grow your foods organically, at home, it is impossible to go back to non-organic food of any kind. Thank you Ronnie, for all your strength, courage, and incredible vision. And Jeoffery Smith, you have Always been an inspiration to me, in this battle with corporate food production, and processing. Me hat is off, to both of you, AMAZING and beautiful people!! 😊

vzim44

I can not thank you enough for all the work you did in exposing the truth, dangers and darkness of processed foods, GMOs and factory farms. God bless your family and loved ones; they must be so proud of all that you have done! You have left a wonderful legacy! We stand together in this fight!

Debra DeRosa

God Bless you Ronnie. Your spirit will continue to inspire and fortify this fight for healthy foods. We are blessed by you.

Sophie Geeraerts

Thankful for all his work and thank you for all continuing his fight. May he rest in peace ❤️ to the family and friends

Leonard Mehlmauer

This man, Ronnie Cummins, was a great hero of the people. And we're talkin' the people of the world! You live on in our hearts.

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Laurie Avenell Olson

Sending love to all who to all who knew and loved him. I am so grateful for his work. The OCA hugely helped me save my family from being poisoned to death by what we were being exposed to and what we were putting in our bodies. I met Ronnie in Seattle at a Seed Freedom conference years ago. I am thankful I got a chance to meet one of my heroes.

Cheri Galayda

Prayers for his family. I loved his book and still refer to it. Ronnie gave us great contributions and it helps to open up conversations.

Raquel Jimenez Romo

Mis condolencias para toda la familia Romo Gonzalez les mandó un fuerte abrazo que Dios los bendiga siempre

Heather Crimson

A TRUE hero. Grateful I got to meet him at Vía Órganica. So humble.

Hilary Keever

So grateful for all the work he did, all the seeds he planted - as an OCA member and supporter! RIP. ❤️

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Claudine Michele

Thank you, Ronnie. You will be so missed by us all. Sweet restful peace to you.

Martha Turner

OMG, I'm gobsmailed. So sorry. Sincere condolences to all. We must continue.

Tesla Academy

We at Tesla Academy extend our deepest condolences on the heartbreaking loss of your beloved founder, and pledge to continue his values and vision.

Bo Doll

Thank you for your tribute to this great man. As you pointed out, his courage to do what is right in his heart, and not what is politically popular, was one of the hallmarks of his legacy.

I know that the leaders such as yourself Barbara Loe Fisher, Vandana Shiva, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., will continue to fight along-side all of us for a better way forward.


Patricia P Tursi, PhD

what an impact he made. I recall remembering so many "Firsts" of truth bombs coming from Organic Bytes and Organic News. thank you, Ronnie.

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From Rachel Parent:

My heart is heavy finding out about the passing of Ronnie Cummins. Thank you Ronnie for leading with love in this movement for better food and a better world. You were so genuine and authentically yourself in every way. You instilled a revolution into the hearts of everyone around you. Your passion, courage, and your spirit have inspired so many beyond understanding, myself included. What an incredible and purpose driven life. Glad we met in this lifetime, you will be so missed. 

From Barbara Loe Fisher:

Ronnie Cummins was not afraid to challenge the rich and powerful and hold them accountable for exploiting those less fortunate. To the end, he was a warrior on behalf of people who often have no voice and no choice when it comes to unsafe food they are forced to eat and unsafe vaccines they are forced to use. His courage matched his vision and his fierce dedication to making the world a better place is an example for us all.

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Ms. Maria Celia Hernandez

Thousands of people and more We are thankful for Mr. Ronnie Cummins. His diligence to make sure that the people knew what was found in the products they buy the danger toxicity that was used in the natural products. Protecting people's health. We thank you, For your responsible and caring work for the sake of many health .You cared to find if there were toxic that would and possibly did gave cancer. Today many know that it is important to know what it is in the products before they buy it. The information that people need to know. Our respects for your family and friends. Rest In Peace. Thank you for everything you did.

David Shelden

What a guy! Selfless. Always smiling even when under duress. He lifted everyone else in the pasture. I knew him through Craig Winters (bless his soul) and the work they were doing on GMO's and food irradiation. Truly a gentleman.

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Don Smith

We met Ronnie in San Miguel where we lived for 8 years. He was often seen at the Via Organica store & restaurant. He has always been on our Heroes list of activists & we hope his work will continue by his dedicated followers.

Suzanne Lebovit

All these blessings I owe to Ronnie Cummings and friends who have taught me their songs for the last 40 years. Thank you and I will continue on as best I can in my old age teaching others, especially the lawn heads on the block.

Helen Heinle

I am so grateful and in awe of the work Ronnie Cummins has done over the course of his life and for the great things he has accomplished for the world. Though I never had the pleasure of meeting him personally, his many efforts are an example of what one determined and focused individual can do to bring about positive change. God Bless you Ronnie, and may the many you have inspired continue to carry on your most important work of teaching others the way God meant His children to live in harmony with the Earth. We must return to the production of foods organically by small family farms and individuals and rid ourselves of the chemical companies and corporate ag giants who are poisoning us and destroying Mother Earth in the process. Rest in Peace Ronnie. You were a blessing to us all. We will never forget you.

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Neil Sorensen

I met Ronnie in 1996 when I was a cashier at the Wedge Co-op in Minneapolis. I was just learning about the organic movement. Ronnie and his colleagues would do leafleting and petitioning in front of the Wedge relatively frequently. I ended up supporting some of their campaigns. Ronnie would come through my line in his trips from Finland l, Minnesota. He was one of the most serious people in terms of buying organic and buying in bulk, and he always had tons of his own well-worn containers, jars, and bottles.

When my friend's uncle moved to Finland, I went to celebrate St. Urho's day, which is pretty amazing. I had the opportunity to see Ronnie there and get to know his partner and people in his community a bit. I was tempted to move to Finland after that!

When I worked in the Minnesota Senate as a clerk, Janet Johnson had me put together some legislation to promote organic agriculture in Minnesota. Ronnie and his colleagues played a big role in supporting this effort, including Tom Taylor, who also unfortunately passed away a few years ago.

I learned a great deal about campaigning and strategies for building an audience from Ronnie. He was truly a genius in this regard, which is why the Organic Consumers Association has an audience of three million people! He used petitions to collect email addresses and add them to his list on a massive scale, just when people were really starting to use the internet. He leaves a powerful legacy that will continue to contribute to positive change long after he is gone. I adopted his strategies in my own work, and it has been very effective.

Our paths have continued to cross over the years, and we had many opportunities to collaborate. When I was working at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, we worked together against GMOs. When I worked at the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), Ronnie and OCA were always very active; I got to see him quite a few times at organic trade shows over the years. Most recently, he supported my candidacy for the IFOAM World Board.

We have lost a true visionary and someone with the utmost integrity. He was always there to keep corporate overreach in the organic sector in check. I was recently exchanging with him about supporting a campaign to get the Wedge Coop to stop selling natural products and to commit to selling at least 75% organic by 2025. He was equally appalled at the sale of fake and meaningless natural products, which dupe consumers to believe they are doing something for the environment. I intend on pursuing this campaign to get coops in Minneapolis and around the country to make a shift to exclusively organic products in respect of Ronnie's legacy.

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Thank you Ronnie, you have had an indelible impact on my life.

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Olemara Peters

Ronnie is one of the very few hero activists who's kept focus on the issues — not allowing his advocacy to get dragged off into partisan politics (such as automatically alienate at least half the people, and distract both halves into retaliating — ultimately benefit nobody but the polluting industries themselves, that we're all intending to oppose).

