



Ronald "Ron" L. McDowell

July 15, 1954 - August 29, 2008

Ronald "Ron" L. McDowell, 54, of Laurel, passed on Friday, August 29, 2008 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born July 15, 1954 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, a son of the late Larry and Velma (Harvey) McDowell.

Since the age of 16 Ron has enjoyed his work in installation and sales in the carpet and flooring industry. He was an active member of the Seaford Church of Christ. Life for Ron was all about his family and extended family, for whom he showed unconditional love .

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Dorothea E. (Vickers) McDowell; a daughter, Rhonda L. McDowell of Laurel and her boyfriend, Dominic Cipolla of Harbeson; 3 brothers, Bill McDowell and his wife, Lorraine of Rapid City, South Dakota, Bob McDowell and his wife, Sali of Laurel, Delaware and Poker McDowell and his wife, Sheila of Delmar, Delaware; 2 sisters, Connie Coodey and her husband, Barney and Kay Smith and her husband, Paul, all of Shenandoah, Iowa; two special people who were like a second set of parents, Dee and Glen Lindgren of Council Bluffs, Iowa; a mother-in-law, Alma Vickers of Salisbury; and two brothers-in-law, Leland Vickers and his wife, Jackie of Shawnee, Kansas and Sonny Smack of Dover, Delaware. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He now is reunited in Heaven with his beloved son, Ryan, who passed in 2004, his parents, his father-in-law, Edgar, a niece Heidi and a nephew Jason.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Laurel Church of Christ, Central Avenue in Laurel, where family and friends may call from 12:00 to 2:00. Chip Hartzell and Wayne Mathis will officiate. Interment will follow the services at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Laurel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: Salisbury Foundation, Ryan McDowell Memorial Fund, Hot Glass Studio, P.O. Box 2655, Salisbury, MD, 21801 or to Delaware Valley Christian Camp, Camp Manatawny, 33 Camp Road, Douglassville, PA 19518.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Short Funeral Home of Delmar.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **3**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Church of Christ
1010 S. Central Avenue
Laurel, DE

Service

SEP **3**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ron" L. McDowell



Short Funeral Home - August 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dortehea and family I new Ron from the Laurel Church of Christ and he was a very special person. He touched alot of lives and so many loved him. I am sorry for your loss but know that he is in heaven with his family and is rejoicing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you and keep you.##imported-begin##Sandi Andrew Holt##imported-end##

September 06, 2008 at 09:46 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Thea and Rhonda. Ron you were a very special person and we will carry you in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Sharon McDowell & Family##imported-end##

September 05, 2008 at 01:20 AM



“ sorry i could not be there,you know what im going through,but it does not change the fact that Ron touched my life and i wanted to be there. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys.
Rick###imported-begin###rick lithgow###imported-end##

September 04, 2008 at 04:20 PM



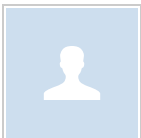
“ Sorry I was not able to make it up there. My thoughts are with all the family.
Rebecca###imported-begin###Rebecca Johnson###imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 03:18 PM



“ Dear Thea and Rhonda, We are very sad to hear about the loss of your husband and father. Your family has been such a good influence on our community. Sharon wishes she could be with you today, your friendship has meant so much to her. We will keep you in our prayers.###imported-begin###Kate Baker (Cobb)###imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 12:49 PM



“ may god continue to bless you rhonda my thoughts and many many prayers go out to you and your family.###imported-begin###tim gladden###imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 12:02 PM



“ We will keep you in our prayers. We loved Uncle Ron and will miss him.##imported-begin##Kristy,Jeff, Justin and Tyler##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 10:53 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Ronny. We no the loss of someone so close is difficult to bear. We share your grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Becerra Family, Council Bluffs, IA

Eleanor Becerra

Gilbert (Goobie) & Candy Becerra

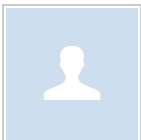
Ralph & Joyce Becerra

Johnny & Danna Becerra

Richie Becerra

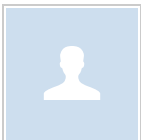
Cia Baker Becerra##imported-begin##The Becerra Family; Council Bluffs Iowa##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 04:48 PM



“ sorry for your loss. rest in peace.##imported-begin##earl mcdowell and family##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 02:14 PM



“ i'm sorry to hear of your loss. you have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##dorothy wiemerslage##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 02:13 PM



“ Thea, Ronda: we just wanted you to know you are in our prayers and thoughts through this difficult time.

