



Ronald Sherman "Ronnie" Gumm

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RONALD SHERMAN "RONNIE" GUMM, 76, passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at his home. He was born March 17, 1941 to Mary (Tellman) and Harry Gumm. Ronnie retired from CSX Railroad after 35 years of service. He served four years in the Air Force as a Medic, was a former member of L & N Country Club for 35 years, and a former member of the men's club at Iroquois Golf Course until his health declined. Ronnie bowled at Ken Bowl Lanes for 40 years with his Dad and his six brothers, "Ron's boys". (Ken Bowl Lanes nursery practically raised his daughters). He enjoyed golf, football and U of L and U of K basketball games on TV, but his greatest pleasure was playing golf. Rumor has it that "orange" golf balls were created so guys like Ronnie could play golf in the snow. He loved 50's music, dancing and bourbon. He also loved being with his loving family and his feline pets, Baby Girl, Doober, Timmy and Buster Brown. Even though he said he would never "own" a cat, he didn't, they owned him. Although Ronnie wasn't a "church goer", he prayed every night and had faith that when he passed from this world, he would see Christ in the ever after. Ronnie had a strong will to live even though his health in the last few years was rapidly declining. He is now out of pain and at peace with his Lord. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and his many friends. Survivors include his beloved wife of 34 years, Joan (Nuneman) Gumm; daughters, Linda Gumm (Jim), Sheri Talley (Greg), Lisa Combs (Jim) and Tina Keown; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; stepchildren, Kevin Ash and Kenny Ash (Kim); four step grandchildren; one step great grandchild;

brothers, Tommy (Ruth Ann), Joey (Helen Motley), Jerry, Billy (Rose), Bobby Carl, and Randy (Linda). Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2- 8 p.m. Thursday.

Tribute Wall

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“ Linda, Rick Bruce told me about you dad. I'm so sorry for your loss. Everyone always loved your dad he did nothing to offend anyone. Really enjoyed playing golf with him at old L&N Golf Club. I hope all goes well.

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“ Ronnie was my childhood buddy--we grew up together on Bruce Ave. Ronnie's birthday is March 17 my birthday is 22 days later. Being Irish, I felt Ronnie had the best day to be born on--Saint Patrick's Day. In looking back, as boys growing up in the 40s and 50s, we lived in a remote area (dirt roads,outhouses) and of course no tvs--none of that was a problem for us--we found ways to entertain ourselves--here are few of the ways I remember my time with Ronnie. We played marbles, playing marbles like almost everything we did was extremely competitive. The number of marbles you had was important, they were bragging rights as to who was the best marble shooter--oh yeah, we had many rules, violators were called out. Yeah, we were competitive kids. Ronnie was ultra competitive--to win was Ronnie's goal. Ronnie and I attended the same grade school, Saint Thomas More.At school and around the neighborhood we played all the ball games--football, basketball, and baseball. Ronnie's competitive nature was most evident when playing in official games at Saint Thomas More--when Ronnie happened to be on the losing team he would almost cry, he wouldn't talk, he held his head down. Ronnie worked hard at winning--he gave every game all he had to give. I remember watching Ronnie pass--he threw the bomb. Ronnie played half-back, running with the ball with the option to throw the long ball. He threw the ball much further than the quarterback. I remember Ronnie's class mates and the girls were in awe of his talents--lucky Ronnie. The Football team elected Ronnie to play in a bowl games that represented the best high school players. I visited with Ronnie in 2015 during Derby week at Tommy's home. First time, we've seen each other in probably 50 years--it was a grand visit. I feel joyful that Ronnie was a part of my youth--a great friend that I will remember in so many ways.

May Ronnie's family feel the joy that Ronnie brought to all of us on Bruce Ave and the many others that had the opportunity to cross his path.

All my best,

Tim Cummings

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