



## Ronald "Ron" James Drake

May 1, 1969 - August 7, 2021

Ronald James Drake, 52-year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Port Maria Jamaica, died on August 7, 2021, at Circle of Life in Springdale, Arkansas. Born on May 1, 1969, in San Jose, California, to Ronald Martin and Jan Richardson, Ron grew up in California and graduated from Ceres High School, before moving to Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to further a career in construction and restoration. Ron had two daughters, Lacey and Alexis, who gave him the most honorable title of all, "Dad". On February 22, 2002, he married the love of his life, Christina.

In 2005, Ron and Christina started their own restoration business. Through the years, they brought 17 historic buildings in Siloam Springs back to life. In 2013, Ron began consulting to communities across America using his visionary talent. His consulting motto was, "Inspire-Equip-Restore". He never looked at something as broken, as he saw the potential for even the most lifeless buildings to be made into something vibrant for the community.

Ron was a friend to everyone and left his mark on many Main Street communities and the hearts of their citizens with his enthusiasm and passion for restoration. He was the author of the book, "Flip This Town", and had a podcast, also called "Flip This Town", where he and his podcast partner set out to "restore the heart of America, one downtown at a time." Ron and Christina's organization, OneLove Outreach, was held close to his heart. Their mission is to "enhance the quality of life in Port Maria, Jamaica, and the Parrish of St. Mary through community restoration and economic development

projects while building friendships, and sharing joy, love, and light.” “Abide-Respect-Restore” is their motto. Ron was a long-time member of Community Christian Fellowship in Siloam Springs and had a strong faith and relationship with the Lord.

Ron is survived by his wife, Christina, of Port Maria, Jamaica; his two daughters, Lacey Young and husband Cody, of Siloam Springs, Alexis Drake, and fiancé Seth Hufford, also of Siloam Springs; one beloved grandson, Skyler Young; his fathers, Ronald Martin, of Nampa, Idaho, and Dennis Drake, of Modesto, California; three brothers, Jeff Drake, of Hughson, California, Adam Drake, of Ceres, California, and David Martin, of Nampa, Idaho; and one sister, Regina Moore, of Meridian, Idaho. One of Ron’s most cherished titles to his many nieces and nephews was “Uncle Roncho Poncho”.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 2pm at Community Christian Fellowship, in Siloam Springs with Pastor Pat Callahan officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Gideons to purchase Bibles or to the Drake’s ministry OneLove Outreach via Generations Bank Siloam Springs, AR.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Community Christian Fellowship  
525 S. Lincoln  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Our hearts are heavy for the loss of Ron but filled with so much joy knowing he lived his life to the fullest and is now resting in HIS arms. We want to thank Ron for his kindness, friendliness and his passionate love of Siloam Springs.

JD & Audra Farrell - August 21, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 20, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 18, 2021 at 05:50 PM



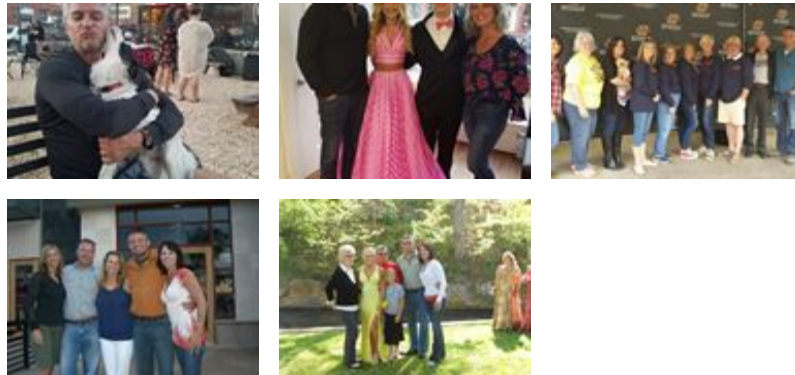
“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.*



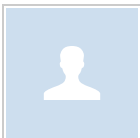
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**Wasson Funeral Home** - August 17, 2021 at 06:05 PM