May God watch over you and bless you with his gentle loving care.

Mike, Bambi, Taylore and Shelbie Thompson##imported-begin##Mike and Bambi##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 11:31 AM



“ My heart is weary, even as the angels rejoice. Ron touched so many, I will always remember his warmth, understanding and his ornate ability to not render judgement of others and to look for people's good qualities; always ready to give a hand. No more pain or suffering as it is written, at home with the Lord, what a time up there. My love to Thea & Rhonda and all the family.##imported-begin##Steven R. Shaner##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 08:46 AM



“ IM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY MYRTLE MCDWELL##imported-begin##MYRTLE MCDOWELL##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 01:18 AM



“ IM SORRY TO HEAR OF MY UNCLE'S PASSING HE WILL BE MISSED A LOT FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY ANGELA MCDOWELL##imported-begin##ANGIE MCDOWELL##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 01:14 AM



“ I grew up down the streets from Ronnie family and knew his brothers, he was always the sweet one, and always the gentleman, I want to say I am sorry about the family loss, he was a good guy, and that you all find comfort in wonderful memories of him. (a school friend, Inez Bolling.##imported-begin##Inez BOLLing##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 11:19 PM



“ you probly dont know me but im lorraines sister i went to school with ronnie in grade school we were neighbors for quite awhile also thats how lorraine met bill ronnie was a great kid then and grew into a wonderful man my thoughts and prayers are with you as im sure he will be missed by alot of people you have my deepest sympathy Earla Hunter##imported-begin##earla hunter##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 07:48 PM



“ we will miss you uncle ron. rest in peace##imported-begin##Candy Dose and family##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 03:37 PM



“ I was so so sorry to hear of ronny's passing. We had alot of fun together growing up in Iowa. Ronny was a very special person and i,m sure ther is a special place waiting for him in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time as well as aunt dorothy's ginny##imported-begin##ginny disalvo case##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 03:30 PM



“ I want you to know that you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. It has been a very long time since we worked together on 5 West.##imported-begin##ANN B.Robinson.(Boat Person)##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 09:47 AM



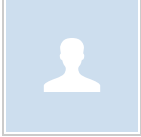
“ I remember Ronny as I grew up just a few blocks up the street. I graduated with Bill and remember riding bikes,bowling,and just hanging out with the McDowel family.
I haven't had much contact since high school but occasionally was kept informed buy a mutual friend "Emma Poor."
May God wrap his arms around your family and heal your broken hearts.
Sincerely: Dick Dickinson##imported-begin##Carol "Dick" Dickinson##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 09:41 AM



“ Uncle Ron you will always be special to me and you will always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Susan Vanderslice##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 08:36 AM



“ I was Uncle Ron and Aunt Thea's flower girl on their wedding day, some thirty years ago. Though I was just a nervous little girl of about six years, he made me feel like the most special girl in the world. He told me I was so beautiful that he was going to marry me instead of Dorthea. He was always there with a smile and some playful banter, no matter the occasion. I am Happy to have been able to call Ron my Uncle, and fortunately god found it suitable for me to be his Neice. While I am selfishly sad about his departure from this Earth. I am filled with joy that he can finally be in Heaven with his son, Ryan. I know he has been longing to be with him again. I also know that his mother and father are glad to have his company again. He fought a long hard battle. I know there must have been much suffering, for not just him, but for Thea and Ronda as well. I am very sorry for their loss. Ronda is much too young to have experienced so much loss. And Aunt Thea I am sure your beautiful thirty years of marriage was cut short by about thirty years too few. Myself and my family cannot attend the funeral. I hope Aunt Thea and Ronda will understand my children and I have just started back to school again and it is very hard to get away. But I wish I could be there. And I will be there with you in my heart.

Much love,

Jodie and Gerry White and Sons###imported-begin##Jodie White and Family###imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 03:57 AM