Dear thanks to Ronnie for that wise example, and to everyone who follows it. I hope many more will do so. Alexis, thank you for the “REST IN POWER” reframe. This non-partisan focus is our only hope of sustaining that power to carry forward.

Elizabeth Davies

Thank you for all your work. May you continue to guide and help the work from where you are. We still need you, especially those of us who are younger, still forming. May the guidance of elders like you help us all, but especially our youth, avoid the guidance of the State. Bless you, Ronnie.

Arlene McGuire

Your Light shined brightly on our beloved Mother Earth and helped protect her and all Life. Your contributions have touched us all -- humanity, our waters, our animals, our plant kingdom. Thank you and wish you joy on your continued journey.

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Gerry Williams

We need more people who think and act like Ronnie Cummings did! It is a loss to the planet that he is gone!

Margaret Koren

He has been guide in my life since I became a mother nearly 40 years ago- when I began to question everything, especially the powerful misguided corporate leaders and their increasing control of government. Thank you dear man for your tireless work. May your inspirational power be multiplied all over the planet and your goals be met for the sake of all Earthlings as you rest in peace ❤️🙏

Iris Weaver

Hugely grateful, beyond words, for all he did, for us and all the world. Blessings to Ronnie and his family.

Buz Hynes

Reading the recent info on Ronnie's life, I couldn't help feeling so proud to know people like him exist and have been and are looking out for me, protecting me from those who should know better -- including myself!, and esp protecting me from those who do know better, yet continue harmful practices. With safety in numbers, Thank You, Ronnie, for being the #1 stand-up soldier in the fight for clean food and the health and wellbeing of our planet and it's people.

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Rocio Echeagaray (Levito)

Ronnie and Rose change the direction of my life 15 years ago - I am a teacher and I was administrator in a small school- we always had very good friendship my son and their son went in the same school, same class in San Miguel. At that time I was separated from my son's dad so I applied for a new job in a waldorf school in CA the school called me for an interview but I didn't had money for my airplane ticket I was struggled - Ronnie told me you need to go for that interview! Rose and Ronnie helped me with my ticket! Thanks to that I had a new job as a teacher, and thanks to that job my son had a good education now is a successful engineering for that trip I meet my new husband and thanks to my new husband I am back to my old town happily-peaceful .

Ronnie was very generous! His mission in this world was to help others! We are going to miss him loads but life is eternal and I know he is fine in heaven! and we will see you soon ✨ God bless him and God bless Rose as well. 🙏 Love to the Cummins family from My son and I, my husband is very thankful as well xxx

Rocio and Romario

We are so sad to heart that our dearest friend Ronnie passed . He was so generous and good man! Always thinking in helping others! Thank you Ronnie for being always there for me. We love you and we are praying for you to be in peace with our Lord 🙏

All our love to our dearest friends Rose and Adrian. ❤️

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Conrad Miller MD

Ronnie Cummins had a great spirit, besides knowledge, wisdom, soul, compassion, drive, vision, courage to say what he thought. I was just going to call him about Apeel, that the food industry and its scientists want to coat our foods/produce with to elongate shelf life. Which doesn't belong on the organic roster. Could be synthetic. And, of course, they aren't plainly widely informing us that they are doing this.

I have periodically spoke with Ronnie over the past several decades about organic food issues like Apeel, so that I could better assume my Davy Crockett role, getting myself right, and then, as the TV character in his buckskin jacket would say: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead!" I have been an activist better-functioning because of people like Ronnie and nuclear bellwether, Arnie Gundersen.

Ronnie knew how to inspire others, sharing his visions about what is right, and what is wrong, and bravely, smartly getting out there to help educate the public, losing out on knowing what they should, without activist participation raising the illuminating red flags.

Ronnie was a powerful monument planted in the middle of America's consciousness. Truth goes a long way. That's what Ronnie aspired to share. We will miss him. Now, Alexis, I reckon I'll have to speak to you -- after you've lost your fantastic mentor. He must have been a very comforting source of strength for you to dialogue with, and learn with and from.

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Charlotte M.

From the mountain peaks to the valleys green below, walked a giant of a man, who loved the Earth, and all the good that grows.

When some men without heart, would poison the land, he played his part, as a warrior man. He raised an army that would fight for mankind's good. He had to find way a to restore what he could. His great heart would lead him to a place, where arid lands were growing green, to save the human race.

Alas great man, who has fallen to your rest, Mankind can say you are among the Blessed.

Ella Mae

When I got my first home computer, I was already suspicious about GMOs (Why did the perfectly good corn I'd grown up eating now need to be altered down to its genes—this was no simple plant breeding), and I immediately began a search for more information. Luckily, I quickly found OCA and devoured the wealth of knowledge in the articles I found there. It changed my life! Thank you, Ronnie! I may never have become the organic advocate I am today if not for you. You will always be a hero to me! Rest in peace, dear soul.

Victoria Schneider

Shocking. Deeply shocked. So sorry to hear this. We are not in SMA at this time, but our hearts are with you as you process this sudden loss of your partners life. Sadly he will be missed by so many.

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Kim Hart

Sending love and blessings to Rose, Adrian and all of you for this incredible loss.

Carolyn Bentley

So sad to learn of the passing of a hero and he will be missed by many. Thank you Ronnie, for being an inspiration to many around the world. May you rest in peace. Condolences to the family and friends. We all have a better choice and world due to Ronnie and people like him.

Sue Noel

I am devastated by this loss. How could it happen? Ronnie Cummins was one of my very few heroes and one of the few people whose observations I trusted. I am 5 years older than he and, now I am almost at a loss as to whom to look to for information and true news of what is happening in the world.

Homero Blas

Mi más sentido pésame a familiares y amigos de un gran compañero de trinchera, compartimos múltiples batallas, mi amigo Ronnie Cummins. QEPD. Deja un gran legado y bitácora clara en la búsqueda de un mundo mejor. Que su camino sea ligero.

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Gerardo Ruiz Smith

Se nos adelantó mi amigo y aliado, Ronnie Cummins, líder activista, escritor, visionario, músico, pionero, rebelde, luchador incansable por una agricultura justa, sana y regenerativa a escala global, y co-fundador de Organic Consumers Association, Regeneración Internacional, Vía Orgánica.y Asociación de Consumidores Orgánicos.

Ha sido un gran honor colaborar juntos todos estos años, gracias por tu indomable corazón revolucionario y gracias por siempre creer en mi, en mi trabajo y en mi visión.

Descansa en paz Ronnie, sabiendo siempre el gran legado que dejas aquí, las incontables personas que inspiraste, y los miles y miles de mezquites y agaves que han sido y serán plantados en esta Tierra gracias a ti.

Hasta la victoria compa!

Shannon Raintree

Duele tanto saber que ya no está. Duele tanto pensar en Rose y Adrian y en todos los que ha dejado.

Pero qué impacto que ha tenido también, mano, que tantas vidas ha tocado. Qué corazón tan grande, y visión y pasión. Qué sonrisa y valor y coraje. Hemos tenido mucha suerte, los que pudimos compartir el rato de vida que nos brindó. Que en paz descanse el loco visionario de Ronnie.

