



## Ronald R. Routh

April 27, 1951 - December 7, 2010

Ronald Ray Routh was born April 27, 1951 in North Kansas City, Missouri, and passed away on December 7, 2010. He was the youngest son of Clarence and Georgette Routh. Shortly after graduating from North Kansas City High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he completed Nuclear Power School and was assigned to the USS Sculpin. He decided to further his career in the Navy and in 1976 graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. That same year he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and was commissioned an Ensign. Ron had a distinguished twenty-one year career serving his country. While serving aboard the USS Jason, he was the first Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the history of the ship to earn the designation as a Surface Warfare Officer. Ron worked with developers on and became an instructor for the Tomahawk and Harpoon Cruise Missile systems. His last duty assignment was as the Executive Officer of the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualifications Team Pacific, but the duty station he loved the most was serving as the Missile Officer aboard the Battleship USS Missouri when she was recommissioned in 1986. In 1991 Ron retired from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Moving with his family to Missouri, he put the Master's Degree in Forensic Sciences he had earned to use by joining the law enforcement community, first as a dispatcher for the City of Bolivar and later as a Deputy with the Polk County Sheriff's Office. One of his first assignments with the Sheriff's Department was overseeing the jail and inmates. He was known for

treating everyone with dignity and respect. He was often approached by former inmates who expressed their appreciation for being treated so fairly. Ron's calm demeanor and levelheadedness served his departments and the citizens of Polk County well for 19 years. Ron loved computers and technology, and often spent hours on his workstations designing web pages, developing programs, and otherwise having fun. While serving in the Navy, Ron took the initiative to create a computer navigation program to guide ships through the Panama Canal where previously they had calculated it using maps and equations. This program is still used today. Ron leaves a loving family behind, including his beloved wife Vicky of Dunnegan; three daughters and their husbands, Ronnie and Bob Bell of Rogersville, Maida and Randy Russell of Springfield, and Carrie and Liam Wait of Marysville, CA; a son, Will Routh of Dunnegan; three grandsons, Alex, Michael, and Ethan; his mother, Georgette of Anderson, IN; his sister, Shirley Chapman of Anderson IN, and brother, Don Routh of Clinton; two uncles, two nephews, and two nieces. The friends mourning his loss span the globe. His death was preceded by that of his father, Clarence, and nephew Christopher. Memorial services conducted by Kevin Patterson and Billy Sampson will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar. Visitation will be Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Missouri Deputy Sheriff's Association in care of Murray Funeral Home, 911 W. Broadway, Bolivar, MO 65613.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald R. Routh*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ronald R. Routh*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I had the honor of knowing LCDR Routh while stationed aboard the battleship Missouri ... he was a fine officer and a true battleship sailor. My sincerest sympathies on your loss. Respectfully, John Lewis YNCS(SW/AW), US Navy Retired Battleship Sailor Palmyra, Missouri*

**YNCS John Lewis (USN retired)** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Ron at many accident scenes. He was always a professional. He will be greatly missed in the emergency community.*

**Angie Watson** - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy is being extended across the miles, Vicky. May you feel His presence during this time. May you feel the love of your ole Hamilton friends as you read our entries. Willa Dean (Carter) and Jimmy Gregg*

**The Jimmy Gregg's** - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Vicky, My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Sharon

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**Sharon Lindley** - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Ron, and he was a good man. He will be missed very much. Prayers are with you all.

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**Fred Sallee** - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ May God bring you peace and healing during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Anna** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Sorry for your loss! Sounds like he was a really wonderful man! My prayers are with you & your entire family!

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**Virginia Clift** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I am very sorry that we never met in person, but I heard many stories through Ronnie. Knowing what a great person she is tells me that you had to have been a great dad. Thank You for your military service to this great country and then continuing to serve the public in law enforcement.

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**MAJOR Andrew Love** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Ron was always a pleasure to have on all our calls, he was a great help. Prayer are go out to all the family, friends and co-workers, Ron was a great man and will be missed by all.

Janice Jackson - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My heart and prayers go out to Ron's family. He was a great man with a wonderful family. To not have known him is the biggest loss.

Lisa (Morrison) Lee - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I never got to personally meet Ron, but felt as though I knew him through Vicky on facebook. It was evident Ron was a good person and served his Country and community with great honor! Vicky, my prayers are for God to comfort you, Will and Ron's children in the days to come as only He can do!

Jan Williams - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Vicky, We continue to lift you up in prayer and know that you are grieving this terrible loss. I first met Ron when I dispatched for 911 back in 1995, he was a good man, and I am thankful for his unselfish service to his Country and to this County, we will all miss him.

Paul and Barbara Davolt - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ I worked for Ron while I was a dispatched at polk co 911. He was a great guy and very personable. I had an affinity with Ron, as I was prior army and a police officer for 20 years. When I decided to change careers to IT, Ron and I would talk computers. Polk Co lost a great man!

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**Norm Muelleman** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Your family is in my prayers. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Kirk Randlett** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We only knew Ron for a short ten years, but we loved him. We appreciate his love for his family and his country. Vicky, we know how much you loved him and how happy you two were. We are so very sorry that you have lost your soul mate. Children, he loved you so much and was so proud of each of you. Our love to you all..

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**Cheryl & Danny Wardlow** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Ron, I knew you only through Face Book and Vicky's comments about her beloved.....thank you for your service and to making Vicky so happy. May God bring peace and healing to Vicky, Will and all the family and friends.....

