



Capt. Ron Robbins

April 26, 1943 - August 27, 2018

ROBBINS, Ronald Lee – 75, of Wildwood Crest and formerly of Sea Isle City, passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018 at his home with his family at his side. Affectionally known by everyone as “Captain Ron” and sometimes “The Whale Lord,” he lit up every gathering with his winning smile and his larger than life personality. Ron fought many medical battles and bounced back with the help of so many good Doctors, Nurses and hospital staff. We are forever grateful to all who reached out to him and showed him compassion. Of special note is Dr. Randell Nuschke who was his primary doctor for over thirty years. We all thank the staff at Cape Urgent Care along with Dr. Ken Cramer. Ron never saw anything as an obstacle. In his mind it could be done. His stubborn will and quick thinking got him into and out of many a tight spot. But it was also those same traits that landed him the biggest fish of all. Capt. Ron in his 40s showed this county something new – the beauty contained within the ocean that did not require a fishing pole or bait. Capt. Ron launched the Cape May Whale Watch and Research Center with the help of his daughters who all worked with their Dad. Kelley was at his side for the duration of the business. This would be the legacy that Capt. Ron created that would change the face of ecotourism forever in Cape May County and New Jersey. His best friend Capt. Jim Cicchitti now has the responsibility to maintain Capt. Ron’s legacy. Ron loved nature and living near the ocean. After years of being on the ocean, he was often seen on his porch feeding the birds. He also made sure that we all had a parking spot starting with the lot at CMWW&RC to his block on Seaview Avenue. After several years of traveling to Grand Cayman for winter vacations, Ron and his wife bought a place in Florida. From his intercostal deck he would yell to boats going by to slow their wake. Even though he was eight stories above the water he would use his very loud whistles to let them know. He also enjoyed the sight of the many lovely gals on boats going by especially during spring break. Ron would travel wherever Nancy booked, from Hawaii to Croatia he loved it all! Ron enjoyed everyone from all walks of life and was never without conversation. He captured people’s hearts and their attention. He is predeceased by his two brothers, Frazier “Chum” Robbins and Neil Robbins as well as two nephews, Sean and Keith Robbins. Capt. Ron is dearly missed by his family which includes his wife of 30 years, Nancy (nee Bonelli); three daughters, Kelley (and Joe) Niedoba, Stacey (Tony) Cline and

Kerry (and Ryan) O'Connell; his first wife, Judey (and Jan) Seutter; six grandchildren, Logan, Delaney, Sydney, Jack, Marley and Brady. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday (Aug. 31st) at 11am in Assumption BVM RC Church, 7100 Seaview Ave., Wildwood Crest where there will be a viewing from 9am until 10:45am. Interment with military honors will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cape May. A man of honor, Capt. Ron served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and consistent with his service, his family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to be made to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project through "In Memory Of" for your convenience and acknowledgment, online at: www.inmemoryof-memorial.org/ron-robbins or checks can be made to and mailed to: In Memory Of, PO Box 5472, Charlottesville, VA 22905 (re: Ron Robbins).

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery

1056 Seashore Road

Cape May (Lower Township),

NJ,

Events

AUG **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Assumption RC Church

7100 Seaview Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ, US,
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AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - August 30, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ Growing up in TI (Townsend's Inlet) and being the only girl for a long time in the gang that hung out around Shellem's are memories I will cherish forever. Ronnie Robbins is a big part of those years because he once was the new kid on the block and my first childhood crush. My brother, also a Ronny, was his best friend which meant I got to see him a lot. Therefore I tagged along with them all the time on their many adventures and treasured any curious visits I could make to his big yellow house on 83rd Street where I loved visiting with his mother. (she always made a fuss over me and sometimes gave us a snack).

In later years we always remained friends and he came in and out of my life, most recently as a Facebook friend.

He was always a bright light and took life to the fullest sharing laughter and love every day.

Ronnie, you will not be forgotten and you will be sorely missed.

May God Bless you and cradle you in the palm of his hand and welcome you into his heavenly home. Till we meet again...

Sally Vasant Max

Sally Vasant Max - August 31, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ I was fortunate to spend the summers in Townsends Inlet and lived across the street from teenage bar. There are hundreds of stories I remember hanging out with Ron during those teenage years, some you can tell and some you can't. I remember when Ron broke his leg and was in a cast and on crutches. He could run faster than me with two good legs. I also remember the first day he worked on his father's fishing boat. When boat pulled into the pier I asked him if he got sea sick. You can just guess what his answer was to that dumb question. Farewell my old friend, me and the rest of the old T.I. gang will miss your emails and jokes.
Rich Hettich

Rich Hettich - August 31, 2018 at 07:43 AM



“ I have so many memories of Uncle Ron, some funny, loving and others where he tortured me. As a young child, I remember him making everyone laugh by doing funny things. He once put a live flounder in his mouth and bit it. He drove my cousins and I through the dunes in Sea Isle City and we thought he was so cool. During High School/ College, I had the privilege of working for him at the CMWW&RC. He was a crack up then too. Customers thought he was the parking attendant instead of the business owner. One of his sayings was, “go open the snack bar and sell those souvenirs and snacks.” He was funny and nice to his family and friends. I am so grateful to have been able to spend time with him. He will be forever missed.