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From Elena Kahn, Campaña Nacional Sin Maíz No Hay País:

Estamos con mucho dolor por la pérdida de un EXTRAORDINARIO SER HUMANO... Su visión era mundial... Y escogió a México para ayudarnos. Qué hueco deja en el planeta. Querido Ronnie, seguro NOS SEGUIRÁS AYUDANDO donde quiera que estés. No te olvides de Mercedes que lealmente seguirá en la defensa tuya, que nunca acabará!!!. Y te prometemos seguir ese camino que nos abriste. Fuiste inspirador y estarás con nosotros hasta que te alcancemos en LA ETERNIDAD. Tu vida una gran meta y la cumpliste. Nadie olvidará tu paso por nuestras vidas. Ni tus sueños de comer sano. Seguiremos tus pasos, sabiendo que sigues con nosotros.

Brianne, and the team of Shumei:

We were extremely saddened by this news of Ronnie's passing. On behalf of the whole Shumei team, we extend our deepest condolences. This is a great loss and Ronnie will be missed. He inspired so many and fought the good fight for the planet. I will not forget the light and wisdom he brought to every gathering from the first meeting in Costa Rica to the COP in Marrakesh. Him singing and playing the guitar with Andre and others and creating a real community and family for everyone involved. His life and passing are a reminder of what is at stake with the continued use of chemicals and toxins in our environment and our food system.

Sending our thoughts and prayers to his family and you all.

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Adelita San Vicente Tello

¡Qué espantosa noticia, no lo puedo creer! El sábado lo recordaba en la última fiesta que asistí, siempre tan generoso y divertido: un tejedor de redes, siempre con su sonrisa, comunicando con su español incipiente pero con su expresión maravillosa. Lo vamos a extrañar muchísimo. Las abrazo muy fuerte, a Rose y a todo el equipo. Que su luz ilumine su camino y nos siga acompañando desde donde quiera que esté.

Terry Heil

So sad to hear of the passing of a true hero and inspiration for all who dream of a better, healthier and saner world. Thank you, Ronnie, and congratulations on a life well lived.

Beata Thana

I am so sad to hear of this news. I want to express my gratitude to Ronnie for all of his dedication and hard work to support so many around the world who were willing to listen. Blessings for your Journey Home.

Karen Dahl

I've followed Ronnie for decades. What a wizard of wholistic farm management. He's left such a huge legacy. He wrote a miraculous book on cv19 with Dr Mercola and that was one of greatest gifts to us.

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Beth Cunningham

To Ronnie - Thank you for being an intelligent and dedicated force for food in its natural form, free of chemicals and GMO;s. I share your beliefs.

I send Blessings to the Cummins Family so you may know others share in your grief.

Lisa Archer

I echo so much of what has been said here. Ronnie was a visionary and a true force of nature -- what a huge loss to the movement and our community. I so deeply appreciated his passion, brilliance, dedication and vision and the leadership and partnership of OCA on so many fronts -- from work on GMOs when I first met him more than 20 years ago to more recent campaigns fighting to protect people, pollinators and the planet from toxic pesticides. Grateful for all he brought to the world and inspired by his example to keep fighting for a healthy, just, and regenerative future for everyone. Sending my deepest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. Rest in power Ronnie.

Susi Alkamyst

Thank you Ronnie Cummins for all you have done...you lit a torch that many now carry. Bless you!

Gayle Orvis Costello

wonderful man what a loss

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Cocomel

Sorry to learn of the passing/end of a truly beautiful soul, brother, warrior of truth.

He will be missed, but it's up to us, still here, to carry the torch of his guidance.

Much loving memories of the beautiful Ronnie soul.

Let's keep that torch burning brightly

Teresa (Welch) Burns

Our family is so saddened by the passing of my sister Rose's husband and long time companion of 45 years 😞 We will miss his love and care for us in Minnesota, Via Organica and the world over who have known and loved him. Within his family, his friendships, his many activist roles, as a researcher, speaker, author and the incredible work he has done in his lifetime he was a bright star who never gave up hope for a better world. My sister Rose and nephew Adrian have been a stronghold of love for him throughout his many endeavors which I believe he could not have done without their love and joy. They were beacons of light as he blazed the trail for us all. With much gratitude to this beautiful family 🙏

RIP Ronnie ❤️

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Ashley VanDriel

I am a recent listener to Ronnie's videos which I enjoyed so much & really learned a lot about the environment. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I know personally that fighting the cancer battle can be a real struggle even to those of us who take advantage of various natural means of healing & recovery having lost my husband of 33 years just 4 months ago due to prostate & bone cancer.

Doug McIntosh and Family

Ronnie Cummins' CALL TO ACTION must live on. As he taught us so well, we owe it to all future inhabitants on this planet. Building a global coalition of Regeneration, peace , social justice and economic justice advocates for THE only just war— against climate change— will be his legacy! God speed Ronnie. Rest easy; we've got this.

Kathy McFarlane

I am deeply saddened by his loss. He was a beacon of light. I regarded him and his work as trustworthy, truthful and full of integrity. His work and regenerative revolution will live on through all of us.

Mary L.

In an age of falsities, Ronnie was the real deal -- a giant & genuine leader. A while ago, I checked his age with worry that we would lose him. Condolences to the Cummins family & OCA/RI Teams. We must honor him with renewed effort.

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From Zalman Urow:

I started working as a volunteer with Ronnie around 1992-1993, around that time he was working with Howard Lyman, a 4th generation rancher, (Beyond Beef Campaign) and Jeremy Rifkin - the Purefood Campaign. Even back then Ronnie was aware of the dangers of genetically engineered food and risks to our food security poised by the corporate takeover of our food supply.

In 1994/95 we did “milk dumps” in 4 or 5 cities across America (I co-coordinated the one in Atlanta) against rBGH and got national media attention. Shortly thereafter around 1998 Ronnie established the Organic Consumers Association with another partner and we continued to work for the protection and education of Organic Standards. There is just so much that I don't remember it all and it would be too much to write! I just know that Ronnie was extremely well read, dedicated and hard working, the credit he has received within the movement and in the public eye is but a tiny tip of the iceberg representing his true, full contribution -- God knows.

It was a pleasure to work with someone who was always fair, motivated and motivating and who communicated well with staff – as much as Ronnie was involved in political issues he wasn't “political.” I was never full-time, but I miss him sorely, I am surprised by how much. My week isn't going to be the same without hearing Ronnie's take on things during our weekly meeting.

May we all continue Ronnie's and God's work preserving and building this world and may Ronnie's name be a blessing.

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J Dunkelberger

Ronnie came to Washington DC many years ago and my husband and I were fortunate to hear him speak and be inspired directly by him. We had followed his work in the US and then also in Mexico, and have always greatly admired him for what he stood for and what he accomplished. His vision and eloquence were so compelling. His influence was far greater than just his own organizations and will surely continue to grow. Our gratitude to him is immeasurable

Diana Thatcher

I came to OCA relatively late but so enjoyed the newsletters and will forever treasure Ronnie's principled stand during the COVID crisis. May he smile down on the work we still have to do!

Mary Thomas

Back in 2012, a ballot initiative to label GMOs in California had a huge supporter right off the bat in Ronnie. I'll never forget the OCA's resolve with Ronnie working tirelessly to try to help get it passed by voters. Ronnie was an inspiration to me and for us all- to never give up on what was right and the truth. He helped change the world for the better. My deep sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

Elayne Robinson

Rose, I was shocked to hear that Ronnie passed, though I haven't seen you guys in a few years; I think about you often & miss the dinners we used to share from time to time. My heart is with you 🙏 RIP Ronnie ❤️

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From Robin Seydel:

I met Ronnie, decades ago, in the very early stages of the struggle to protect our food supply, our planet, from genetically engineered contaminants. Was lucky enough to be able to host him (and Rose too) at my little casita in an agricultural neighborhood, just south of Albuquerque. What wonderful discussions we had; always over great healthy food, perfectly spiced with delicious camaraderie and laughter.