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**Drew Akridge** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Vicky, words cant express my sympathy for your loss...Ron was such a great person and will be deeply missed....It made my day the first time I met u guys at the restaurant because u guys always talked to me and were the nicest couple...He made my day when he walked in the door at the sheriffs office because I could always ask for his help and knew he would come to my rescue...Ron I will miss u deeply and will see u one day at the pearly gates of heaven...Please be my gaurdian angel and protect me...Vicky I will always keep u in my prayers...Love you and stay strong

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**Brandy Truelsen Piper** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Based on knowing Ron's wonderful daughter, Carrie, the wife of my cousin, he must have been a great man! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

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**Mariah Forrest** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My sympathy to all the family. My prayers are with you.

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**Margaret Conant** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Ronnie and family my thoughts are with you all in your time of loss. Ron sounds like a wonderful man.

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**Sheila Pomiber** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Thoughts and prayers to Ron's family, friends, and coworkers. Ron was a true professional and a true American hero that devoted his life to public service. He will be missed by all that had the priveledge to know and work with him.

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**Michael Magill** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Praying that God sends you His peace and comfort Vicky.

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**Brenda Lay** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Please know your family is in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

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**Karen Silvia** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ I knew Ron because I worked with Vicky in the Courthouse in Bolivar. As a resident of Polk County for seven years, I felt better knowing that he was one of the "force". My heart goes out to the entire family.

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**Vicki Inguagiato** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of a great man.

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**Rich & Judy McKovich** - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Vicky words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss.. I have enjoyed reconnecting with you the past year and felt like I knew Ron through you and the "post" Ron and I shared... :) How lucky you both were to have found each other and shared some amazing years!! :) Those memories will turn to treasures..... and can never be taken from you... God Bless You! Luv U, Rhena

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**Rhena Rea** - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My deepest condolences to you, Vicky, and your family. I pray for peace and comfort to your hearts during this time of sorrow. Detra

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**Detra Cale-Ellis, DC** - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Vicky, Will and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will hold you in his arms and give you the strength you will need to get through this hard time.

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**Kathy Palmer** - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. My Gods love and peace be with your family. James and Sandy Williams

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**James D Williams** - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Vicky, You have been in our thoughts and prayers since we heard the tragic news. Just know that you have friends back here in Alabama that love and care for you! May God hold his loving arms around you during this week and the days to come. He is ABLE!!!!

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**David and Darvi Jackson** - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Vicky, you are in my thoughts and prayers... So sorry for loss...

Thomas Lawhon - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Vicky, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that you will be comforted by God's love and the many wonderful memories you shared with Ron.

Janetta Garner - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Ron you were an amazing man as well as a devotional and amazing father, husband and friend.... We will miss you.... We Love you!!

Michelle - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ron, may the watch you keep now forever remain as safe as the one you kept here. We have this one, old friend. Rest Easy.

Jonathan D. Smith - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I served with LCDR Routh onboard USS Missouri. I was one of his Chief of the Watches and had the honor to have his wisdom and knowledge passed on to me and to all my junior enlisted personnel. He was a good man, a good officer and a good friend. While in the Navy, we use a signal book to send messages...I know he would understand what the following means...LCDR this is OSC: XTF EX3-4 TA89 TA88-8 G FORM 2 DESIG G-O-D TA86 BZ. Fair winds and following seas shipmate....

Clifton Bergeron - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OF THE WOOD FAMILY ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. LOVE

DOUGLAS WOOD - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Brent & Betty Gamble - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Ron, You chose a life of service. Service to the country and it's people. You and your family endured that life of servitude with honor, dignity and love. Your work is now done and God has called you home. Rest now till we all meet again at the foot of the throne of almighty God. God Bless you and your family in their time of pain and sorrow. Doug and Elaine Routh

Doug and Elaine Routh - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ You are so heavy in my thoughts...you are in every prayer. Sending my love to you all. Loren

Loren McKenzie Suits - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ We were saddened to hear of Ron's passing...he was a great guy and brought us many laughs. We enjoyed having him in rehab and will fondly remember him. Our prayers are with your family during this time. Sincerely, Cardiac Rehab staff

CARDIAC REHAB/CMH - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I didn't personally know Ronald, but am friends with his daughter Carrie. It sounds like he was a very accomplished, and passionate man, And much loved. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. My love and prayers to your family.

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**Jeannine Derr** - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Ron you were an Amazing man, Deputy and most of all Friend. I just hope you know how much you will be missed and how you touched all of our lives. You will be remembered ALWAYS !

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**Mike Kootz** - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Vicky, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Will. I feel like I knew Ron even though I never met him because Clarence and Inez thought so much of him and told me so much about him.

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**Dot Cagle** - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Ron will be missed. When I first attended court in Bolivar as a young public defender, Ron made a huge impression on me. He went far beyond the call of duty to be a mentor for a very young, very troubled teen being held in the jail. Without compromising his duty, Ron worked to show this young man that change was possible, and made clear that he believed this young man had it in him to change his life, although others in the system had given up on this individual. When I later got the opportunity to work in Bolivar, I knew that I wanted to. Why? Because I associated Ron's compassion with Bolivar. I will always look up to Ron.

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**John Forkner** - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Ron you were an awesome deputy, a great friend, and above all a wonderful person all around! You will be greatly missed and trust me when I say that you will never be forgotten!* ”

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**Devon Davis** - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM