



Ronald Ray Stapleton

December 11, 1953 - December 26, 2012

Ron passed away Dec. 26, 2012, at home in Vancouver, WA surrounded by loved ones after several months of ill health. Born Dec. 11, 1953 in Joplin MO. to Bob & Louise Stapleton. He grew up in Carthage, MO. & graduated from Carthage High School in 1971. Ron was preceded in death by brother Dick Stapleton in 1981, father Bob Stapleton Sr. in 1982, stepfather David Fairbank in 2010, & several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife Deborah, mother Louise Fairbank of Joplin, brother Bob Stapleton Jr. and wife Barb of Tulsa, Ok, stepsister, Susan Rush and husband John of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. mother-in-law Barbara Hart of Woodland, WA. sister-in-law Sandy Wells and husband Jack of Battle Ground, WA. aunts Maxine Hunnell & Carol Arrowood, her husband Glenn from Carthage, MO., aunt Connie Everitt of Joplin, MO. 5 nieces Carla, Brandi, Amanda, Tabatha & Drew three great-nieces, six great-nephews & numerous cousins. Ron was an accomplished Musician & taught guitar lessons. He had played with various bands throughout the country and locally. Ron was cremated at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. There will be a Celebration of Life service at the Red Lion Quay on February 2nd @ 2pm.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ Ron was a very good person and a good son. I miss him very much!

Louise Fairbank - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To my Bro. for real!!! without a doubt my oldest friend. You were taken away far to soon, through all the years through thick and thin, however near or far the miles seperated us, i know in my heart of hearts we were always together in spirit. i will still love you forever and before we know it we will be joined together again for eternity!! until that time you will still be in my heart. luv u bob.

Bob Stapleton - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ron, my Cousin; my Friend. You always had a smile on your face & either a guitar in your hand or one on your mind. When I got my first guitar at age 15, you happened to call my Dad that day. When you found out I had a new guitar, you came right over to see it. Your passion for music not only inspired me, but others. One of my favorite lyrics: "Look to the future, treasure the past, live for the moment & make memories that last." You sure did that. Until we meet again, Sean

Sean Stapleton - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Ron, what to say! I will miss your smile and that little smirk. Most I will miss your music, You and your brother setting at your mom's kitchen table just pick'n always put's a smile on my face. I would have to write a book about all our funny crazy adventure's. I feel so very blessed to have a brother n law as wonderful caring and so very talented for 30 yrs. I will carry you in my heart always and forever. Save me a front row seat for your band in Heaven. Love your sister n law

Barbara Stapleton - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Debbie: I did not have the honor of meeting Ron but knowing you he must have been a great guy. Sorry about your loss but you have little Sweet Tea to keep you busy. My prayers are always with your family.

Sharon Milan - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am one of the several cousins, Steve's sister. I was so sorry to hear of Ron's illness and glad he had family around to comfort him. You are all in my thoughts. Miki

Miki Stapleton Shaw - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Debbie, We are sorry for the lost of Ron, your Love, soul mate and companionship. More sorry that we were unable to make Ron service. So sadden that these unforeseen events happen also. If you need to get ahold of us please do, we care. Lots' of love to you in your time of sorrow.

Bonnie Martin and Albert Causey - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We miss and love Ron very much. Wonderful memories of Ron fill our thoughts. He was an amazing man.

Marie and Anna Hauge - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We will miss you Ron, just know we will take care of your girl! God Bless.

Jacque Stonelake - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ You will be missed!

Jody Legree - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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SS

“ Ron, cousins by blood, friends by choice. You are missed, Copperhead Springs will never be the same. Save me a seat Brother, we're not finished visiting. Love you, Steve

Steve Stapleton - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Uncle Ronnie you will be missed sincerely! you were always an important person in my life and always will be! I love you! Glad you had Aunt Debbie!

Brandi Stapleton - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *The memories of Ron always make me smile. It was always nothing but fun when we were with the two of you!!! love you Deb, we will miss Ron and his smile :)*

Samantha and Brian Bex - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *It was an honor and privilege to have known Ron, to have spent time with him and to have played music with him. He will be very greatly missed.*

Susan and Dave Lucht - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *I had not had the pleasure to know Ron the musician, however I did have the pleasure of knowing Ron. Debbie's best frind, partner and. soul mate. A truley beautiful relationship. I know he is watching over you and making sure your ok. Deb was given a piece of heaven with her time with him. Much love to you!! Cristy T:) I feel blessed to have been part of your life and support.*

Cristy Toristoja - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *I am very blessed to have had you in my life. Rest in paradise Ron!You will be missed dearly..*

Kista Roberts - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of Ron. He was the best!*

Kim Railey - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Ron was a humble man with a good he art. I was blessed to know him and share Jesus with him. Debbie my prayers are with you.

Pastor Steve - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Nice having to know you Ron, I will miss you Frank Decker

Frank Decker - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ May you always cary him with you. I pray for your heart to heal and for peace to find you as you move into the next phase of life. I love you dear friend and cannott express how much I care for you and want you to find that joy again!

Cheryl Averette - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Many fond and happy memoies with you two. I think about our adventures and washing windows together

Crystal Nebeker - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Love you Deb.

lynn gatter - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Thinking of you friend, Brenda, Hannah & Ty

Brenda Gilliland - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ You will be truly missed, I love you smile Diane

Diane gatter - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ You are in our hearts and prayers. May the love that you and Ron had together carry you through the tough times.

Nicole and Steve - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Ron wu ill be missed! Out of all the musicians I have played with over the 1st fourty yeras Ron was the most layed back easy to get along I ever had the chance to play with! RIP!

Duane Dettmann - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We are both thinking of you Deb.

Jim and FRani Lilienthal - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We are thinking of you, and grateful that we could be here to celebrate Ron's life.

James & Jacque Deibert - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Deb I was saddened and shocked by the death of Ron. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a kind man and I will remember him with a smile. In Sadness Debra Lester

Debra Lester - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ So hard to believe that Ron is actually gone. He was one unselfish guy and will be greatly missed. Our prayers are for you, Debby.

Rick and Beth Robert - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Ron you were a brother inlaw as well as a friend. Leaving behind wonderful memories as well as the beautiful music you played. You will truly be missed but not forgotten.

Jack & Sandy Wells - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I never had more fun playing guitar with anyone. Just so grateful for all the memorable times we had. Miss you Ron.

James Deibert - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Ron you were full of life, until one day a slip up from a doctor changed everything. I am so sorry for all of the suffering you had to endure. I feel this was harder for you to except then we even realized. You were/are such a great man, you had so many dreams and so much talent. You know you can still play for us, we will hear. The girls and I send our love to you and Deb

Leslie Maschmedt - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You will always be in my heart.. The love of my life. I will love you forever. xoxoxoxo

Deborah Stapleton - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ We will miss you Ron. All our love to Debbie and her family.

Steve and Kathy Timmins - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Uncle Ronnie, you are missed everyday! I am so grateful I had the opportunity to care for you during your illness. Not a day goes by I don't think about you. Your music will play in our hearts forever! I am so glad you were able to be with your great nephews, they miss their Uncle Ronnie too. I love you forever and I can hear you say back to me "and ever and ever". Rest in peace, you will never be forgotten!!!

Drew&Joe Strand - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We will miss Ron. He will be in our memories always. Barbara Hart

Barbara Hart - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Debbie & Family, We are so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. He was loved by many and will be missed by everyone who knew him. You are in our prayers.

Jennie & Harrison Roberts - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM