



## Ronald Paul Groh

May 5, 1960 - October 15, 2018

Ronald Paul Groh, 58, departed this life on Monday, October 15, 2018. He will always be loved and remembered by his family: his daughters, Kadie and Erika Groh; his mother, Betty Groh; his sister, Elfride Groh; and his brothers, Ralf, Robert, and Richard Groh – in addition to his nieces and nephews and extended family, friends, and members of both the Milford, CT and Morrisville, NC communities.

A natural athlete – Ron was gifted with innate skill in several sports, including football, basketball, hockey, softball, and baseball. He loved competition, from his childhood years go-kart racing with the Cirillo boys on Clark Hill Lane, through his years as quarterback of the Foran High School football team, and into his adult years leading flag football wins. He was a sports aficionado who understood every nuance of sporting and could quote current stats effortlessly. Whether watching the Tour de France, World Cup Soccer, or the NFL, he was passionately interested.

Ron had the heart of a teacher and the mind of an engineer, demonstrating patience and acumen while helping his daughters with school projects – each one started with a full schematic and a scale model. Ron was also their number one fan: when attending Erika's basketball and volleyball games and Kadie's dance and colorguard performances, he was always in the front row. He was on board to support Erika as a German Shepherd Rescue foster

mom. His home was affectionately referred to as “Camp Daddy” – every dog was welcomed and given a nickname. Ron’s proudest moments were his daughters’ college graduations and academic accomplishments.

Spending most of his working years as an electrician, he used his many skills to restore several homes. He and his brother-in-law, Chris Breving, were often partners in crime, deciding at a moment’s notice to tear down a wall, install windows, build a staircase; his then-wife and lifelong friend, Susan, often came home to see furniture scattered on the front lawn whenever they had a new project going. Ron’s attention to detail, meticulous approach, and passion for quality work were a gift which he lovingly shared with others.

Ron lived his life with passion, fearlessly defending the people he loved. He enjoyed debate, learned a bit about everything, and was interested in every topic. Ron’s beloved African Grey Parrot, Mickey, has joined a new family, a selfless gesture by Ron to ensure that he continued to receive loving care and affection.

Although Ron faced enormous challenges, he never lost his sense of humor. He had a quick wit and an infectious laugh – always the life of the party. His family have requested a private celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Ron’s memory to: Morrisville Firefighters Benevolence, PO Box 923, Morrisville NC 27560.

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ I just found out about this yesterday and am shocked and saddened. I had connected with Ron briefly via Classmates.com a few years back, but I didn't know anything about his illness! Only his pride in his two beautiful girls. I went to school with Ronnie from kindergarten through 8th grade and remember what a great athlete and sweet kid he was. What a huge loss to us all that he is gone, but he will continue to be with all of his loved ones in spirit. My sincere condolences to you all for this great loss.

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**Charlotte Goncarovs** - August 07, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ I am so sorry I missed this. Ron, I called ems on myself this date then was admitted to hospital, you know the deal. Damn I already missed my 500b neighbor. I can't believe this happened now, Ron, you can walk again and coach again. Multiple sclerosis is such a horrible disability. I will forever love you and now talk about you like I do Brittany, evry day. many prayers Erica and sis, ALL family friends. RON WAS A GREAT MAN

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**Carol MJ Kidwell** - January 30, 2019 at 07:21 AM

EM

“ Although I knew Ron for a very short time, I cared about and loved him like an old friend. I used to love to pester and tease him, then call him out when he would over exaggerate. His blue eyes spoke volumes and they showed such pride when he spoke of his daughters. So, this is my way of remembering Ron and his family...  
"A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, 'Grieve not for me,  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,  
Until the day comes we're together again."

*Miss you, Ron - Evelyn Yehle (Eva Munoz)*

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**Eva Munoz** - December 02, 2018 at 11:28 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Ron many years ago and I remember his smile! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I hope your many wonderful memories bring a smile, like his, to you.

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**Laura Murphy** - October 30, 2018 at 05:39 PM

PD

“ I will always remember Ron's beautiful blue eyes and warm laugh! I had the pleasure of working with Ron at The Gathering Restaurant where many great memories were shared. He will be missed! Recently we reconnected through Chris and I am so grateful for that!

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**Pat Doheny** - October 30, 2018 at 09:15 AM

DH

“ I was born and raised in New Orleans - and we have a tradition of a second line parade when we lay friends and family to rest. We play slow tunes are the way in to grieve for our friends and family - but - then we play upbeat happy tunes on the way out. We celebrate the life that was - the good times - the fun times - the crazy times. So - this one is for you Ron. Missing you old friend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ahovZ4flrk>

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**Darryl Hammill** - October 29, 2018 at 02:40 PM

EF

“ I met Ron when we had physical science together freshman year. He was my lab partner. We spent most of the classes laughing, goofing off, and doing enough of the work to get a decent grade. The next four years were a blast for the most part. We shared good times and tragedies. After high school we all got together at least once every year.

Years after high school I would ask his advice on house wiring issues. He was always happy to help. I remember him as bright, positive, caring, and a lot of laughs. When he moved south we spoke on the phone from time to time. He will truly be missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Ed Nicefaro and Family** - October 22, 2018 at 06:42 PM

CB

“ Nice memories. I'll miss my friend my brother my partner in crime. I can hear that laugh see those bright eyes and feel the warmth of his true friendship. I hope it's true what they say that we will meet again someday. Brev

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**chris Breving** - October 21, 2018 at 05:58 PM

JC

Many memories earlier Clark Hill Rd days to present god bless you Ron Rest In Peace you and Ed can race go carts now. James Cirillo

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**James Cirillo** - October 21, 2018 at 06:44 PM

WB

“ I will miss Ron too. He was part of the group that I hung out with at Foran High and he was always quick to smile and great fun to hang out with. The Sauce Committee will always remember you Ron and "til we meet again"

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**Wayne Billingham** - October 21, 2018 at 05:24 PM

JC

Greatest childhood memories from Clark Hill and beyond. God Bless Ron. you and Eddie will race go carts now!! Jimbo

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**James Cirillo** - October 22, 2018 at 07:05 AM

SM

Always sweet, always kind. So funny, so fun. Say hi to the boys, and may God watch over your beloved girls. Till we meet again, Ron Groh.

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**Sherrie Martin** - October 26, 2018 at 11:05 PM

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**Eva Munoz** - December 02, 2018 at 07:31 PM