



Ronnie Marcum

September 6, 1948 - July 24, 2023

Ronnie Marcum peacefully passed away at age 74 on July 24, 2023 in Blacksburg, Virginia with his loving wife of over 52 years by his side. He was born in Pardee, Virginia on September 6, 1948 to Doyle and Carrie Mae Marcum. He is survived by his wife Faye, sons Monte and Casey, their wives Anna and LeAnna, his grandchildren Wyatt, Helena and Cayleigh; sister Hilma (Til) Collier with her husband Gene his favorite nieces Carrie and Martha; and brother Harry Marcum with his wife Tanua. He was predeceased by his parents, sisters Margaret Dehart and Juanita Smith and brothers Earl, Lenard and James (Johnny) Marcum. As close as family, Ronnie's lifelong best friend Benny Mason of over 60 years survives him.

Ronnie was an exceptionally proud Hokie who started at Virginia Tech in 1966. He met the love of his life, Alice Faye Marcum on September 22, 1967 at a Radford University mixer. He then went on to graduate from Virginia Tech in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering. He later served as an officer in the US Navy and graduated from the Executive Management Program at Penn State.

Ronnie had a distinguished 35 year career with Consolidation Coal Company (Consol) serving the the coal mining industry. While with Consol he held many executive positions with extensive underground and surface mining expertise that also included reclamation, land management and transportation. Ronnie retired from Consol in October 1999 and then went on to become an independent consultant which eventually led him into the role of Executive

Vice President of Engineering for PinnOak Resources.

Ronnie was a loyal Hokie to his core and demonstrated the Ut Prosim values to their fullest extent. Being the first and only in his family to earn a college degree, education was very important to him. He and Faye recognized its significance in making positive abilities in life by establishing numerous academic scholarships at Virginia Tech and Radford University, Faye's alma mater. Virginia Tech honored Ronnie's academic and professional capstone on September 30, 2021 by inducting him into its elite Academy of Engineering Excellence. He was a strong supporter of all Virginia Tech athletic sports both as an avid fan cheering and through creating athletic scholarships.

As hard as Ronnie worked through his professional career, it was the effort and joy he put into his retirement years that defined what living life to the fullest. His long list of life passions included family time and travel, golfing, fishing, going on waterfall adventures with his youngest son Casey, long walks with Faye and their pets over the decades and even being her faithful step class aerobics partner. He was on call and ready to dance with Faye anytime on a cruise ship. He particularly enjoyed experiencing all these celebrations at his personal playground in Rarity Bay on Tellico Lake in east Tennessee. Storytelling with his grandchildren, fishing with them and the dog and sipping wine with Faye and friends on his boat dock brought him true happiness. Ronnie was the go-to guy to solve problems and fix things with a unique care for the details to do it correctly – because the precision was both a challenge and a game for him.

With tremendous lifelong support from Faye, Ronnie built a legacy based on honest hard work and giving back because that is what brought him humble joy. Faye was with him every step of his journey for over 55 years in an exemplary partnership of taking care of each other. He practiced living every day with positivity through his warm smile and signature thumbs up.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Eagles Nest Regeneration Inc. in Ronnie's memory and desire to help others. A private family service will be held followed by a Celebration of Life at Blacksburg Country Club on a

future date.

Eagles Nest Regeneration: 10 Hickok St. Suite 200, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Tribute Wall

FN

“ On behalf of Bruce Smith's FEMA family at the Nashville Joint Field Office, a contribution in Ronnie's memory was made to Eagles Nest Regeneration Inc. Bruce has shared many memories of his dear uncle and while our words cannot take away the pain of loss, we hope you find solace in knowing there are people who care about you. Our deepest condolences to Ronnie's family and friends during this difficult time.

FEMA Joint Field Office Nashville - August 11, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ Til, Gene and girls. I am so very sorry to hear this. Prayers for all of you. Much love. April



April Clark - August 01, 2023 at 07:40 PM

BD

“ Ronnie was such a wonderful person. I am so thankful that I got to know him through Highlander home games and at events in Radford and Blacksburg. He was the embodiment of the kind people of southwestern Virginia, and his caring and genuine spirit will be greatly missed.

Bret Danilowicz

Bret Danilowicz - July 31, 2023 at 07:44 AM

FM

Thank you.