One couldn't help but immediately recognize, what an incredibly, extraordinary person he was, with his deep embrace of our interconnectedness. And what a magnificently active mind, always quick to see beyond the horizon, to the next goal, the next way to expand the work, another way to bring people and issues together.

I have been honored to be on the OCA advisory board since those early years and call Ronnie a friend and a dear brother in the work. Ronnie's spirit is and will always be an abiding inspiration. Now that he is part of a higher power, I can't help but feel he will be looking after us, as we continue his work, our work, of making a more just, peace in the world.

I love you Ronnie—you live in my heart!

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Wanda Sobran

so very sorry to hear of Ronnies passing . Have been following him for a number of years , what an incredible man he was , sure wish i could have met him ! carry on in heaven Ronnie !

Esther Wolk

The world has lost a brilliant light but Ronnie left an enduring legacy that will continue his mission of advocacy. My deepest condolences to the family.

Ann Marie

I've been receiving Ronnie's OCA newsletter for, I don't know, 20+ yrs. He will be sorely missed!

Sky Yeager

His authenticity and tireless advocacy has inspired me for at least 2 decades. He made such an impact and opened the eyes of so many of us. He contributed to the spiritual ascension evolution that has been growing exponentially throughout the human collective, as we cannot evolve without a healthy reciprocal relationship with Gaia. His Spirit team must have called him home because it is time for all of us he inspired to carry forward what we learned. We will extend the webwork of thriving he envisioned and co-created. Good journey home brother, and rest easy in the peace and light for awhile.

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Alex in SMA

So saddened that we lost this wonderful human being! Ronnie has been a consistent source of inspiration in the last 12 years of my life. We talked about the regenerative movement, food certifications, truth in transparency and the opportunities with agaves. We enjoyed mezcales on the old Via Organica roof and the VO ranch. We weren't very close but I'm honored to have spent time with him and called him a friend. I learned so much from you, Ronnie and thank you for all of your hard work, dedication, sharing of knowledge and inspiration to always ask questions, read between the lines up and stand up for your beliefs! Rest well my friend.

Michael Cummings

You were an inspiration to us all, Ronnie! May to continue gardening in Heaven!

Dawn-Dyanna Dhyanna

Blessings to you, dear one! May you continue to stir it up in heaven! We love you so much. And are forever grateful for all that you gifted to us and our beloved GAIA.

David Lindig

OCA Member. I wrote a letter to Ronnie about a year ago. Shortly thereafter he replied with a personal phone call to me that lasted for an hour. It was a great thrill for me. Have written hundreds of letters to my D C legislators, over the years and o personal response. The call form Ronnie will last in my memory forever. David Lindig, Fergus Falls, Mn

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Judith McGeary

I met Ronnie at a gathering of progressive food activists some 15 years ago -- and that conversation remains vivid in my memory. His energy, passion, and humor, left an indelible mark. We rarely saw each other in person after that, but I will miss him deeply. Thank you, Ronnie, for all that you gave to make this world better.

Pamela Hondzinski

Ronnie was a champion and was so passionate about true organic food. He worked so hard on initiatives and his articles and writings. He is a true hero of mine and my heart goes out to his family and close friends. Rest in peace Ronnie

Mary A Meyer

Ronnie is someone that my soul connected with and I never even got to meet him in person. His beautiful mind understood life and love. He is still with us, just look around at all the good and you will "feel" his presence. I plan on meeting you someday Ronnie - in a perfect Organic World.

Jennifer Wood

So very sad to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was such an advocate of what needs to change to make this world better for all of us 😊 He will be missed!

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Ronnie Caused a Ruckus

A Poem by Jim Riddle

Ronnie was a rebel
A fearless rabblrouser
A writer and a rocker
A late-night talker

Ronnie seized moments
Ronnie made things happen
Ronnie told the People
How they could take Action

Save Organic Standards!
Sign this petition!
Label GMOs!
Take it to the nation!

From Finland, Minnesota
To sunny Mexico
Ronnie carried torches
And let us all know

Ronnie had a vision
A world of harmony
Ecological balance
Equals, you and me

Rest in peace, brother
We'll carry on the cause
Environmental justice
Healthy food for all

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Montana Heidi

Dear Ronnie,

So very sorry to hear of your early departure from this life and the difficulty leading to that moment. Thank you ever so much for all that you taught us and how you led the way in so many aspects. Well done... well done. Now, may you rest in peace and bask in the gratitude showered upon you with deep honor and respect. Your efforts will carry on - the work you did will continue as does the "Butterfly Effect".

Rose and Family, please accept my condolences.

Tim Fogarty

I didn't know Ronnie personally, but I was, and am a huge fan of people like him and Robert Kennedy Jr. — the kind of people who make it their life's work to spread truth to the world so that hard work, research, outreach and vision can overcome graft, corruption and the poisoning of our environments and of ourselves. I suspect his deeds will never quite be replicated at the level at which he effected positive, hopeful change by his virtuous associates, but I know that you all aspire to do just that. God bless Ronnie Cummins. God bless his friends, family and hard-working associates.

Ty Shlackman

Thanks for your leadership and all your great work.

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Kathryn Lafond

I am in deep grief that we lost our amazingly beautiful and talented Ronnie Cummins. Such a leader is not an everyday man but unique to this world, willing to stick his neck out and show up fully for what he believed in. I met Ronnie in 2019 at the Global Earth Repair Conference but had followed his work for likely 20 years prior. He has been and continues to be my hero and shining light for remembering to pay attention to what is happening and to stand up for what is right. You will be mightily missed dear friend. May you continue to help from afar! We will be calling on you!

Bonnie Loewenstein

I'm so sad to know that this great man is gone! My connection to Ronnie Cummins was through his newsletters, but I did see him perform, years ago, at NYC's Joe's Pub, where he appeared with the Reverend Billy and the Stop Shopping Choir. In person, his passion and playfulness were palpable!

He was a brilliant, tireless leader of the international, regenerative, organic agriculture movement. I also respected the revelatory articles he wrote or edited about the origins of the pandemic, the COVID vaccines, and other, major issues.

Kathleen Mead

Rest in peace great lover of all nature. Thank you for loving our earth.

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Dr. Richard Yurick, MS

Hi, I am so sorry for your loss and for the world of natural health's great loss as well. I have received the OGA regular emails for several years. I always appreciated the tenacity from Ronnie Cummins. I remember the battle with Roundup Ready and the corruption with evil Monsanto. I learned a lot from him and I am grateful I could pass it on to my patients, family and friends. He was to me a bulldog when it came to fighting for the truth of organic growing and eating.

I am pleased you will continue his legacy of food the way God meant it be from the Earth and not a petri dish as you know they are doing now. See Bill Gates for details.

Thank you for your organization and I will pray for Ronnie's family, coworkers and friends.

Guadalupe Munoz

I never met or heard Ronnie speak, yet he was an important part of my world, making it brighter, full of enthusiastic hope for creative positive change. His radiant spirit spanned the world with brotherly love and activism, and surely he will shine and work even more strongly now. I will miss him, and look to find him anew, with his signature style working through those who carry his legacy. Thank you Ronnie for generously sharing your life and love with all of us.

