



## Mr. Ronald Lee Runge

August 4, 1946 - September 21, 2020

Ronald Lee (Ron) Runge passed away on Monday September the 21st, 2020 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He was 74 years old.

Ron was born in Bloomington Illinois on August 4th, 1946, to Howard Runge and Helen (Judy) Mason. After graduating in 1964, he went on to serve his country in the US Air Force for four years. After completing his time in the service, Ron moved to Tallahassee and worked at the Silver Slipper for many years. We have all heard many stories and laughs coming from his years at the Slipper. He later retired with the State of Florida Department of Transportation. After retirement he worked with security at the State Legislature for several years.

Ron leaves behind his loving wife and life partner of 34 years, Joyce (Dickerson) Runge; sons, Rick Runge, Troy (Michelle) Runge, Shawn Runge, Mason (Mandy) Runge; daughter, Ronda (Runge) Gately; stepdaughter, Michele Whitehead; stepson, Tim Boyd; grandchildren, Desiree, Trevor, Christopher, AJ, Tyler, Trenton, Casey, Devin, Chloe, Ronin and Rainor; great-grandchildren, Gabe, Cameron, Jax, Shawn and Jax. His brother, Dave Runge of Mexico, Missouri, and sisters, Peggy Smith and Diane Arwood, both from Bloomington, Illinois, survive him also. He also leaves behind his four footed girls, Kizzie and Sadie. They loved their Daddy very much and will miss him tremendously.

Ron had many hobbies, from going to the range with his son, Mason, and his dear friend, Chuck Gaylord. He and Joyce enjoyed garage hopping and flea market days. Ron believed one man's junk was another man's treasure, and over the years he collected many treasures, and Joyce collected lots of junk.

Ron and Joyce loved going to bingo together, where they met many friends and always had a good time. They also enjoyed traveling to Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi. At times family would travel from different states and would all meet there to spend time together. The last time the Runges were all together was at the Runge family reunion in May 2019, hosted by Mason and Mandy Runge. There was good food, games, lots of visiting and witnessing the Runge sense of humor.

Visiting Ron and Joyce's house was always a fun time with a game of yahtzee. Ron had a signature saying he would express before rolling the dice, (hachacha). It will forever be his saying and will always be a part of any yahtzee game played at that table.

Ron was charismatic. He was very caring and had a great sense of humor. He could lighten the room when he walked in, and bring life to any gatherings. He could always make you laugh and smile no matter how bad your day had been. He always had words of wisdom for anyone who needed it and took the time to listen. He loved numbers (he was a numbers man) and liked to teach and help his children and grandchildren how to use those numbers especially to help themselves, always pay yourself first, invest in your future. He cared so deeply for his family and his friends. If you ever needed a helping hand he would be there to lend it. He has touched the hearts of everyone he knew. He will be missed by so many, but will never be forgotten.

Per Ron's request there will be no service, but a Celebration of Life will be

announced at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *My heart goes out to the family. I met Ron many years ago while he worked at my Dad bad Al's Tavern. He was a amazing man.*

Chris Holder - October 06, 2020 at 08:00 PM

ZW

“ *Oh no! I just found out last night. We are all heart broken at The Other Side Vintage. Ron taught me so much. Joyce too! I can't imagine seeing one without the other. Joyce, I am so sorry. I know that Ron spoke about his family including the pets often and fondly. What a true gentleman with a touch of fantastic insight and humor. I love when he says he was off to a religious retreat ... AKA Biloxi or such. They don't make couples like Ron & Joyce any more! True heroism, true love, true compassion for people. I don't know what else to say. Heart broken, but honored to have known such an amazing Man. - Zan Walker*



Zan Walker - October 06, 2020 at 02:07 PM

PK

“ *Rest in peace my friend! You will be missed in the Moose Bingo Hall! You always brought a smile to our faces. Joyce-prayers for you and the children.*



Pat Karter - October 05, 2020 at 01:16 PM

AP

“ *Angel Pringley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Lee Runge*



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**Angel Pringley** - October 04, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DF

“ *Joyce, Ann and I are shocked at the loss of Ron. You were both instrumental in us getting together on a blind lunch date years ago and we have now been married close to 30 years thanks to both of your match making abilities. I also worked with Ron at DOT and also knew him through the Silver Slipper he was a great friend and we had some fun times and you and Ann also worked together. We lost touch with each other over the years but he was thought about frequently and so were you. No excuse but sometimes life moves so fast and you get side tracked with events in your life you forget to stop and enjoy and reflect on life with old friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be missed by you, your family and his many friends!*

