



## Ronald Thomas Rush

October 2, 2010

Conway, SC Ronald Thomas "Ronnie" Rush, age 62, died Saturday, October 2, 2010 at his residence. He was born on August 30, 1948, the son of the late George and Florence Rush. Ronnie was raised in the Inlet section of Atlantic City and graduated from Atlantic City High School and Atlantic Community College. He resided in Egg Harbor Township (Bargaintown section) with his lovely wife Joannie. When Ronald retired a few years ago he and his wife moved to Myrtle Beach, SC. While growing up, Ronnie was a proud member of the Inlet Club and member of their Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Explorer Post 9. Ronnie had an amazing talent as a star player of the Inlet Little League. He also became a member of the Morris Guards military company in Atlantic City. While a teenager Ronnie became a member of the Atlantic City Beach Patrol before he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, where he served our country from 1966-1967. While serving, Ronnie received many medals for his outstanding service and bravery only few men have! He was honored with The Marine Corp Combat Medal, National Defense, Republic of Vietnam service medal, Vietnam Defense Medal, Vietnam Distinguished Service Medal, US Navy/US Marine Corp Combat Action Medal, and American Defense Service Medal. Ronald's service was cut short in 1967 while serving with the Marine Corp Elite Recon Unit. He was critically injured in combat which resulted in him receiving the Distinguished Purple Heart Medal. Upon his return from Vietnam he was awarded the Prestigious Atlantic City Gold Award from the Morris Guards for Distinguished service to his

country, State and City. In 1978 Ronnie was one of the first dealers to be employed by Resorts International Casino. He began to work his way thru the ranks to become a Pit Boss, until his retirement in 2004. Ronnie was an avid fisherman, who could be "caught" on his boat along with his soul mate and wife Joannie. They would often fish from Sunrise to Sunset... Surviving are his Wife, Joannie; two step sons, Kevin Cox of Clearwater, Fl. And Christopher Earnest of Ventnor, NJ; two brothers, John Rush and wife Ellen, of Egg Harbour Township, NJ and George Rush of Valrico, Fl.; two sisters, Kathy Verdine of Las Vegas, NV and Dorothy Claycomb of Stuart, FL; two grandchildren, Mia and Patrick; and many nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Ronnie's Life will be held Saturday after 2:00 PM at the home of John Rush. Please sign a family register at: [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) The Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The LEEDS FAMILY and the Musket Tavern friends of Ron were blessed to have know him. His wife is a strong woman. WE loved having the pleasure to know them GOD BLESS##imported-begin##Clyde Leeds##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2010 at 01:38 AM



“ *I remember his laughter I remember his humor I remember his kindness His look, his sound,even a little kiss... Most of all I remember his love, his heart, and how knew it was you he wanted to share it with... A massive transition in your life has happened and I pray that God and friends will help you through. With my whole heart I will pray for you I am here for you too,with love and tears and hugs always a friend Joan Haas##imported-begin##Joan M. Haas##imported-end##*

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October 10, 2010 at 01:08 PM



“ *To the Rush Family: I'm so very sorry to hear about Ronnie. Knew him from the inlet in the 60's. Remembering a blond, blue eyed, real cute kid. Haven't seen him in years, but.remember him as a real nice guy. RIP RONNIE!!!##imported-begin##Candy Watson##imported-end##*

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October 09, 2010 at 10:54 PM



“ A gentleman and true hero Ronnie you suffered two thirds of your live for the freedom we enjoy THANK YOU ill see you on the other side and when i get there i expect to hear hey caption lets go fishing and see a pain free Ronnie Rush with a pole and a cold one waiting for me Jonnie God bless you###imported-begin###tony morgano###imported-end##

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October 09, 2010 at 01:14 PM



