

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS MAY 10, 2022

M- PEREZ S- SPIEGEL

SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL:

- Donavon Dale Ritz

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, May 10, 2022, be adjourned in memory of Donavon Dale Ritz, who passed away peacefully, on April 9, 2022.

Don was born April 13, 1935, in Judson, North Dakota, to Frederick Ritz Jr. and Helen Olson. Don moved to Riverside, California, when he was 12 years old. He worked several odd jobs before starting his first business, Fair Price Window Washing and Fair Price Janitorial. He soon met the love of his life, Marlene Trausch. After a brief courtship, Don and Marlene married on June 10, 1957. Together they had two children Kim and Tammy. Marlene was also Don's travel companion, business partner, dance partner and wife of sixty-four years.

Don was known for his acumen in business, his sense of humor and his charitable nature. Don, would tell the story of how in 1957, working out of their home garage, they founded a by-appointment only carpet company, Fair Price Carpets. Fair Price got its start by selling pull-up carpets to local small businesses, like Cal Baptist University's first Riverside Campus over 60 years ago.

Don loved antique cars of all kinds and was a life-long collector who would acquire a clunker to work on, or a childhood classic to restore, such as his pride and joy 1937 Buick Special. Don also loved riding motorcycles and collecting antique tractors. He would hitch a wagon to his tractor and give hayrides during community events.

Don was a prominent community leader engaged in clubs and organizations, including 43 years with The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #997, The Elks Lodge #836 and a life-long supporter of the Republican Party. If Don saw someone who genuinely needed help, he would help them. He took dozens of young people under his wing who had no education or formal skills, and trained them up to be independent, confident and capable men and women.

Don and Marlene retired after spending decades running several successful enterprises. They decided to travel across the country in their RV with a car in tow. These were some of their most cherished times together. Retired life allowed Don to enjoy his leisure time, but he also remained active and involved, making regular trips to Fair Price Carpets to check on his various businesses.

Don's memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Donavon Dale Ritz.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on May 10, 2022 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: May 10, 2022

Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By:  Deputy

AGENDA NO.

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD