



## Ronald "Ronnie" Chapman

June 17, 1951 - July 26, 2023

Murrells Inlet.....

Ronald "Ronnie" Chapman, age 72, died suddenly on Wednesday July 26, 2023, from complications of Juvenile diabetes requiring kidney dialysis for about 3 years. He was on the kidney transplant list at MUSC for 5 years waiting for a donor kidney.

Ronnie was born on June 17, 1951, in Columbia, SC to the late Leland and Betty Chapman. Ronnie was laid back, fun loving and had a great sense of humor. He never met a stranger and would talk to anyone. He was a wonderful family man and his family was very important to him especially his twin grandchildren, which he was crazy about. Ronnie loved to watch his grandson play travel baseball and went to as many games as he could. He loved to fish and go on his boat in Murrells Inlet. He had enjoyed boating since he was a child. Ronnie and Cecilia enjoyed traveling and made many trips to California to visit their son Chris. He was an avid Gamecock's Fan and he enjoyed tinkering and fixing things around the house. Ronnie retired early from Sexton Dental Clinic in Florence, where he was a dental lab technician for about 28 years. Ronnie was a long-term member of Calvary Baptist Church in Florence before retiring in Garden City Beach.

He is preceded in death by his loyal companion Gretchen, his Golden

Retriever Dog, who was always by his side.

Ronnie is survived by his best friend and the love of his life for almost 50 years, his wife Cecilia Dare, son Chris Chapman of Manhattan Beach, California, daughter Heather Chapman Crowley and her husband Shawn of Summerville, S.C., and their two children Colton and Ashlyn; sister Vickie Buchignani and her husband Rocky of Albuquerque, NM; a special Aunt Rosemary Frick and her husband Marion, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ronnie will be greatly missed by all who know him.

A Celebration of Life drop in will be August 12th 1-4, at Salter's Cove club house in Garden City.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

# Tribute Wall

VL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie’s passing. I have know To nice since elementary school. But lost track after graduating high school. The last time I saw him was on our 30th high school reunion cruise. He was always a great guy and will be missed Vickie McLean Lide

Vickie Lide - August 15, 2023 at 11:39 AM

LD

Miss my cousin Ronnie he was the oldest grandson and I was the youngest He was like a big brother to me growing up. We shared many Christmas and birthdays together.

Lewis W Deborah - October 08, 2023 at 08:11 PM

KJ

“ Ronnie was a classmate of mine and we were in the HHS band together. He was always bright and cheerful and had a great sense of humor. I know everyone who knew him will miss him. Prayers for peace for all his family and friends who knew him and loved him.



Ken Krueger Jr - August 15, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ ronnie was a decent, respectable Man, Rest easy my friend

Marcus Hughes - August 01, 2023 at 05:16 PM

JP

Ronnie was my neighbor in North Hartsville for about 10 years, always a calm gentleman, I'll never forget his dog "Useless"...later in life,we reconnected in Florence....he was still the kind person, that I remember looking up to..."until we meet again" Ronnie....

Jim Petty - August 14, 2023 at 05:54 PM

BB

“Ronnie was a delight to be around, I never met a man that had more integrity than Ronnie....He was a good man and I will miss him. Billy Bruton

Billy Bruton - August 01, 2023 at 11:15 AM

JB

“Ronnie, I will miss our conversation while sitting under your home. Talking about our children and grandchildren. I have also enjoyed our trips we had taken to Sandals Resort when you were in able to travel. I know you wanted to get that transplant so we could take another trip to Sandals. I only knew you for a short since moving to Murrells Inlet and being your neighbor. You put up a great fight with your treaded Diabetes. I will miss our conversation and the times we laughed together. I can picture you and Gretchen taking a golf cart ride up in heaven together. You driving and Gretchen barking all the way down the street. You will be missed. Love, Jim and Jessie Budkus

James Budkus - July 31, 2023 at 10:44 AM

PR

Dare, Richard and I are so sorry for your loss. We will continue to remember you in our prayers. Pam and Richard Reeves

Pamela Smith Reeves - August 01, 2023 at 03:58 PM

SS

Dare, I was so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. I have fond memories of all the double dates we went on at Winthrop! He was a good friend. I'm praying for peace and comfort for you and all of your family. Love, Susan Johnson Schroer

Susan Schroer - August 15, 2023 at 10:48 PM

MP

“ Dare, I'm very sorry for your loss. Ronnie had such joy for life- he touched a lot of friends with his friendship, kindness, and willingness to help. He was a truly "good guy" who will be missed by us all. Heaven is now an even better place.

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**Mikell Powell** - July 30, 2023 at 04:03 PM

MM

“ We will forever remember Ronnie and his bright smile, be it sitting on his front porch or tinkering in his yard. He would always make time to talk, take time to make me smile. I will miss seeing you on the front porch and always treasure my time spent with you.

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**Martha Moon** - July 30, 2023 at 11:08 AM

NC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**noel carroll** - July 29, 2023 at 07:42 PM

LJ

“ Words can't express how sorry we were to hear this news. Ronnie was a great friend to all! He never let diabetes stop him from achieving anything!! He was a go getter! I will forever treasure our friendship with him! He and Dare are 2 of the best people I have ever met! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time!!  
Dennis & Lynn James

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**Lynn James** - July 29, 2023 at 06:07 PM

GC

“ Dare, we are so sad to hear about the passing of Ronnie. We will always remember his great smile and laugh and his many rides in his golf cart and on his bicycle around Salter’s Cove. We love you and we are there for you anytime you need us.

*Don and Gwen Cox*

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**Gwen Cox** - July 29, 2023 at 05:34 PM

JF

“ Dare, I am so sorry for you & your family. Ronnie was a smiling, kind, friendly bright spot at Fitness Edge. May Ronnie rest in eternal, heathy peace.

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**Jackie Fife** - July 29, 2023 at 05:07 PM

PP

“ I'm so sorry, Dare. I think of you guys often and remember how hard Ronnie worked to overcome his illness. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Pat Pauley*

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**Pat Pauley** - July 29, 2023 at 03:59 PM

EH

“ So sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. Got his angel wings. Ronnie was always fun to work with. May God be with your family at this time.

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**Elaine Huggins** - July 29, 2023 at 01:53 PM