“ I was really sorry to hear about Ronnie, he was always a good friend and a good guy. I don't think he had a bad bone in him. I have a lot of fine memories hanging out with Ron and all of us growing up together in the Inlet. I don't think there could have been a better place for us kids to grow up. I often thought of Ron and all our friends and what they where doing now a days, I guess people should stay more in touch with each other because you never know whats around the cornor. (Ron I'll never forget you Your friend Jim)###imported-begin###Jim Rossi###imported-end##

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October 09, 2010 at 11:18 AM



“ Ronnie, You always told me you loved me with all your heart. Back at you!!!! I love you and miss you sooo much .Love you Kime Joan, No words can convey my lost to you and and your family. My Deepest thoughts and with you and your family. Love you Joan, Kim###imported-begin###Kim Pickens###imported-end##

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October 08, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ Deepest condolences to Joannie and the Clayton sisters Pat & Chris.###imported-begin###Ronnie Boehm###imported-end##

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October 08, 2010 at 07:17 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the Rush family. Ronnie was a great guy. I have alot of memories with him growing up in the inlet and will miss him.##imported-begin##Ricky Perrin##imported-end##

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October 07, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ To all the Rush family members, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie. Growing up with him and his brother John brings back some very fond memories. We were all members of the same scout troop and who could forget the MORRIS GUARDS. I would like to express my condolences to the entire family. Kyran Killian##imported-begin##kyran killian##imported-end##

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October 07, 2010 at 06:46 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Ronnies passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care and God Bless Betty and Mike##imported-begin##Betty & Mike DeLuccia##imported-end##

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October 07, 2010 at 02:39 PM



“ Joanie, John and Family Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss. I have many fond and happy memories working with "SARGE". He was a super nice guy and will be sadly missed. I will keep him in my prayers. God Bless, Sonny Cristinzio##imported-begin##Sonny Cristinzio##imported-end##

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October 07, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Also Joan my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call me, even if you just need someone to talk to. My phone number is 272-0963. I love you girl. Karen###imported-begin##Karen Warlich###imported-end##

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October 07, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ Joan I'm so sorry to hear about Ronnie. I loved him so much. he was a great person. I know you are probably a mess, I would like to see you. Love ya Karen###imported-begin##Karen Warlich###imported-end##

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October 07, 2010 at 09:05 AM



“ Dear Joannie and family, I was so sad to hear of the passing of "Sarge" He truly was one of the family at Resorts. He could bring a smile to my face no matter what my mood. I will remember Ron for his dry but hilarious sense of humor and his very interesting comments on whatever was going on around us at the time!! We all will miss this GREAT man! Our prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Bruce Baker###imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 09:34 PM



“ Dear Joanie Rush and Johnny Rush. I am so sorry for your loss. As you are well aware, I do know as you do the pains of recent loss. There is not much I can say or do to alleviate the pain you are feeling at this time. It hurts without a doubt and leaves an empty hole in your life. But please take comfort in the following: 1: He was a beautiful man, one that you know as a husband and a brother and one that I know as a friend. 2: I do know he loved both of you. He spoke to me in such loving terms of both of you and what you meant to him. 3: He loved Pat his grandson so much as well and missed him tremendously when he was not around. 4: In spite of all the physical and traumatic pain he experienced in his life, he still could love. He was always willing to help those in need. You should both be so proud and always remember that although physically broken he was truly whole perhaps more so than any man I know. I would often speak to him wanting to know more of what he experienced in his life. He would provide some details but became embarrassed and rather speak about me. He would give me advice on how to deal with certain problems. He was a humble caring man and I will miss him tremendously. When I would feel burdened by what the world has to offer I could always think about Ron and become humbled. I would soon realize what I have to fret and worry about. I would yell at myself “Look what this man had to endure each and every day. What possible problems do you have that you can not overcome if you truly put your mind to the task? How could you wallow in sorrow?” By example he could and would rattle my cage and make me feel better. Although he is not physically here, I know that I can look to him for motivation and I am sure I will continue to do so. I have to say when I heard of his passing, it hit me hard in the gut. I know he was suffering and always wondered why he had to continue to suffer. I immediately thought finally he was no longer suffering and I should be glad for him. But I did not feel glad nor did I immediately feel sad. I was initially angry. All this man had to suffer and he did not have time to enjoy a life without pain. But then I soon realized that he would not have any of this. He would just say Johnny boy take control of the situation and look around at the people who care about you. Don't let them down. Ooh Ha! The