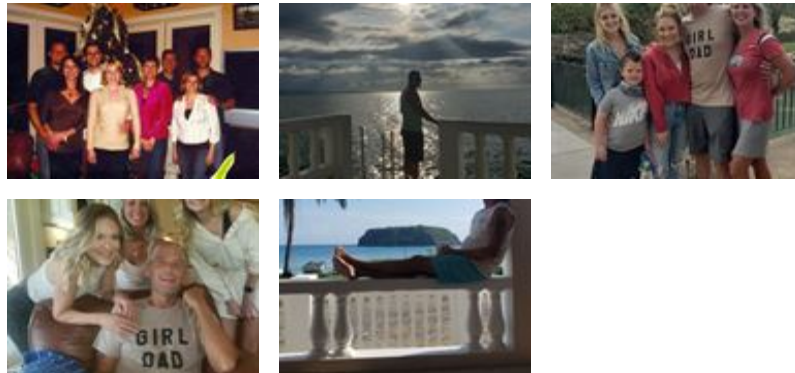
“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.*



August 17, 2021 at 12:21 PM



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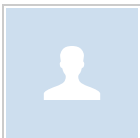
Wasson Funeral Home - August 16, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" James Drake*



Liz Reading - August 13, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.*



August 13, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 11, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Steve and Emily Farley purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket* for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



**Steve and Emily Farley** - August 11, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 11, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 10, 2021 at 11:18 PM

SD

“ Ron's effervescent smile, his kind heart, his love for humanity, his belief and love for God, touched us also here in Jamaica. Though he's gone, his memory will be forever etched in our hearts. I will miss that big warm smile and our inspirational conversations....a 2 minute visit would turn into a full 30 minutes conversation. Words can never express the loss, shock and emptiness of his passing but time will heal. Our love, sympathy and condolences go out to our dear Christina and the rest of his family. May God grant you all strength during this awful time and may His Light Perpetually shine on you.

Suzette Dixon-Fletcher - August 10, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" James Drake.



August 10, 2021 at 06:49 PM

ER

“ Yours was truly a restoration story. A beautiful picture of God's love for us displayed in marriage. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Erinaly814@gmail.com - August 10, 2021 at 05:40 PM

GB

“ Ronnie was one of a kind... American Original! What you saw is what you got! No airs. My kind of guy. He will be missed, and I don't say that lightly or flippantly! Much love to Tina, the girls, and the rest of the family. Godspeuy, big boy! BDOP

Gerald Robert Burns - August 10, 2021 at 05:09 PM



RR

“ Many of us here in Jasper, Alabama are saddened to hear of Ron’s passing.

*He and his group came to Jasper to tour the available upstairs of some of the properties in the downtown area including ours. I told many people about Ron and his kind, enthusiasm toward all of us. We are so sorry !*

*Rusty Richardson  
Bernard’s “Store For Men”  
Jasper, Alabama*

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**Rusty Richardson** - August 10, 2021 at 04:59 PM

TH

“ Christina,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I love how you and Ron lived to the fullest every day. God bless.*

*Tony Hawk*

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**Tony Hawk** - August 10, 2021 at 04:49 PM

FI

“ Christina....Jill and I extend our sympathies and our love to you. Ron was such a lifeforce who impacted everyone he came in contact with. God's angels were with him when he left this place. In an instant he touched the face of Jesus as Jesus touched his. What a wonderful reunion it will be when we are all together again. Peace and love to you.

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**Fred Ichniowski** - August 10, 2021 at 04:28 PM

JM

*What a wonderful blessing he was tons Okmulgee. So sorry for his death. Positive thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jim McClendon** - August 10, 2021 at 08:59 PM

IS

“ I am so sorry for your lost. I am sad and I pray from France for you and your family.

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**Isabelle Saison** - August 10, 2021 at 03:13 PM

SU

“ Christina and girls, I have such fond memories of Ron. When he came into our community to "rally the troops", he had many obstacles to overcome. He told me our town was his only failure. Now, we are finally on the road to revitalization, due to some buildings being sold and the right folks purchasing them with the intent to restore our beautiful historic buildings. Ron would be so proud to see the progress, and I credit him for starting the spark! Much love to you, I know you miss him terribly.

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**Suzanne** - August 10, 2021 at 03:05 PM

TP

“ Christina, my deepest condolences on the passing of Ron. I will always remember his beautiful smile! Hugs to you dear!

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**Tina Price** - August 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM