



Mr. Ronald A. Estes

January 17, 1943 - July 4, 2023

Ronald A. Estes of Lenox, Massachusetts, died quickly and unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 4th, 2023. Born on January 17, 1943, Ron was the son of Paul and Esther Williams Estes. He was raised in Dalton, graduating from Dalton High School in 1961. Always an athlete, Ron was recently inducted into the "Monday Morning Quarterback Club" of the Dalton Football Hall of Fame. Ron was graduated from Ryder College, where he met his life partner, Myrna Wolfson. They were married in 1968. He taught social studies at Taconic High School for 35 years. Ron's true passion was sports - competing in and mastering many himself, and coaching and encouraging hundreds of kids and adults.

A savvy and tough competitor, Ron was a champion paddler. He competed in 109 canoe races throughout New England and New York from 1981-2006, including the grueling General Clinton 70-mile Regatta in Cooperstown, NY, which he won 10 times.

He competed in the Josh Billings for 20 years, always finishing in the top 10 and once placing 2nd overall. Several of his teams won the "All Berkshire" category.

As a runner, Ron clocked 15 minutes 12 seconds in the Independence Day Run at age 50.

Ron was the long-time ski coach for Taconic High School, where his teams won multiple Berkshire County and Tri-State Championships.

Ron had to ski 100 days a year no matter the conditions. If Jiminy Peak

closed before his 100th day, he would walk up the slope and ski down to meet his goal. After snow season, Ron rigorously played tennis and trained by running throughout the neighborhood. He and Myrna were part of the Berkshire (non)Hunt Rides on Lenox Mountain, which were always followed by dinner at Eastover.

More recently, Ron took up sport fishing, making new friends and working with wounded veterans through Operation Reel Heroes Cape Cod, which works closely with the Wounded Warrior Project and has taken more than 300 veterans on fishing weekends.

Ron was a loyal and supportive friend to people of all ages, whether he'd known them since boyhood or met them just recently. Many called him "coach" or "captain" because he easily mentored and encouraged everyone in the endeavors that mattered most to them.

In addition to his wife Myrna, Ron is survived by his brother-in-law Jordan Gallarani, nieces Susan Allen and Ellen Gallarani, nephew Howard Lipson, and their families. He was predeceased by his sister, Sandra Gallarani, Steven and Elizabeth Lipson, nephew Richard Lipson and grand-nephew Jared Lipson.

Ron's friends are invited to share stories and celebrate his memory at The Lodge at Bousquet, Pittsfield from 2 - 5 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. A graveside service will be held at 1 PM on Tuesday at Mountain View Cemetery in Lenox. The Rev. Rich Hayes, retired Hospice Chaplain, will officiate.

Donations in Ron's memory may be made to Operation Reel Heroes Cape Cod on their website <https://operationreelheroes.com> or in care of ROCHE FUNERAL HOME, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery
Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Lodge at Bousquet
101 Dan Fox Drive
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

LB

“ To the entire Estes family,
I just learned of Mr Estes passing and I am so saddened. He was a teacher of mine at Taconic, a friend on the slopes, and a neighbor to my Uncle Hans in Lenox. He always had a smile and recognized me everywhere I saw him no matter how much time had passed. His enthusiasm for life and sports is something I will always remember about him. May you each be comforted by your memories of him. Peace and blessings to you all. Louise

Louise Brogan - August 23, 2023 at 01:35 PM

GC

“ Dear Myrna. I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was a great man who had a tremendous influence on the young people he taught and coached. He will certainly be missed. I will be thinking of you during these difficult times!

Gary Clarkson - July 08, 2023 at 01:54 PM

JC

“ Ron was a thoughtful and caring individual always ready to assist someone in need. An avid fisherman. he loved catching striped bass, spending hours on the Myrna G. alone at peace, , with friends and Myrna Personally I met Ron many years ago at Northside Marina where Ron kepted his boat. We shared some great days and stories about life and fishing. Ron's favorite spot to fish was the Rock Pile, now referred by me as Ron's Place. He will be missed by many of us at the marina. Ron , I will miss U big. My prayer is that you meet my dad and father-in-law both avid fisherman in your eternal life. Tight lines Ron, fish on.

John Ciccariello - July 08, 2023 at 11:41 AM

MP

“ *A true teacher/coach/inspiration to many students.*
Matthew Pictrowski

Matthew Pictrowski - July 08, 2023 at 06:57 AM

DB

“ *It has been an honor to be Ron's neighbor and friend for nearly 40 years.*

Debbie Burke - July 07, 2023 at 05:13 PM