



Ronald Boyce Rolen

August 21, 1942 - June 6, 2019

North Tazewell, VA- Ronald Boyce Rolen of North Tazewell, Virginia passed away after a lengthy illness on June 6, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was born August 21, 1942.

He was preceded in death by his parents Orrin and Bessie Neal Rolen, and brothers Reggie and Dane.

He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Kathy Collins Rolen; children Steve Rolen; Stephanie Rolen and granddaughter McKenzie Arnett; Susan Palmer (Bruce) and grandchildren Bailey, Casey (J.D.), Bruce (Jordan), Bentlee and Micah, Jessica Blaylock (Will) and Cassidy, Sierra Daily (Tim), Mia and Annabelle.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law Margaret McCormick, brother-in-law Dave Brewster (his early morning fishing friend) and wife Fay; brother-in-law Roger Collins (Leona); sisters-in-law Janet Payne (Don) and Tamela Collins. Nieces and Nephews: Tim Collins (Laura), Cheri Collins, Leandra, Ethan, Derek Poszich, Erika Meng (Michael), Addison, Jessica Huffman (Mark), Logan, Blake, Talen, Greg Payne (Donna), Emily, Isaac, and Aleigha. Special niece Angelia Chronister (David), Laken, and Tinley. Ron was lovingly called "Wap Wap" by his nieces.

Ron attended Boissevain Full Gospel Church and was baptized in 2018. He loved the church and the church family loved him. He enjoyed helping and being in the church Christmas plays.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, scuba diving, four-wheeling, traveling, camping,

and photography. His favorite trips were to Alaska to see all the animals and to Yellowstone.

Ron attended Graham High School where he played football and basketball. He played basketball on church leagues until he was 56 years old.

Ron was a retired owner of Trion Construction Company of Princeton, WV. He was in construction for 50 years and retired in 2018 from Hometown Grocers (Grants Super Market) due to illness. He took pride in his work, was a man of his word, had a talent for woodworking, could build furniture and fix just about anything. He was a friendly, well-liked, respected, and humble man who would help anyone.

The viewing will be at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, WV on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm.

Funeral services will be at Boissevain Full Gospel Church on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Friends may visit from 1pm to 2pm. Friends and family may visit from 1pm-2pm at the church. Pastors Vic and Mary Phillips, Reverend Harold Chinsolo, and nephew/Reverend Greg Payne will be officiating.

Pallbearers are Ron Devor, Roger Pardue, Bailey Palmer, Rodney Kesler, J.D. Taylor and Lee Shelton.

Honorary pallbearers are Derek Poszich, John Stacy, Dewayne Phillips, David Chronister, and Dr. Domingo Javier.

Graveside rites will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA immediately following the funeral service.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Ronald Bryce Rolen.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Boyce Rolen*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Everyone that knew Ron Loved him! He was a special Man who was also there if you needed him. I still shed tears when I read something about him or see things at his house that belonged to him. Ron was always kind to me and I will always think about him and miss him. RIP my sweet brother-in-law. I Love You Ron. Wish you could have stayed longer but we all have an appointed time. I will see you soon. ❤️ Janet*

janet Payne - June 21, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ *I have lost the most important person in my life...We loved each other unconditionally. We made each other laugh..were there for each other...worked side by side..
..enjoyed the same westerns on tv ..over and over ...enjoyed traveling and camping..
Loved photography.....he would do anything for me..and me for him..
We grew old together....
after so many tears
i had to let him go...he fought to stay here as long as he could
But God had plans for Ron..I will miss him and love him forever.. kat*

Kathy Rolen - June 17, 2019 at 02:00 AM

LC

“ Thankyou for everything Wap Wap, You will missed greatly by so many people. I love you💕

Laken Chronister - June 10, 2019 at 07:17 PM

KR

Wap loved you

Kathy Rolen - June 17, 2019 at 02:01 AM

LC

“ Kathy you know that you are in my heart and prayers. Ron was a great man and a wonderful friend to all. He always welcomed me and we joked a lot. He will be missed by all that knew him. He is now at peace and will watch over you, for you were the light and true love of his life. I loved to see you together the way you had so much fun together. Stay strong my sister friend. God has got this and we need to lean on him and let him carry the burden. All my love to you and the family.

Ron Ron you gave a good fight and I will miss you.

Lorie

Lorie Clark - June 10, 2019 at 09:17 AM

KR

Lorie...thank you ..yes he was special

Kathy Rolen - June 17, 2019 at 02:02 AM

TC

“ My brother-in-law u will be missed. My heart is broken. If i ever needed someone to fix something for me, or you & my sister give me a place to stay. Because that was the person you were. You never expected anything in return. Doing for others was what God had put you on this earth to do. Rest in peace you are in a wonderful place.

Tamela Collins - June 09, 2019 at 09:38 PM

KR

Ron loved all of his families and he was a great man

Kathy Rolen - June 17, 2019 at 02:03 AM

EM

“ Losing someone we love is never easy, but I'm thankful for the memories we've had. You were one of the greatest men that I have ever known. You will be deeply missed. I LOVE YOU
Erika

Erika Meng - June 09, 2019 at 09:35 PM

FB

“ Words cannot Express the loss of our brother- n- law and friend. He always made us laugh and we had many fun times together fishing and camping. You will be greatly missed.
Love,
David and Fay

Fay and Dave Brewster - June 09, 2019 at 09:06 PM

RS

“ What a nice guy Ron was. I met him scuba diving 30 years agoand we had some great times. RIP my old friend.

Rick Spriggs - June 09, 2019 at 03:02 AM

BS

“ Ron was one of my favorite contractors when I worked at Lowe's....RIP Ron. You were one of a kind



Barb Starling - June 08, 2019 at 06:27 PM

SO

“ Kathy, we are so sorry about death of Ron. We always enjoyed his visits and talked about this current projects. He was a extremely kind and helpful man and one of the best contractors in this area. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Staff of Southern Gas @ Oil

Staff of Southern Gas & Oil - June 08, 2019 at 04:37 PM

PP

“ He was one of the kindness, friendliest people I have ever met. Always smiling and helpful. Kathy love and prayers for you and your family.

Patty Senter Price - June 08, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ I sit in front of Ron and his wife at Mrs. McCormick's church. He was a very quite and humble man and I am glad I got to know him. I know he will be missed but his wife Kathy will always know she played Christian music and helped him home.

Helen Mills - June 08, 2019 at 11:37 AM

GB

“ *Gracie & Tom Belcher lit a candle in memory of Ronald Boyce Rolan*



Gracie & Tom Belcher - June 08, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Boyce Rolan.*



June 07, 2019 at 10:13 PM

AI

“ *Aleta Goodwin Isaacs lit a candle in memory of Ronald Boyce Rolan*



Aleta Goodwin Isaacs - June 07, 2019 at 08:26 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Sink lit a candle in memory of Ronald Boyce Rolan*



Joyce Sink - June 07, 2019 at 04:44 PM