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P. Sainath Naidu

Ronnie has immortalised himself by virtue of his undying passion for promoting and nurturing organic regenerative practices. He left behind unparalleled legacy for all of us to take forward which alone is the best tribute to this legendary persona . 🙏🙏🙏

Paula Behr

SO sad to hear that Ronnie Cummins has left the Earth that he worked so hard to protect. SO grateful for all of the information that he shared so that I could take action in my daily life. His persistence & tenacity in the face of corruption was absolutely legendary. He's just one of those BIG souls that changes the world in a beautiful way. A gem.

Tonya Martin, Eden Foods Alumni

Saddened to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was a true hell raiser and has been one of my heroes for over two decades. Someone who (along with his family and other cohorts) has made a truly remarkable difference — May Ronnie's great works continue, through all of the good seeds he planted.

Cindy

True heroes are few and far between. Ronnie Cummins will always be remembered for his passion and dedication toward making life better for all of us, all the while remembering to enjoy the good things. What an incredible human.

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Philippa Jamieson

What a power of good Ronnie Cummins has done in his life! I became aware of him through my involvement in the organic community in Aotearoa New Zealand over the last decade or two. During my time as editor of Organic NZ magazine I really appreciated the OCA newsletters with their burning issues and Ronnie's staunchness in championing all things organic and good for the planet. What a great leader he was, and a brilliant example of someone who acted on his convictions for a better world. May we all pick up and run with the batons of his work, carrying them far and wide to heal the planet and humanity. Peace, blessings, good food, good company, good music, heart and soul of nature.

Steve Dee

Met him 16 years ago at a seminar in Ashland Oregon, he was direct, communal, and deeply human...I will miss him and his important pressures on the various international poisoners. Condolences! A deep loss of an important message to humankind!

BF

I'm so saddened that someone who brought so much good to this world is gone . He certainly left a legacy. My sympathies to all he knew and loved!

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Gerald Braude

When my wife of twenty-eight years passed away in 2010, I cancelled out all her e-mails in our shared account except for those coming from the Organic Consumers Association, and Ronnie Cummins was the reason why. His essays and his dedicated work won over piece of my heart. I even wrote a poem with him in mind once that appeared in my second book. I'll always miss him.

Nancy Richards Marcus

I am so sad to hear this news, God Rest Ronnie Cummins soul. What a brilliant articulate writer and inspiration to all those who hold the serious importance of organic farming and lifestyle deep in their hearts. An angel with wings of healing for humanity and the earth. I at once miss his leadership, and have great faith in the youth and all of us he inspired to keep cropping up and finding a way. Hey, Organics are only growing. He gave me hope. Love and condolences to his family and those close to him who held him dear.

Brian Cartwright

Ronnie came to speak (for free) at the first conference of our organization Biodiversity for a Liveable Climate in 2014, and gave us a high-energy inspirational talk on how to organize a movement. He was drawing on many years of experience and I still value what he taught us. Ronnie went over his allotted time, and hey Ronnie, it's OK. (3) Ronnie Cummins: Building the Movement We Need - YouTube

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Jack Rusnak

Ronnie Cummings was an amazingly beautiful, saintly, brilliant man. His heart overflowed with compassion for mankind all over the globe. His recent work in Mexico with the agave plants was beyond brilliant. It's truly a shame that governments and agencies like the EPA and FDA don't buy into a similar philosophy.

Anytime that I had a puzzling question about food or the way it was grown, I would call OCA seeking an answer. If my question wasn't answered, his staff would always point me in the right direction as to where I could best find the answer. May Ronnie rest in peace, and may his work be carried on, by the many he has inspired.

Sarah Bauman

I have followed Ronnie Cummins by newsletter and emails to sign onto for many years. His voice and many areas of advocacy resonated with my own, and educated and enhanced my life . Recent posts on vaccines bother me and I feel uneasy with these may his memory and life work live on with us, and may we all continue with his work

John Hrynyszyn

God bless you Ronnie! Keep up the good work, if Heaven allows.

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Terry Lynne Hale

I was shocked & saddened to learn of Ronnie Cummin's passing. I did not know him personally but felt like we were comrades, sharing some of the same goals, dreams, and visions for the future of our planet. The Universe lost one of it's most influential advocates and the loss is HUGE. The strides he made, his tireless dedication to Speaking Truth to Power, and faith in the mission.

I appreciated his collaboration with Dr Joseph Mercola on The Truth About COVID-19. Organic Bytes is one terrific publication.

After reading the Newsletter, my first response to the headline was OH, NO! I admit I cried reading his obituary & being reminded of his love & dedication to a healthy world.

Godspeed, Ronnie!

Margaret Koren

Ronnie Cumins was such a dynamic artist for good. The world has lost a great man. It makes me very sad because his shoes will be difficult to fill. My prayer is that, through the Grace if God, he can continue his work in a different more powerful form - as Earth's guardian angel.

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Michael Z.

I am very sad that this man is gone. He did such good work. He helped reveal truth and expose corruption. We need to follow in his footsteps. We need people like him to lead us to a healthier and more sustainable world. Thank you Ronnie for all that you did! And thank you for teaching us and inspiring us to want to make a positive impact in the world.

Alicia

So sorry to learn of his passing! I loved his passionate and informative newsletters and I'm sure he will continue to send light from his new state of conscience to his team's efforts. May he Rest In Peace!

Millicent Roberts

I have been following Ronnie's wonderful words of wisdom for many years down here in Australia. His words were able to keep us pushing forward towards the world we all want. I feel I have lost a soul-mate.

Josephine Thompson

Ronnie Cummins worked tirelessly to promote being a good steward of the planet! His efforts coupled with Dr. Mercola's efforts to educate us on so many important health issues helped to save many peoples good health as well! I did not know him personally, but I followed his journey through my conversations with OCA's people who gave me updates periodically as I make regular donations and read his newsletters as well. Being an organic gardener since 1972 and a beekeeper is such an integral part of my life. It is up to us to celebrate his life and work by continuing his journey to help restore our beautiful planet to perfect health!

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Monica F.

God must have needed an organic farmer up there in heaven. We will miss you, Ronnie, but your spirit lives on and we will not forget you or your many inspirational accomplishments.

Jim E.

I never knew Ronnie, but he seems like he was a truly amazing human being. He will be greatly missed, but his work will be carried on! Rest in Power, Ronnie.

Judy Kasper

I just read of Ronnie's passing and still numb with shock. I only knew him through his OCA newsletters. I was often amazed at the depth of his passion, and the dedication and energy which he seemed to carry into all of his work. And I was grateful for his vision and leadership in OCA and sustainable farming. Mother Teresa said "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Wow, Ronnie! Look at all the ripples you created and all the lives you have touched! Thank you for your lifetime of service to humanity and our Mother Earth.

Caroline Zimmerman

Condolences to all that knew him well. He opened my eyes on many issues.

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Laurel Hopwood

I always knew I could depend on Ronnie to be true to the causes we hold dear. When I led Sierra Club on the GMO issue - writing letters to the editor together and sharing action alerts - Ronnie was such a blessing. Keep guiding us from that place where you are, Ronnie.

Jacqueline C.

Thank you, Ronnie, for your dedication to our organic food and agriculture. Your emails definitely made a difference in my life and the world. I know you will continue your work, wherever you are!!
Rest in Peace, Light and Love.

Joy Beckner

Oh, how I wish I could be there for you, Ronnie's family. I did not realize that Ronnie was instrumental in the creation of the wonderful little market, Via Organica, that I remember very fondly. It was a beautiful little market with a tiny cafe. I trusted everything I bought there. I realize the Ranch is different, but I feel very close to you and your organic standards. Many thanks for the education.

