



Ronald Jordan Harrell

November 17, 1956 - March 22, 2021

Ronald “Jordan” Harrell

Ron passed away on March 22nd at the age of 64 years old. He was an athlete to the end fighting early onset Alzheimer’s for the last 10 years. His last competitive battle was for his children.

Ron would tell you he had a wonderful life filled with cherished memories and laughter beginning in Edenton, North Carolina with Grandma Mary. Then discovering the love of basketball playing in High School, College, and in Germany. He met his Italian wife, Christine Marie Romano, in 1984 and stated it was fate, because he attended PS 13 in Brooklyn NY (Italian hood). He was a dedicated father to his “2 Black-Italians”, Ron Anthony Harrell and Dr. Haylee Christine Harrell. Ron adored his entire family filled with diversity; Black, Italian and Irish decent. Miracles do happen, he was able to meet all of his children before he left us; Jenni (Halauafu) Kaufusi and Joey Hew Len. He was immediately protective of his precious granddaughter—Taylah Kaufusi.

He dedicated 30 years working in Juvenile Justice for the State of Utah. He retired in 2014 as the Program Director over the secured- care youth facilities throughout Utah. His philosophy was to invest in under-privileged kids and they would become successful members of society. When he retired, he was so happy to coach the West High School girls’ basketball team with his best

friend of 45+ years Ronnie Stubbs (Brother Grubbs).

Early onset Alzheimer's is a devastating disease for families emotionally and financially.

And now families have another concern as this disease is impacting minorities. The concern of quality care and equality for all; racism or bias treatment not be allowed #Blacklivesmatter.

We were very fortunate to find Dr. Charles Fehlauer and the Auberge, Silverado staff who took remarkable care of Ron for the last 3 years. A special thanks of gratitude for all of their love and support!

Ron will be taken home and buried in Edenton, North Carolina next to his grandparents.

As Ron would sign off... Love to his favorite US President Obama... "Harrell out" *mic drop! *

Tribute Wall



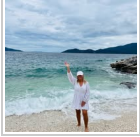
“ *Ronald Jordan Harrell*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *What can you say about a wonderful human being every interaction with whom lifted your spirits? Ron was the positive light and accepted everyone for who they were, always willing and wanting to spend his time to truly get to know you and appreciate you, your opinions and your story. I will miss you very much brotha! Our prayers are with you Chris, Haylee and Ronnie.*

Denis and Lidia Tkachuk - March 28, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ You never know the impact your kindness will have on someone’s life. Ron left a lasting impression on our family and everyone he came into contact with. His spirit, his laughter , and his humanity were felt by all. We were so blessed to have Ron and Chris as our next door neighbors while our children were growing up in Utah. Their porch was always open , and as soon as the neighborhood kids saw them out, they ran to see them. There were many long talks on that porch, lots of laughter, and popsicles , and the feeling that you were important and seen. Ron believed in investing in people . He was a giant of a man, one of the best there ever will be. There were deep conversations about important issues or just small talk . It didn’t matter. Everyone just wanted to be near them. They cheered our kids on and imparted wisdom. Beautiful people who shared their experiences and their hearts. I’m forever grateful ! When they moved they were so missed by so many. I think of Ron so much in this quote, “ I learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did , but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou We will never forget your legacy of making people feel seen, heard, empowered, important, special, and worthy just by being in your presence . We are better for having known you. Our love, prayers and hearts are with Chris, Ronnie, and Haylee and all his beloved family and friends . May you feel him close at this time . May you be strengthened and surrounded by love. Rons love for his family and his pride in them was a true testament of the great man he is !
All our Love , the Marshalls Heidi, Mike, Ashley, Elle and Avery

Heidi Marshall - March 27, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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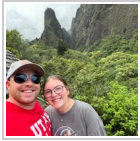
“ Ron was a great guy, I have known Ron for years. We go way back to the Youth Correction years later known as JJS. Rest in peace my brother.

Eric Grisby - March 25, 2021 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Very well written obituary.
Special thanks to Ron for the time he spent with my mother and
father during their rest home years. Life is unfair. Thanks Ron*

Charles Craig Romano - March 25, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *More than anything I remember talking sports with uncle Ron. He
always had a big smile and happy vibe every time we got together.
His happy vibe brought joy and laughs to our family gatherings
usually at Grandmas birthday parties at the Old Spaghetti Factory.
We'll miss you Ron, thank you for all the happy memories I will keep
close with me.
~ Chad*

Chad Romano - March 24, 2021 at 11:00 PM

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“ *My prayers go out to Chris and Ron's entire family. Such a tragedy.*

Dave Kvamme - March 24, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of
Ronald Jordan Harrell.*



March 24, 2021 at 03:35 PM

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“ I knew Ronald through his wife Chris. He was a gentle giant and had a big heart. The way how he would look at Chris, I knew that he truly loved and treasured her. I know he will be greatly missed. I offer my condolences to his family whom he loved very much and who are missing him right now. But his love for them and their love for him will be forever etched in their hearts. Chris- stay strong as I know you are.

Patricia Montgomery - March 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM

DM

“ He was always such a beautiful man. I have great memories of hanging out with Chris and Ron..so many laughs! God bless you and your kids Chris...💕💕💕💕💕

Diane Mouser - March 24, 2021 at 02:36 PM



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“ I am so sorry to hear about this. I remember helping Ron get his first job at Provo Canyon School and watched his career take off from there. He impacted many lives in Utah. He will be missed. My prayers and condolences to the family.

B. Murphy

B. Murphy - March 24, 2021 at 02:15 PM