*Dennis & Ann Filloon*

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**Dennis & Ann Filloon** - September 27, 2020 at 02:01 PM

NP

“Wow! I didn't even get to say Goodbye! 😭😭 you were like my second papa! You made my heart fill with joy every time I entered the room in bingo. Whether I was having a good or bad day I felt so happy knowing you was there! Oh how I loved my Mr. Ron! Bingo and life will never be the same without you , papa! You left me sad and so blue! I keep thinking about you! I left some balloons at your chair at bingo! Sunday I will sit there just to breathe for you again! And we never took that trip to Biloxi! Maybe we'll go with Mama Joyce one day. I'm trying to find the words, but this hurts so bad!! But I'll remember your humor and remember your smile, that'll carry me for a while! Hey guess what? I do have something to remember you by! The day you left us was my son's birthday! What a coincidence , huh! It's very meaning to me because it's just another blessing I'll hold close to my heart! I ll forever love you papa ! Fare-ye-well and good bye for now! I know wherever you are now, YOU GOT THEM FOLKS ALL LAUGHING! 😭😭😭😭😭 broken heart , but joyful spirit cause the skies have gained an awesome man! Love your girl Natalie from bingo!!! Ps you left without your breakfast bread and your wheat bread and my heart❤️❤️❤️❤️ JONISH SAYS GOODBYE FRIEND!

Natalie Potter - September 26, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“My thoughts & prayers are with the entire family. I was always greeted with a WARM SMILE & BIG HUG from Ron when ever I saw him & his lovely wife, Joyce. I don't think I've ever seen either of them without a smile. Out of all the stories I've heard about Ron, I don't think I'll ever forget the story of how he and Joyce walked away with a brand new truck from one of their many trips to Biloxi. I'll miss him Dearly.  
Frances Campbell



Frances Campbell - September 25, 2020 at 03:02 PM

MK

“Joyce, Dave and I are so sad to hear of Ron's passing. He will forever be fondly remembered for many things, but to us his years of participation in the ongoings of the Funkshun Junkshun will forever be tops in our book of memories. Our best to you as you navigate through this trying time. Love, Mary K. and Dave Barbour

Mary K.Barbour - September 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM

MR

“This was one of the best times of our life. Us all together, sharing stories, good food, lots of laughter and fun. The Runge sense of humor is one of a kind. Dad, you will be missed beyond measure. We will keep the yahtzee game going (hachacha) until we meet again. We love you.

Troy, Michelle, and Ronda Runge



Michelle Runge - September 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

FF

“Joyce. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have very fond memories of Ron at DOT. I could always count on him for guidance and he never let me down. I occasionally ran into you guys in Biolixi and give me tips on which machines were paying... I am so so sorry.....I know he will be missed by all.

Fran Felix - September 24, 2020 at 12:12 PM

TS

“ Dear Joyce and Family

*We were blessed to have Ron in our life at DOT and as our advisor on Biloxi matters. Ron was wise, positive and fun, and he will be missed. Our thoughts are with you at this most difficult time. Please take care.*

*John Cross and Tereasa Stewart*

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**Tereasa Stewart** - September 24, 2020 at 10:36 AM

FF

“ *I have such precious memories of Ron. He always had my back at FDOT. HE WAS A GREAT MANAGER. I am beyond shocked that he has passed. God bless you Joyce and all your family. Fran Felix*

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**Fran felix** - September 23, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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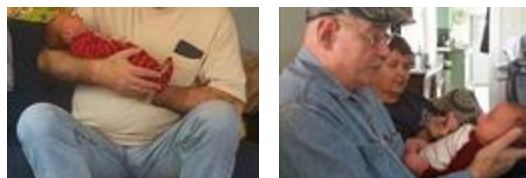
“ *Our hearts are broken to hear of Ron's passing. He was one of a kind and was a wonderful person. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this very difficult time 🙏*

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**Clay and Linda Glessner** - September 23, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Grandpa Ron will be sorely missed by his family and friends. With time, our memories will help ease our grief.*



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**Amanda Maxwell-Runge** - September 23, 2020 at 04:52 PM