Paula Foot

Such a profound loss to humanity. Ronnie was a beacon for all of us who care for the planet. May he be able to continue working and inspiring change from the next dimension.

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Richard Dube

Thank you for all you have done to help make the world a better place Ronnie. You will be greatly missed, but your legacy and work will live on.

Elizabeth Allancorte

Loved his passion for a healthy environment & so, 'healthy foods!
Yes, the whole world will be grieving his passing!

Rosemaree Zazu

I did not know him personally, but I am moved and want to honor him as a great soul. He did so much in such a short amount of time for the regenerative movement. Blessings to his family and friends.

Michael Babian

Ronnie you will remain an inspiration for acting out hope. No small accomplishment. Send us a sign from your soul's journey .

Mark

May his soul rest in peace. He fought the good fight and inspired many.

Jaime Valenzuela

Ronnie, Thank you for all your dedication and work to educate us and support the organic movement. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Rest in Peace

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Gary Saber

There are not enough words to convey what a hero Ronnie was (is). He made the entire world aware of the unsustainable chemical agriculture system. Every person on this planet should be grateful for what Ronnie has accomplished. Rest In Peace dear friend.

Camilla Becket

I'm so saddened to hear about Ronnie's passing and my heart goes out to you Rose, your son, and the OCA/RI family. If ever there was a person who walked the talk, it was Ronnie. I adored him. Not only did he have a brilliant mind, he was also a plain joy to be around. I'll forever admire his unique style of rabble-rousing for movement building! And I'll also forever be grateful for his generosity. He helped with the film we made about Vandana Shiva in all sorts of ways - all of which were significant. I'm confident that we'll see the impacts of Ronnie's work for generations to come and that the movements he started will continue to grow and thrive in his name. Here's to you, Ronnie.

Michael Brownstein

This is terrible news. I knew Ronnie starting at the demonstrations in '99 in Seattle and at International Forum on Globalization meetings. We reconnected again recently. I hope all of us who knew him can carry on with the inspiration he gave us.

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Yvonne Scott

Such a loss to our community, to the world. Ronnie constantly inspired me to do more, to learn more, to share more about our food, to question, to research. We have lost a great voice, an unwavering champion of this earth, a warrior in all the highest forms of that word. Although we never met in the physical form, I looked forward to each email and newsletter or book. I feel I have lost an old and dear friend. I trust he will carry on for us from the next dimension. Thank you, Ronnie.

Linda Doss

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Ronnie Cummings' passing. The world has lost a true leader in the fight for organic and regenerative standards. I had the opportunity to meet Ronnie at a book signing for Grass Roots Rising. Although the attendance at that book signing was quite small, it did not stop Ronnie from taking the microphone and speaking with passion and purpose to the small group gathered. The world has lost a bright light. My sympathies to Ronnie's wife, son, and family.

Peggy Anderson

I was very impacted by the Billion Agave Project and was just recently thinking about what an amazing idea it is. Rest in peace Ronnie ❤️

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Annabelle Herbert

What a terrible time to hear about Ronnie. Every gardener out there who knew about Ronnie and all the hard work he did to enlighten us and the rest of the gardening public, will truly miss his passing.

I've been a gardener since I was a child, thanks to my gardening mother, but Ronnie was in a class by himself. I learned a lot from him, and have had garden's every year that have flourished more and more each year, even in the terrible heat we have had in Mexico.

Requiacit en pace Ronnie

Ken Roseboro

Ronnie was a tremendous advocate for organic and regenerative agriculture and food and fought tirelessly against the dangers of industrial agriculture, particularly pesticides and genetically engineered foods. I had the pleasure of getting to know Ronnie, and he was a long-time supporter of our publication, The Organic & Non-GMO Report and he often reposted our articles in the Organic Consumers Association's newsletter.

We sometimes disagreed about different topics but we appreciated each other's commitment to organic and non-GMO food. He always ended his emails with "In solidarity," which I always appreciated.

Ronnie will be sorely missed but the great work that he's done will continue, and he and all that he did to advance organics will only grow in stature as time goes on.

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Lisa Overton

I have always been in awe of this man; his work and his outlook. I am just another human who cares about the planet and the way the corporations are trying to kill us all with their poisons. People like Ronnie who take up the fight against these monsters are doing so for people like me, and others who never met Ronnie. But we all benefit from his work. Thank God for people like him who fight the Goliaths. I will go back out to my organic garden and plant some flowers and vegetables in his honor. Rest in Peace, we were strangers but your legacy touched me. My condolences to his family and those who loved him.

Ardath Albizo

The world has lost a bright light. May each of us touched by him burn just a bit brighter with his inspiration and knowledge.

Marilyn R. Coronado

My heart feels the pain at the loss of this giant in the fight for the return to the soil. A very grievous loss for his family and all at OCA and Via Organica. Blessings for courage and love as you mourn and carry on Ronnie's legacy

Suz NY

I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. I learned so much from reading his newsletters which I look forward to getting. He was a true fighter for truth, our health and environment.

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Mitchel Cohen

Aaaaargh! That's the sound of me screaming into the void.

I met and became friends with Ronnie when he came to New York City in the mid-1990s and we organized a press conference against recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone, which Monsanto was injecting into cows to get them to produce more milk. So what if it gave cows mastitis and had to be injected with antibiotics? So what if rBGH drastically cut down their lifespans? So what if it remained untested but was declared "safe and effective" for children, same as that company's herbicide Roundup, and same as the FDA's approval of "experimental" Covid-19 mRNA vaccines. So Ronnie dumped a small amount of milk at the press conference, and the Brooklyn Greens (and later the No Spray Coalition) were off and running with its campaign against tainted milk being served to children in public schools. (We eventually won, thanks to Ronnie's inspiration!)

Yea, we argued over whether rBGH should be labeled (Ronnie's position at the time) or whether it should be banned outright (my position, along with Brian Tokar). And you know what? In the end it didn't matter, because we built enough of a movement to pressure the City to stop buying the 750,000 half-pints of milk from Tuscan it served every day to working class, immigrant, and poor kids who make up the bulk of the public school population.

Even when we disagreed Ronnie was ALWAYS respectful as we formulated strategies, and always supportive of our grassroots campaigns against GMOs. And we in Brooklyn supported his work with Save Organic Standards and later that of OCA. And when I visited the Global Justice Center conferences in San Miguel de Allende Mexico, I stumbled by accident into his first-rate organic restaurant "via organica". Didn't know about it, was looking for an internet place that would let me sit all day (what I do on trips to other countries, right?) and there was Ronnie in the restaurant. I grabbed my friends and, totally excited to see him, Ronnie picked up the check (of course) and I found a new favorite place to visit on my trips there over several years!

It sounds really dumb, what my brain latches onto, what it remembers and highlights, but that's some of what sticks in it, those first-person wonderful experiences, organizer-to-organizer, friend-to-friend. So it was so important to me when OCA's Alexis Baden-Mayer interviewed me on OCA's televised podcast, about an article I'd written on Ukraine and GMOs and also on my book, "The Fight Against Monsanto's Roundup: The Politics of Pesticides" (Skyhorse publishing), new edition just out with intro by Vandana Shiva. I sent it to Ronnie, but didn't get the chance to hand him a copy in person, figured I'd do it next year, or the year after, or the year after that. Sigh

So many friends and damn good organizers dying. Is it a plot? (remember: Karl Marx is buried in a communist plot! Ta-dum). I listen to a line in the Clancy Brothers' song: "Let's not have a trickle / Let's have a bloody good cry / and always remember the longer you live / the sooner you're going to die." A lot of bloody good crying these days.