Jamie McGowan - August 30, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spilker Funeral Home - August 30, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ Nancy I was so deeply saddened to read of Ron's passing
My sincere sympathies to you and your family during this difficult time.
I miss you and my heart is with you.
Mary Keating
Formerly of Dr. Piper's office



Mary Keating - August 30, 2018 at 08:49 AM



“ To all of Ronnie's girls. My heart breaks for you for the pain you are feeling in the loss of your husband, father, grandpa and friend. Ronnie was an unforgettable guy. He accepted me right away because I was Jack's wife and was a friend to me when I needed one. Every weekend at the shore the two words I loved and dreaded to hear "Hey Buddie" in that way that only Jack and Ronnie could say them. Now those words are being said again as two old and dear friends are reunited. Ronnie please take care of Jack for me as you always did. Until we meet again my friend.
jeannie

jJeannie Bright - August 29, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ Well Skipper, the reaper got you this time. Lord knows you frustrated him many times before. You are truly a Cape May icon and will be remembered a very long time. I will miss our lunches together and laughs we had. Thanks for adding so much color with your character to my life. Rest in peace now, my friend.
My heart is heavy for Nancy and the girls. Ron Vansant

Ronald Vansant - August 29, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ Nancy and Family, My sincere condolences on your loss of Ronnie. May he rest in peace.
MaryBeth Mollo Alvare'

Mary Beth Mollo Alvare' - August 29, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ My most sincere condolences to Nancy , family and friends. One day my friend we again enjoy a Gray Goose with Neil and families over a plate of spaghetti covered in conch gravy.

Bob - August 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Ron it's not easy to deal with your passing. We had great times and some bad times. Having Cancer at the same time having our girls lloiking after us. Watching them grow into responsible young women. We should be proud of those accomplishments. You always said it takes a real man to make girls and you did succeed in that and everything else you did in your life. You will be missed by so many. You can rump around with our parents and the rest of the gang. You fought a long hard battle and you are at peace now. I will miss you and our talks. Thanks for giving me our two daughters. RIP

Judey Seutter - August 29, 2018 at 06:29 AM



“ Dad, I miss you so much already. As I sit here in your big comfy leather chair I am channeling your strength to make it through the next couple days. The house is so quiet and I'm so sad. You fought such a long, hard battle and I'm so proud of you. I know how tired you were but I just wasn't ready for you to go yet. Call me selfish, I'm ok with that. I was so looking forward to this Winter with you and Nanc in Hillsborough. I know you how much you loved it there and it is breaking my heart that you aren't getting to go back. I saw how happy you were when we were there with you. I loved just sitting with you having our coffee on the balcony. I promise to practice my whistle so I can whistle to keep up the tradition. I am forever thankful for all that you have instilled in me, for all that you have given me and especially for always seeing the best in me! You taught me how to work hard and play even harder! You taught me to live life to the fullest! You taught me to be strong and to conquer my fears. For that my dad, my father, my captain, I will forever be thankful. I love you so much Dad and miss you so much already! RIP

Stacey N. Robbins Cline - August 28, 2018 at 07:48 PM



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Judey Galletta Robbins Seutter - August 29, 2018 at 04:41 AM



“ My heartfelt thoughts of Towns Inlet New Jersey swimming off the 86th street pier. Going to the teenage bar at nights that I still relive to this day. Here is the privilege of knowing Chum, Ronnie and Neil may GOD rest their souls. My deepest sympathy goes out to all the friends and family. Eddie Miller



EDWARD MILLER - August 28, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss! He was one of a kind, and we will both miss him! Love to all, John and Whitney Popper

whitney popper - August 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ My dear friend Kelley, just seeing your message about your dad passing. May he RIP and my deepest sympathy and pain goes to all the family. He's at Our Lords Kingdom. lol Ricardo

Ricardo Gonzalez - August 28, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ We love and miss you Pop-Pop! Thanks for always making us laugh and giving us the goods loaded with sugar!!!!-;)

xoxo

Jack, Marley, and Brady



Kerry O'Connell - August 28, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ My very first memory of Captain Ron was when my son who is 35 today was about 5 or 6 yrs old. We had gone to Wildwood for convention. Then Russ said let's go see dolphins and whales. It was my birthday. Captain Ron made us welcome on our first trip. He called us in wheelhouse. He let my son sit on his lap and drive the vessell. From that day on we became friends. We returned every September after convention to see Captain Ron and Kelley. We became friends on line and chatted. Captain Ron has gone on to watch over Russ . Russ passed in March of this year and Captain Ron was right there for me. Seeing his face I always felt comfort. I love you my Captain. I will see you again on the other side.



Doris Allen - August 28, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ Kathy and I are going to miss you Cap. That smile and " I love you man" will always be in my head. God Bless America when I told you I sold a boat and a sign of cross is another. Rest in Peace my friend you are one of a kind, my kind. May Nancy,Kelly, and rest of you family find comfort and peace. I know that Megan and David are also mourning your departure. See you "Lord of the Whales" ,calm seas and fair winds.

John and Kathy Kornick

John and Kathy Kornick - August 29, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Nancy and family, Rocky and I were saddened to hear of Ron's passing. We know how long he suffered and how difficult it was for all of you to watch. Know that you are all in our prayers. May he rest in peace. God bless all of you!

Mary and Rocky Giannetti - August 30, 2018 at 08:00 AM