



Ronald Douglas Edelman, known to friends and family as “Ronny,” passed away on the morning of June 1, 2014 at the age of 61. Ronny was born to Sarah Jones Bentley Edelman and John Harry Edelman on January 14, 1953 at the US Naval hospital in San Diego, California. His family was originally from Centerville, Alabama and he currently has family in Atlanta, Georgia and Cleveland, Ohio.

Ronny moved to Austin, Texas when he was three years old and lived in Austin for the remainder of his life. He prided himself in the fact that he graduated from the “original Austin High School,” where he was a UIL State Qualifying trumpet player under the direction of Corkey Robinson.

Music was Ronny’s passion and was a consistent thread throughout his life. His first job out of high school was working as a piano mover for Straight Music, followed by other jobs in the music industry and eventually leading to the establishment of Capital Music Center.

In February 1988, in partnership with his first wife, Cherrie Droutz, Ronny opened Capital Music Center in Barton Creek Mall. He began by offering organ and piano lessons to a small number of students. After five years, Capital Music Center moved to its current location at 6101 Burnet Road, where today, over 400 students per week now take piano and drum lessons.