And a lot of love and appreciation for those I've been privileged to be friends with, this month alone Cliff Durand of the Center for Global Justice in San Miguel, Anne Pomeroy of the Radical Philosophy Association, Harry Belafonte (of course -- my dad used to organize his security squad with dad's union in NYC), Michael Delacour (main organizer around People's Park in Berkeley), a few months back Fritzi Cohen whom I never met in person but and now Ronnie Cummins. Aaaaaaargh! So many giants. And there's nothing we can do or say, except "Thank You" I carry their names on a very long and growing list in my pocket wherever I go, and pledge to them to keep fighting the bastards until our last breaths.

It's the least I can do and a total privilege to be able still to do so.

Seeya Ronnie. and, of course, Thank You.

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Danielle McPherson

Ronnie Cummins was a force of nature. He relentlessly fought the malevolent forces of agro, pharmaceutical and others to make the world a better place for us.

I have subscribed to his newsletter for over 30 years. I have seen the result of his efforts as the association grew to take on an international importance.

I used to live in Minneapolis, like Ronnie I am now in Mexico.

I am so sad for the loss of this man who made such a difference in so many people's lives.

Sorry for your loss and keep up the good work as his legacy!

Lisa B

I am so sad to hear of Ronnie's passing. His newsletter and OCA have been a constant in my life for many years now. In gratitude for all his valuable work, L.

Maria K.

I am eternally grateful for the life of Ronnie Cummins. He is one of the heroes of this and the last Century. I didn't know him personally but he shined like Sirius. God Bless Him, and all of you who take on after him.

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Kandi - K

Thank You Ronnie,
thank you... for gracing all of us with your presence.
your truth vibration has reverberated around the world,
touching all of us, raising our consciousness a little more.
bringing us together, helping each other,
moving forward into the new earth through love.
enjoy your next adventure... Love Kandi - K

Ken Rawley

I never met Ronnie. I only know him through his emailed OCA newsletters. But that is enough for me to consider him a truly great man. His work to promote good health and combat the evil that intends to poison millions warrants him a place on the honor roll of history. May he RIP.

Nancy N. Marsden

Ronnie was one of my heroes because of his activism for organic regenerative farming around the world. He's had a continuing impact not only on farming and food, but also on health freedom and sequestration of carbon dioxide. Not only I will miss him; the world will miss him.

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Grant Waldman - North Okanagan, BC, Canada

The twinkling heavens have become brighter with the addition of Ronnie Cummins. He has been a bright light and a strong voice in a much needed world filled with lies and deception. He has been a friend and mentor to many. His teachings will continue to nurture all those who seek to support the healing of Mother Earth for many generations. I send out blessings to all who had the privilege of Ronnie's company. Wishing you all gentle days ahead. All My Relations.

Peg Popken

Hears to a life well spent. With a focus on better. His presents will live on well beyond our tomorrows tomorrow. And we are grateful.

Julie C

I came upon Ronnie's site a few years back. I was impressed by his philosophy of caring for the Earth and humanity. He diligently fought for what was right and honest in growing healthy food for the planet. I will forever be Grateful for his Knowledge and Wisdom. He will be sadly missed. God Bless.

R Prada

Ronnie was a great man with an outsized soul. He so obviously loved the earth. We owe it to him, ourselves and mother earth to work for preservation of the good, the clean and the productive in every way we can.

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Stephanie Seneff

I have been a secret admirer of Ronnie for a long time, but only got to know him personally in the past year, via zoom interactions. He was such a force for good in this world, and I know those whose paths crossed his will carry forward his mission with renewed energy to help make this world safe for humanity and for all living creatures. Rest in peace, Ronnie. We all love you.

Nancy Oden, Clean Earth Farms

in the 80;s-90;s I used to call him - as a fellow anti-toxic activist - for advice and reassurance. I'm very sad - tears. I'm now in my mid-80's so no longer as active, but I do post online about toxics and the damage they do. Also worked with Ronnie (via phone/copmputer) on GMO's when thousands of us activists tried to get GMO's labeled. We lost that one, but at least there's the "non-GMO" label, even if people don't know what that means. Farewell to the very best serious honest activist I've ever known - from the East Coast. With Love...help us if you can. Ronnie - we still need you.

Sil Tru

I've never met Ronnie, only known him through the work he does. What a blessing! May the inspiration of his life, and the person he was, carry us into that better future he must have dreamed of. Let his light be a beacon for others to carry on his message. Rest in peace Ronnie ❤️

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Robin Motzer

Ronnie lives on with his abundance of work that is ours to embrace, engage and be the change. May Ronnie's Light, Love and Power Regenerate Humanity. Grateful to have known him and fondly remember him commenting that he also had a Jeep Liberty with an engine sounded like a sewing machine. His humorous, gentle, genius light shines on forever! Love and Power to Rose and family, friends and colleagues. Regards, in Solidarity, Venceremos!

Bliss Wood

One of the many that Ronnie has reached through Organic Bytes, I am saddened to hear of such a green loss to our world. He has taught so much! May Ronnie rest in peace, and may we who remain, continue to move forward with the work and causes he started and loved so much. Blessings and peace to all of Ronnie's family and friends.

Ellen Connett

It was in the 1990s on a long drive through Canada that I heard Ronnie for the first time on the radio. I remember my reaction to his talk because he was so truthful and disarming and that I must remember his name and find out more about him. He gave me a sense of hope, which I needed at that time, that there were other people "out there" speaking the truth. Several years later Ronnie became very helpful to group I was working with, the Fluoride Action Network. Thank you Ronnie for everything you have done to make our world a better place to live.

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Eric Fraser and Family

So sorry for the heartbreak and pain Rose, Adrian and his many followers are enduring due to Ronnie's unexpected passing. To Ronnie: Rest in Power. None of us know our fate. I've seen you charge forward with hardly a concern about what the opposition had in store, you were powered, are still powered, by LOVE. LOVE conquers ALL except death, including the mediocrity that comes from the self-interest of corporate profits and greedy politicians. "Love and struggle", to quote another leader Will Allen of the Cedar Circle Farm. We witnessed the dirty tricks of the capitalists, as they pursue destruction of the spaces and resources we all share. Ronnie and Rosemary are fierce warriors; know that the love they have for us and our families radiates like the sun and becomes a warming essential force that can be followed by all. It transcends our mortal coils. I was looking forward to my crew pulling into SMA to spend some more quality time discussing the world's problems (and actions to be taken) while soaking in hot water with you and Ronnie. Ronnie lived like "hot water" not afraid to enter and get soaked, maybe even burned a little, with appreciation that those water molecules will, as water does, cycle around to touch millions. I'll miss you Ronnie, your mischievous smile and the shine in your eye, what you had to write and say, your compassion for the authentic human, animal and plant energies, your powerful example of LOVE. I appreciated your loving, hot water presence. I'll still get to SMA to see you Rose, Roger and Rosana, and the tribe. I'll fondly remember the time and discussions we shared, Ronnie. I promise to remember you when a familiar song plays. Rest in that Power of Love you created for us all and a big THANKS.

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Trina Paulus- Hope for the Flowers

Wiping tears and aware that I have a special letter and 50th anniversary HOPE FOR THE FLOWERS book already addressed to send to him. I'll send it to all of you at the office to help give us courage to continue. We're all in this together. OCA is the only big environmental group that I have insisted he listed within my bio, because although it looks like "just a food group" on the service, OCA and Ronnie Took us every place that was important for life.

