



Ronald K. Marks

November 3, 1941 - June 15, 2022

Ronald K. Marks, 80, of Estero Florida passed away on June 15, 2022 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. He was born in Evanston, Illinois a son of the late C. Clifford Marks and Hazel Eckert Marks.

Loving husband of Patricia for 52 years, father of Brian (Jennifer) of Westborough MA and Erin (Travis) Tiedeman of Wisconsin Dells, and grandfather to Travis, Lucius, Jacob and Jonah. Brother of Gary (Lynn) Marks of Phoenix Arizona. Step brother of Barry Rietz and Robert Rietz. Brother in-law of Frances Ruhl, Kathleen Arvia and Susan Zabinski.

Ron grew up in Mount Prospect, Illinois. He received his bachelors in Biology and Master's in Geology from Northern Illinois University and continued taking science classes for many years. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and a teaching assistant at NIU's field campus.

Ron taught environmental science, biology and earth science at Crystal Lake Community High School in Illinois for 35 years and was also the varsity golf coach for 26 years and a member of the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame. He was president of his neighborhood association in Illinois and on the Board of Directors for his association in Wisconsin.

Ron loved his 19 years at Villages of Country Creek and was a member of the

men's golf league and the Bocce Bandits. He was a friendly, kind person, who loved talking with his golf friends and his bocce teammates. In his heyday, he was a great golfer, an avid bridge player, and a good bocce player.

Ron enjoyed spending his summers in Wisconsin Dells, where he walked down to see his grandkids every evening and enjoyed the beautiful natural sites in the Dells, identifying every wildflower, bird, and geological formation he saw. For many years he served as naturalist and gave golf clinics at Christmas Mountain Village, and played golf any time he could.

Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held at Country Creek and Wisconsin Dells at later date.

To sign Ron's guest register or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald K. Marks*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I was a pledge brother on Ron's and fondly remember the good times together while in college. Ross Phifer*

Ross Phifer - June 28, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Ronald K. Marks.*

June 20, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *I don't think there is enough room for all I can write about Ron since I have known him. He purchased a lot from me at Xmas Mt. & that was the beginning of many years of great memories. I loved playing golf with him even though he always won, but he would also give me pointers that I still use today! I enjoyed listening to him talk about science, golf, & the stock market over a beer many times. What an intelligent man he was. Pat, Erin, & Brian, know that my thoughts & prayers are with you & although I had not seen him in many years I will never forget the first day I met him at the Mountain and the many memories I was able to share with him and the three of you!*

A finer man you will never meet.

God Bless

Michael McKenzie - June 20, 2022 at 06:53 PM

GL

“ I remember when Ron pulled into my driveway in Country Creek. He had heard we were from Woodstock and was looking for a suggestion on a house to buy. During the next few years we had many good moments on the golf course. Will deeply miss him.

Glen Lerum

glen lerum - June 20, 2022 at 05:20 PM

BO

“ Ron was a staple at Christmas Mountain, I can't even imagine the place without him!

Bill Oakes - June 20, 2022 at 03:53 PM

BB

“ Ron was a great guy we played golf together when I was Golf Pro at The Mountain lot of fond memories and fun times Rere gentleman who played by the rules 😊 May he RIP. Condolences to the family

Billy Brown - June 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

PS

“ Ron and Pat, I remember the first time we met we learned of being the second Ron and Pat in Country Creek. That group enlarged to 4 Ron and Pats and I have the photo for proof. You will always be first in our book.

Pat Smoyer - June 18, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ *I met Ron in eight grade and we graduated in the class of '59 from Arlington Heights High School. My condolences to all.*

Toni Minetti Kane

Toni Kane - June 18, 2022 at 12:05 PM

BG

“ *Didn't meet Ron till later in life here at the mountain. What a privilege to know him. He was a great golfer and conversationalist. You could tell he was also very intellectual. He was extremely humble and kind. Great role model for us all. Miss him. God blessed you Pat.*

bob gouwens - June 18, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald K. Marks.*



June 18, 2022 at 12:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald K. Marks.*



June 17, 2022 at 10:05 PM

TT

“ Ron you were a great bocce partner....you will be missed. Love to Pat and the family! Find peace...we know Ron has.

Trudy Traynor - June 17, 2022 at 08:45 PM

SR

“ Growing up with Ron in Mt. Prospect, I remember him well. He was not only the nicest of guys, but a real cutie! And he obviously carried those good looks well into his senior years! Thoughts of him make me smile, and that's a great legacy. My sincere sympathy to the family at this his passing, but I know he is now also making the angels smile in heaven. Sue Tabacik Renaud

Suzanne Tabacik Renaud - June 17, 2022 at 07:51 PM

JA

“ It was always fun being a member of Ron's scramble team. He gave great golf advice and never blamed a teammate's poor shot.
Jan Pauc

JanicePauc - June 17, 2022 at 07:25 PM

JA

“ I was lucky to spend time with Ron and hear stories about his life. Such a lovely man. He will be missed.

Joyce Allard - June 17, 2022 at 06:38 PM

KA

“ Dear Ron, I will miss you so much! You were always so nice to me and I'm happy I was able to spend time with you in Florida.

kathy arvia - June 17, 2022 at 06:29 PM

PM

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Patricia Marks - June 17, 2022 at 06:11 PM

JV

“ Ron was a great guy. Had a great and genuine interest in just about everything . Always loved having a beer and some conversation with Ron. We had some great battles as competing coaches and players but when all was said and done we were friends. Will always remember winning the Oldsmobile Scramble with Ron at Christmas Mountain in a pouring rain. We dont use the word very often anymore but Ron was a true gentleman. Pat sorry for your loss

Jeff Varda

Jeff Varda - June 17, 2022 at 05:52 PM

DG

“ Ron was a great golfer and even took me over to Stoneybrook for lessons. Did not like to play against him in the match play. He always eliminated me. It is sad to see him leave like so many of us old timers from CC. May he rest in peace. Ron, say hello to my wife. Dave Gallagher

David Gallagher - June 17, 2022 at 05:18 PM