



## Dr. Ronald Byron Goldberg

December 26, 1945 - May 4, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Ronald Byron Goldberg on the 4th of May, 2025. Dr. Goldberg was born in Johannesburg, South Africa on the 26th of December, 1945, to Zena and Monty Goldberg. He matriculated from the University of Witwatersrand Medical School and completed his medical training in Johannesburg before emigrating to the United States in 1977. After several years at the University of Chicago he joined the faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine where he had a long and distinguished career as an Endocrinologist specializing in diabetes prevention and lipid metabolism.

As a physician, researcher, and educator he touched the lives of countless patients, medical students, residents, fellows, and colleagues. He was universally loved and respected for his empathy, thoughtfulness, and genuine kindness. He will be remembered for his constant dedication to his patients as well as to advancing his field.

At the age of 44, he became paraplegic following complications from spine surgery. He continued to excel professionally, contributing significantly to landmark research and providing empathic and effective care for his patients well into his 70s. He continued to pursue his passions and never lost the ability to find joy in life. He was a gifted pianist and a lover of music His generosity, his warmth, his stoicism, and his infinite patience will always serve

as an inspiration to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Peck Goldberg; his three sons from his first marriage to Nathalie Rudy, Joshua (Christine), Daniel (Yuko), and Seth; and his four grandchildren, Maya, Eli, Ari, and Leilani. He is also survived by Norma's children, Joshua Michael Peck (Sukhinder), Elijah McKie Peck, and Catherine Aurora Stirn (Christopher); and by four additional grandchildren, Jasmeen, Micah, Ella Rose, and Addie Belle. He is also survived by his sisters, Marcelle Israelstam (Kenny) and Shelley Schreeuwer (Louie); his brother Raoul; and six nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dr. Goldberg was laid to rest in Lou Pollock Memorial Park, Asheville, North Carolina on the 8th of May, 2025.

# Cemetery Details

## Lou Pollock Cemetery

North Louisiana Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28806

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Just getting the sad news today 12/24/25. Wishing all the members of the family "Long Life"( as we did in South Africa). As a class mate I remember him well - a really great guy. Only sad that I did not come across him after we all left RSA for America. It is clear that he left an amazing impression on all who were lucky enough to know him, and especially be trained by him.

*Barry Sacks*

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**Barry Sacks** - December 24, 2025 at 02:22 PM

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*I met Rob 50 years ago and we saw each other often at meetings. After his paralysis, he always amazed me with his strength, his incredible drive, and his refusal to stop doing what he loved most: his science and his patient care, Ron was brilliant, warm and a great friend. When I saw him at meetings, alone with his chair, I told him he was my hero. About 20 years ago, Ron invited me to speak in Miami, and we then went to Joe's Stone Crab - I watched him transfer from chair to car and then fold and toss the chair into the care - both wonderful and sad. Ron was truly amazing, and we will miss him.*

*Henry Ginsberg MD (hng1@cumc.columbia.edu)*

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**Henry Ginsberg** - December 25, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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“ Not only was he my boss in my impressionable 20s, he was my mentor and inspiration for helping others with various ailments in the area of endocrinology whilst showing compassion at the same time. He was a never-ending well of information, empathy, and problem-solving. He loved his calling so much, that when a patient passed...I had to be very slow to share that information with him as he would take it to heart deeply. He taught all of us patience, proper care and endurance. He was a real pioneer for lipid research and practice, and has saved many lives. I know he gave and gave until the end, because that's what RBG (what we sometimes called him) would do. Personally, he agreed to be on my thesis board while I worked on my UM Master's degree towards Public Relations, and later supported my move up the ranks to Executive Director for University Communications in the central office.

*Thank you for your service and love, Dr. Goldberg.*

*- Liz Amore (formerly Del Pozo), his former assistant while at DRI*

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**liz amore** - June 09, 2025 at 08:34 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - May 08, 2025 at 01:49 PM