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Tribute Wall



“ Ronald "Ron" Knapp

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dad, Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and miss you. I miss just talking to you, hearing your voice. I miss being able to call you and ask you questions about all kinds of things to help me figure whatever it is out.*

It is the holiday season again and I am missing you even more. You were my rock! I love you and miss you so much.

I still have your ashes, I remember our conversation just a few days before you passed. You told me you didn't really care where I scattered your ashes. That you would already be gone from this earth by then anyway and that you knew I would choose the right place or places.

You talked about maybe TX on the gulf where I took you for vacations and we would walk along the bay every morning and evening. Just walk and talk or even walk in silence. Watch the dolphins play and gather shells. I cherished those times then and even more now. They were our times.

I remember our fishing trip into the gulf. We didn't catch a lot but we certainly had a lot of fun and another special father daughter memory.

You also talked about scattering them over Grandma and Grandpa's graves in Poplar Bluff. We had a lot of great memories there too.

I know you are watching over me and James. I know you are proud of us. You told me how proud you were of us before you passed. I hold those conversations of your last few days in my heart. I would give anything to hug you and tell you I Love You one last time. I know we will be together again someday. Until then, I hold you in my heart. All my love, Debbie

Debbie Knapp - November 30, 2015 at 10:24 PM

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“ Ron came into my life when I was 4 years old. He married my sister Peggy. He was my brother-in-law but to me he was my Brother, He worked in upholstery when they lived in Phoenix AZ and I was out there visiting one time ,when he let me go with him to pick up a car to redo the interior. When he was finished with all the interior work I rode with him to take the car back to the owner and the owner was Amanda Blake (Miss Kitty) on the TV Series Gun Smoke. Ron Also Taught me to water ski. Ron was loved by all that knew him. So with that being said, God Speed My Brother till I see you again. Love your little sister Donna

Donna Stanley - September 23, 2014 at 02:11 PM

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“RONALD HARRY KNAPP
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IN MEMORY OF MY BROTHER (WRITTEN BY HIS SISTER)

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All my Love, Sis*

Dorothy Valdez - September 03, 2014 at 04:05 AM

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“ *Belinda lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" Knapp*



Belinda - August 13, 2014 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Dad will surely be missed, he was always a joy to be around and gave great hugs and big smiles. He was the dad I never had. Always called him dad! At last I pray he has all the peace a great man like him deserves. No more heart ache or stress . Dad was always willing to help out anyone who needed it or just sit and let you vent. Seemed like his hands always had to be busy doing something, rather painting or working on truck, flowers just what ever. I always love the fact on holidays he made sure he got desert lol. I figure he is in heaven just being busy as ever, and playing with patches the dog. Prayers to you all, you know I am here if you need a shoulder to cry on or vent on. I was glad to be there till the end
love ya Belinda*

Belinda - August 13, 2014 at 10:34 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *For you Daddy! I Love and Miss You!*



Debbie Knapp - August 07, 2014 at 12:30 PM

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sole collins - October 20, 2025 at 01:17 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Debbie Knapp - August 07, 2014 at 12:14 PM