*anger passed and I then I finally cried. But please note I do not cry for him because he finally is not in pain. I cried for me because I will miss his voice and his face. I will miss his laugh. I am not writing this to make you feel any sadder than you do at this time. I write to you just to let you know how special a man he was. How in spite of a broken body he had more dignity and grace than most around him. I know you will miss him but also know this. Ron is bigger than most. Take comfort knowing that he will look after both of you and guide you through this world until you both have the chance to physically meet up with him again. Take comfort in knowing that he does love you. Take comfort in knowing that this Marine will protect you. Sincerely, John, Rose, Aaron, Anna, Michaela and Jessie John Lombard Manager, Clinical Research##imported-begin##john and rose lombard##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2010 at 07:59 PM



*“ Love you "man" You had courage and strength that few people had. Always a gentleman. I knew you personally and professionally as a longtime Resorts dealer. You were the only I let call me "Juicy Lucy". So many good times with you. We will meet again my friend. Be with God. Love you. Juicy Lucy.##imported-begin##Lucy morgano##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2010 at 07:19 PM



*“ Joannie and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Arlene Taylor##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2010 at 06:11 PM



“ to joannie and family our deepest sympathy on ronnie's passing and our condolences to you from david and lorraine o'neill we were both so shocked and saddened to see the paper today. our hearts go out to you.##imported-begin##david oneill##imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 04:37 PM



“ Ronnie was the best brother-in-law you could ever have. I will truly miss him. Ronnie and I won a pretty "big" one about ten years ago! My sister, Joan will understand that. Ronnie will always be in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Pat Cahill##imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 02:58 PM



“ John and Family, I have great thoughts and memories of Ronnie, from the "beach" to Resorts. John, Ronnie and you will be in my prayers especially on Veterans Day. Semper Fi Ronnie Rush##imported-begin##Dan Daley##imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 09:22 AM



“ Ron was a true hero! He was soft spoken and liked by all. He will be truly missed. God bless you Ronnie.##imported-begin##Michael D. Griffin##imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear Aunt Joanie, Uncle Ronnie was a wonderful man who will live in all our hearts forever. I will never forget him and will miss him deeply. I will remember the wonderful parties with him singing "Love Potion #9" and telling everyone "I love you" with a BIG kiss on the lips. You in my thoughts and prayers. XOXo###imported-begin##Candace DeLuccia###imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 08:24 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Ronnie. I will always love him like a big brother. Rich Tobias###imported-begin##Richard Tobias###imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 08:23 AM



“ Dear Joanie, Joanie i am so sorry for your loss. Ronnie was a guy who had the heart the size of a bull. We will miss him so much. Again he was an amazing guy and I will always be his "Big Terd" Pasquale Cassese###imported-begin##PASQUALE CASSESE###imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 06:10 AM



“ DEAR JOANIE MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE THE TIMES WE DID SHARE.I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW GREAT YOU AND RONNIE WERE THERE FOR MY SON PASQUALE. RONNIE WAS A GREAT MAN. MY LATE MOM ALWAYS LOVED YOU JOANIE AND ALSO RONNIE. YOU AND RONNIE WERE GREAT PEOPLE I WILL MISS RONNIE TERRIBLE. JOANIE I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS I CAN FEEL YOUR PAIN.LOVE JOANIE LOMBARD##imported-begin##JOAN D LOMBARD AND PASQUALE CASSESE##imported-end##

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October 06, 2010 at 05:38 AM