



Ronald Edward Roark

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Ronald Edward Roark, age 75 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on July 7, 1948, in Abingdon, VA, son of the late Edward and Grace Roark.

Growing up, Ron loved sports especially playing flag football and softball on most weekends. Ron's dedication to the Philadelphia sports teams was unparalleled; he was a faithful and devoted fan. Ron built much of his career in automotive sales, owning his own dealership and ultimately retiring as a sales manager after many dedicated years at Martin Honda in Newark, DE. Upon moving to Rehoboth, he enjoyed several years working for the Cape May Lewes Ferry in Lewes, DE.

Ron was a lifelong boating enthusiast, avid hunter and accomplished fisherman. Ron felt most at home on the Delaware Bay fishing and crabbing with his family. As his family continued to grow over the years, he would often remark, "I think we need a bigger boat!" When Ron's sons began playing sports, he took extreme pride in coaching and supporting them in wrestling, football, and baseball. He would move Heaven and Earth not to miss a game!

More than anything, Ron cherished the time he spent with his family and those he held most dear, including his pit-bulls, Mya and Vida Blu. He was a rare combination of a man who loved the simple things in life, portraying honesty, humility and hard work in everything he did, and teaching his family the importance of family. Ron was a loving and devoted husband, father, pop-pop, and friend. His smile would immediately make you feel at ease, and even as his health declined, he never lost his sense of humor. Loved by many, he will be genuinely missed by all who had the privilege and good fortune to know him.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by his son, Eddie Roark; his grandsons: Michael Roark and Jonathan Roark; and sister, Evelyn Roark. Ron is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Claudia Roark of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his sons: Ronald Roark (Shannon) of Newark, DE, Michael Roark of Seaford, DE, Christopher Roark (Marcy) of Rehoboth Beach, DE, Matthew



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Roark (Brooke) of Wilmington, DE, and Adam Roark (Kristen) of Lewes, DE; his grandchildren: Megan (Drew), Jeremy, Kaitlyn, Kyle, Makayla, Emma, Noah, Kane, Brody, Savannah, and a little granddaughter on the way, and many extended family and friends.

Ron's family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Beebe Emergency Room Staff as well as Sherri Applegate, Brandy Gibbons and all the caregivers at Accent Care Hospice for their loving care and support. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Accent Care Hospice, at www.seasonsfoundation.org.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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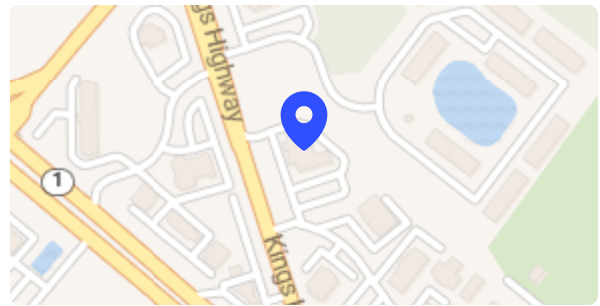
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Viewing

 **Wednesday**, August 23, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Atkins-Lodge Chapel - Lewes**
16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes DE 19958

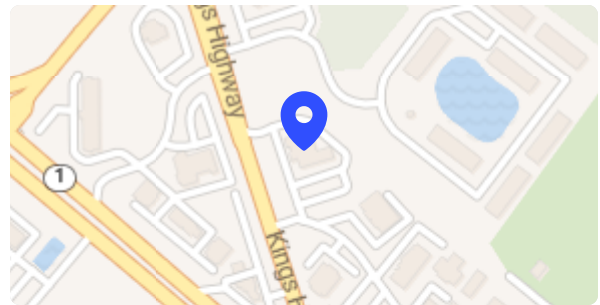


Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

August 22 at 10:02 AM



Tori S. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Ronald.

August 22 at 7:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Roark family.

August 22 at 3:14 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

August 22 at 3:14 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Roark family.

August 21 at 4:59 AM



The Lewandowski Smalley Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Roark family.

August 20 at 10:48 AM





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Tony Copeman lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Rest in the peace my friend . My condolences to the family

August 20 at 9:57 AM



AR

Adam R. sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Roark family.

August 17 at 2:16 PM



AR

Adam R. sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Roark family.

August 17 at 2:11 PM



JK

Jill Keener posted:

To the Roark family: "What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Helen Keller. Sending you all healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time. Jill Keener

August 16 at 3:27 AM

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Isalyn Smith August 16 at 8:22 AM

To the Roark Family, you have my deepest condolences to you all. I met Mr. Roark went he would come in to Harbor Healthcare to visit Ms. Grace(his mom) he was truly dedicated to her it was a pleasure meeting him and the rest of the family visiting her and watch how she would light up when they came in and how proud she was of that beautiful family photo she always had on the wall in her room. RIP now as you join your Heavenly Family, as together you all watch over your earthly Family. To your family hold on to the Love and life's lessons you shared w with him and know that he is always close to you just feel your heart ❤️ and smile.
Isalyn Smith



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Jordan And Ben sent a Sacred Garden Spray to the Roark family.

August 15 at 10:46 AM



Jordan And Ben planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

August 15 at 10:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Roark family.

August 15 at 5:49 AM



Rev Susan Ziji Small posted:

Your smile will live on in my mind, your love in my heart, your journey's impression in my soul. With gratitude for all we shared, Your devoted Sister-in - Law For our family, with you in Spirit . . . " Never, we never lose our loved ones. They accompany us, they don't disappear from our lives. . . We are merely in different rooms. - Paulo Coelho -

August 14 at 7:19 PM



Rev Susan Ziji Small lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

August 14 at 6:51 PM



Ben R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

August 11 at 7:59 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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