Faye

Faye Marcum - August 02, 2023 at 06:29 PM

TB

“ *We are so saddened to learn of Ronnie's passing away. We met Ronnie and his family in the early 80ies back in Pittsburgh. They provided our young german family with an overwhelming welcome, and took care of all our issues and informational needs. We enjoyed recurrent contacts and meetings all the years later, lasting over decades and including exchange visits of our children across the ocean. Ronnie was the anchor of all bilateral management. We had many good times together, here in Europe and overseas in the US. Thanks for ever ! We won't forget you Ron. Have our last Glückauf !*

The Thole Family

Thole, Bernhard - July 31, 2023 at 06:00 AM

FM

Thank you so much.

Faye

faye marcum - August 02, 2023 at 06:39 PM

CH

“ *You were a great man Ronnie. I will always cherish the memories with you and Faye opening your house to us. It was an honor to be an "adopted son" of yours along with Jin. I'm thankful I was able to see you one last time this past Spring. Gonna miss you Ronnie.*

Chuck

Chuck - July 30, 2023 at 11:04 PM

GW

“ Spent high school years ith Ronnie. He was always joking and happy. Always glad to see him and Faye at our reunions. She and Ronnie were perfect together and glad thay had their travels after his retirement. Rest well Ronnie. We'll join you soon.

Georgann Wampler - July 30, 2023 at 07:23 PM

DB

“ I arrived in Blacksburg with 2000 freshman and left with one friend for life. We raised families and shared careers together, rooted for the Hokies, played golf and traveled the world. Ronnie was loved by many and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace and go with God.
Dick and Lynn Bolen

Dick Bolen - July 30, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Ronnie Marcum.



July 29, 2023 at 11:33 AM

GM

“ Ron and Faye, such an example showing kindness and love for all. Even though we live so far apart Ron and Faye always made sure we were included in anything and everything they could, always enjoyed texts and calls and when we couldn't be together as a family he made sure we chatted on Teams, always bring the family together. Ron and his brother Earl (Dad to me) went through much the same and in the end they finished with dignity in everything in life. Thank you Ron for being such an example for us to follow and God bless you and your family as they go on in life knowing you led with such love for all. We will always remember you with such fond memories. I remember as a young man you made an incredible Impression on me that I took with me in life, still remember so many great times! You left a legacy that we all should aspire to, We love you and will miss you even from the other side of the nation we all think of Ron and Faye anytime we see anything VT- Go Hokies! Much love and respect- Gene and Megan Marcum

Gene and Megan - July 28, 2023 at 05:59 PM

DM

“ He had courage and resolution to fight what he knew could be a losing battle. He was my friend and left me with yet another boost to my appreciation for the life we all get the opportunity to have and the message to live it well and help others as best you can when opportunity arises. God bless you Ronnie, I love you for that.

Doug Mauer - July 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM

CF

“ *What a pleasure it has been for Charles and I to meet and get to know Ronnie and Faye during our time on the Radford Campaign Steering Committee.*

A true Southern gentleman devoted to doing all he could to make his community a better place. Our most sincere sympathy to the family.

Vickie and Charles Felts

Charles Felts - July 28, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JG

“ *My deepest condolences to Ronnie’s family in his passing. I remember him as a kind, lovely gentleman with whom I enjoyed conversations at work and at our Ex-Cons events. Sending prayers to you all for peace and comfort.*

Jennifer Gates - July 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM

AG

I was Ronnie's Administrative Assistant at Pinnoak Resources. He was well respected by all and such a kind, gentlemanly boss. I'm sending hugs and prayers to all so that with each other's support you will find peace. Ann Gasbarrini

Ann Gasbarrini - July 28, 2023 at 05:11 PM

DW

“ *Ronnie distinguished himself in his career and in retirement. You would be hard pressed to find a finer Hokie! Ronnie was a fine example of a southwest Virginia boy who did good in all his life undertakings. Sincere condolences to his family and best friend Benny Mason. Becky and Dave Williams*

David Williams - July 28, 2023 at 12:35 PM

KG

What a beautiful tribute to Ronnie. He was a wonderful role model for all of us. My heart felt condolences to you, Faye and to Monte, Casey and extended family.

Kathy Groves - July 28, 2023 at 01:57 PM

NM

“ Faye, Monte & Casey: The Moga's have had you in our prayers since we heard of Ronnie's passing. We've lost a true friend, buddy and supporter. Nick will miss all the golf outings and our joint love of red wine. Our loss is heaven's gain. God bless you all. Rest in Peace Ronnie...”

Nick Moga - July 28, 2023 at 12:34 PM

JS

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. We so much enjoyed our times with Ronnie and Faye through Blacksburg Sports Club and VT sporting events. Prayers of comfort for Faye, family, and friends. Ronnie will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.”

Jim & Carolyn Shockley - July 28, 2023 at 12:33 PM