Paul Ketterer Curator

Pan African CANOPS Green Carpet Collective (c) followed Ronnie since many years as spiritual Peer in Climate Active National Organic Permaculture - in mourning 4 Million Organic Farmers in 14 African Countries are sharing with Ronnie pro Memoria the 2019 UNGA SDG Pioneers Award

Sherilyn Wells

There are a few people who are born to lead heroic lives and Ronnie was one of them. From my earliest days as an activist, I looked to the impeccable standard he set as a benchmark, a guide. He was fiercely honest, devoted to sharing the best data that could be uncovered, courageous in the face of an ever-changing political climate, and so deeply heartfelt in his unwavering passion for ensuring the wellbeing of people/animals/the earth. I never had the honor of meeting him in person, but he influenced my path over and over again and my gratitude for his service to humanity, to this planet, knows no bounds. I send wishes for peace and comfort to his family and friends in the midst of their grief at his loss, as the evidence flows in regarding how far his influence extended around the globe and how their support helped him remain the hero, the leader, that he was (and remains by example). Mahalo Nui Loa forever...

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Gina Kennis

Thank you so very much Sir! All of your hard work, knowledge, wisdom and LOVE will not be forgotten! The torch you passed is HUGE and we will gladly carry it through to the next generation! PEACE, LOVE & LIGHT!

Liz Frank

So sorry to have lost this dynamo. I contributed from the UK because whilst much bad comes from the USA...so do many antidotes. Who will take over? I nagged Ronnie to make single articles shareable. To the new person in Ronnie's honour please take this on!!! From a fellow activist in deepest grief at his loss I know a phoenix will arise. With love to you all.

Randy Althoff

Although I didn't know Ronnie personally, and have only come to know him in the past couple years, I have great admiration for the work he has done. I have seen several times, an adopt-a-highway sign along the North Shore (of Lake Superior) sponsored by the Organic Consumers Association, and knew that this organization and Ronnie himself were dedicated to making the world a better place. God bless you, Ronnie, for standing up against the tyranny and lies foisted upon this world during the past three years with the Covid-19 plandemic. Rest in peace, my friend!

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Susan Meeker-Lowry

I was shocked to read about Ronnie's death this morning! Ronnie's work has been invaluable to my work over the decades, in the early years fighting GMOs, right up until the present moment. His perspective, his Earthy connection, his integrity were unquestioned. I relied on information and research from him and OCA frequently, and knew, regardless of who I was up against, that I could trust him and OCA. This is a huge loss, and the only fitting thing to do is to continue the struggle for Earth, for Life, for sanity and the future.

Maura McDonnell - MAMM

Ronnie was a mentor, teacher, and friend. Two summers ago, while he was visiting western North Carolina, I was lucky enough to be asked to be Ronnie's "driver" for a couple of days as he met with colleagues, friends & OCA supporters. Not only did Ronnie teach me about regenerative farming and his agave project but he shared tips on the best ways to grow & raise funds for our 501(c) 3. I was like a student at the feet of a master soaking up all his advice and wisdom, True to his nature, we also had some good laughs and in the evening we toasted the blessings of this life with a wee bit of a very nice tequila.

I consider Ronnie to be one of the greatest leaders of the health, freedom & awakened activists Movement. He stood for freedom. He fought for justice, and he lived each day appreciating the gifts of Mother Nature. I feel blessed I had that time with Ronnie . I will never forget him 

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R. Dolecki

Sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. While I did not know him personally, he was admired, and an inspiration for all the dedication he had for noble causes that I also believe in. The impact he's had on the organic food movement, and beyond will never be forgotten. He will be missed.

Sharon M

I turned to Ronnie when I wanted the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I started with Rachel Carson, turned to Adele Davis, and then came Ronnie. May his Truth lead us all to the Truth that is out there, waiting for us to continue carrying his torch. Rest well, you giant among men. Guide us from wherever you are.

Michael Potter

The lose of Ronnie, the fighter for what is right, is disheartening.
The world needs many, many more leaders like him.
A great warrior, we are grateful for his work!
Rest in Peace, Ronnie. The work shall go on.

Anne Golden, Our Family Farms

Ronnie Cummins and his team stepped up as an early champion of Our Family Farms coalition and with his support Jackson County Oregon is today a gmo free seed sanctuary. His enthusiasm was contagious, his integrity beyond reproach. One of the few folks I have placed on a pedestal as a teacher and a role model for living a purpose filled life. Thank you Ronnie and Rest in Peace from all of us at Our Family Farms.

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Kathy Mackey, Rebelle Wisdom

I have been reading Ronnie's "Organic Bytes" publication for years. Throughout that time, I have appreciated his every move and have thought about, "What would we do without him?" I am a true believer, and he is in my feelings and emotions now and will be for quite some time. Rest in Peace, Dear Ronnie. You were and still are so special to us here in the Earth World, and your knowledge, your wisdom, your dedication to that which is moral and good, and to TRUTH, and your tireless hard work for all that is sacred and beautiful, will remain throughout our human world and within those energies that guide us daily. The strength of your energy flows within our hearts and throughout the beautiful world you created. Sending you so much love right now.

Sandy Koi

Ronnie was truly in the forefront of education and activism in awareness of organic food, nature and health. It is very sad that 'we' have lost this great being, but his legacy is huge. My most sincere condolences to his family and friends, colleagues and extended family in OCA. I am eternally grateful for learning from him, and Joe Mercola, and everyone in the regenerative and organic world.

Linda Owen

This is a huge loss. I can only pray that it will open a new door.

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Renée Neumann

Ronnie was a human powerhouse who did so much to help so many. We can, must and will continue his mission in human rights and protecting our precious planetary home.

Karl Livergood

I didn't really know him. I could just see how much work he put into the project. I wish I could have met him.

Peace,

Sue Ann Martinson

I did not know him personally of course, but a number of years ago I found the website and his posts and always read them and took (and still take) action.

"I'm still in shock and deeply saddened by his passing. Ronnie was a genius, a brilliant mind, an inspirational leader, and a strongly principled change agent who promoted regenerative organic agriculture and fought against corruption and corporate greed," is what one of his coworkers said, and I could not agree more, He raised the bar for all of us around organic issues and against corruption and corporate greed--something understood little those years ago when I first found OCA but now understood much better across a spectrum of issues related to the environment and the climate crisis, and he had a lot to do with that understanding, always raising those issues when no one else was.

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Susan Smith, PhD

I am saddened to learn of this remarkable mans passing. So many thanks to his passion and dedication to making this world a better, healthier place to live. Grateful he was mentor to so many extraordinary young people. Blessings to all who knew him so well.

Ellen Smith

He was always here, sending positive, supportive information. He will truly be missed. What a huge loss to the world.

Becky Hart

No, just NO! This man cannot pass over - we still need him too much! His name has been with me for most of my life! The amount of insanely fabulous and necessary projects that he has accomplished for the Earth and consequently for humanity is truly enormous in scope - hard for me to really think of anyone worthwhile to compare to. I can only hope that his fire has ignited a constant vigilance within all of us to keep up, and hopefully further, his work. Thank you so much, Ronnie...you will be terrbily missed.

Maryann G

What a great loss! We hope that the work begun by Ronnie will be carried on by others who believed in the work he was doing. Thank you, Ronnie. May your spirit live on with us.

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