



Ronald James Voorhees

May 13, 1933 - August 2, 2017

Ronald James Voorhees, 84, passed away on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. He came to this world as a gift to his family on the day before Mother's Day: May 13, 1933. He is survived by his wife of 31 years Lucy Voorhees; sisters Darlene Voorhees and Marie Burns of Fresno, California; sons Ronald Michael Voorhees and Kristopher James Voorhees; daughter Charmaine Vanessa Voorhees; grandson Ross Voorhees; and granddaughter Ashley Voorhees.

Ronald James Voorhees was born in Washington, D.C. to parents, Lillian Quinlist and Arthur Garfield Voorhees. His family often traveled between the west coast and Wyoming during the 1930s recession, introducing a young Ronald to the best of both worlds: the mountains and the sea. Ronald spent his formative years in Greybull, Wyoming and, as a young man, he enjoyed many different jobs, including shepherd and lifeguard, which demonstrated his abilities as a natural born leader. It was in Wyoming that he found his passion for rigbuilding. Ronald began his career as a young roughneck determined to prove himself by outworking those around him. Eventually, he built several of his own companies from the ground up. He was well respected in the oilfield community, and loved that his work allowed him to travel the world. Ronald considered one of his proudest achievements to be the Mega `Bungee, a bungee jumping platform modified from an old rig which stood 220 feet tall next to the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. In addition to being an

entrepreneur and inventor, Ronald proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War.

A serious yet soft-spoken man, Ronald measured his words carefully but spoke often of his love for his family and his work crew to others. Anyone who met Ronald was frequently reminded of his love for the outdoors. A traveler across the globe, he felt most at home alongside an ocean. Although he never believed in retirement, his ideal retirement plan would have been to live on an island. An independent, strong-willed spirit, Ronald will be missed dearly. His family is certain that Ronald has now found his perfect place in the sun.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, August 10 , 2017 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Ronald's memory to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. Visit www.DettlingFuneral.com to leave words of condolence for the family.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald James Voorhees*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Ronald James Voorhees*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



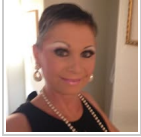
“ *Ronald James Voorhees*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Ronald James Voorhees*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ For Ronald, family came first, as I so often was a witness to. When my father and his brother, Artie, was terminally ill he and his beautiful wife Lucy were so kind and caring to him and our entire family. Ronald was generous to a vault and always getting family together to celebrate family. He was a true mans man, self-made, diligent and tenacious. Thank you Ronald for all your love and concern. Now it is your time to rest and spend time with your family members who have gone before. This is not good-bye, as we will all be together when the Lord chooses to reunite us. Blessings.



Paula, Chris, Christopher and James Swatty

Paula Swatty - August 10, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.*



August 09, 2017 at 07:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.*



August 09, 2017 at 04:31 PM

MS

“ I atill can't believe Ron is gone, my most sincere condolences to the Voorhees family. Growing up I was blessed with the oppertunity to work side by side with Ron. Being a young man I learned a great deal of everything from Ron. It makes me very sad to think of all of this but I have many memories and lessons in life that I treasure and thank Ron for very frequently. Rest in peace sir, we will see you soon. -Pachi

Miguel Scolari - August 09, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.



August 08, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.



August 08, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.



August 08, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.



August 08, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Ron. He was a good long time friend, & I will be missing the phone call from him.
Sam Warren

Sam Warren - August 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald James Voorhees.



August 08, 2017 at 07:46 AM

RL

“ I first met Ron in Stavanger, Norway, in the late 1970s and worked with him there for a short period of time. We again crossed paths in Mexico a year or so later, and in later where Ron was doing some rig erection. We crossed paths again, some years later in Houston. Ron was diligent, knowledable in his trade, ranking among the very best. He was outstanding as an individual with knowledge in his field and his high level of integrity. I considered him to be a true friend and the world is smaller with his passing.

Richard Lyon

Richard Lyon - August 08, 2017 at 04:54 AM