



Mr. Ronald Patrick Colarossi

March 17, 1962 - February 8, 2017

Beloved Husband, Father, Son, Brother. Ronald Patrick Colarossi, 54, passed away from a long battle with cancer on February 8, 2017 in Mission Hills. Ron was born on March 17, 1962 in Van Nuys. He was the fourth of six children. He was the owner of Trees N' Things in Chatsworth. Ron is survived by his wife of 26 years, Karla (Tripp) and their children Pauline (23) and Christopher (20), his father Richard and preceded in death by his mother Justina.

Comments



“ I always regarded Ron as one of the most honest, kind, intelligent, athletic, capable people I encountered in my life. Always respectful to me, my father Leon Fenwick (who always had compliment for him), throughout the years when interacting with him and his wonderful crew at the Ranch in Chatsworth. I am truly, so sorry for all of us, that he left this world. He is at peace now and I'm certain, in whatever way possible, watching down over his loved ones with his caring spirit. With sympathy, and broken hearts, Cindy, Jeff and family

Cindy Fenwick-Cooper - Northridge - Friend - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry to hear about Ron's passing. A good man. We always enjoyed sharing ND baseball games with him. May God bless his family with comfort and healing

Earl and Jeannie Barton - CA - Friend - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So saddened by this news. Our family sends our deepest heartfelt sympathy and our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this most difficult time. Ron lives in your hearts and will be with you always. May peace be with you.
JJ tracy and sal

JJ, Tracy & Sal Johnson - Los Angeles, CA - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Karla, Pauline, and Chris - What a beautiful ceremony and tribute to a your husband, father, and our friend! Everything about Ron was so beautifully expressed yesterday and I couldn't help but to sit there and think how lucky he was to have you all in his life. I was the QB and he was our RB at El Camino Real HS in Woodland Hills, CA. We had a great run at that time, undefeated until the last game. Ron was as tough as they come and had no fear whatsoever on the field. One example in particular comes to mind. As juniors, we were "welcomed" to the varsity by the seniors throughout training camp, usually in the form of a ferocious hit in a drill or scrimmage. It was a lovely rite of passage. We had an all-city, all everything bad-as-they-come middle linebacker, Mike Maurer, who would really deliver some blows to Ron. But Ron would bounce up each time and yell at Mike, "I'm not afraid of you Maurer, bring it on!" To which Mike would just wave his arm at him, laugh and say, "Whatever Colarossi, go back to the huddle you little rookie". But before long, Ron had earned everyone's respect and became our star running back and one of the best football players in the history of our school and region. And, oh yeah, guess who was seated beside me at the service yesterday? Yes, Mike Maurer. Ron went on to star at CSUN and start every game during his 4 years. I believe he still holds many CSUN receiving records! They will never be broken as CSUN has discontinued football, so his name will always be in the school's record books! You could see back in our playing days all of the attributes that allowed him to become the man he was...dedication and sacrifice, a leader, a motivator, a caring friend, loyal, ultra-competitive to no end, and one tough guy. He was a role model for so many in all phases of his life including athletics, business, family and friendship. No one ever had a bad thing to say about our teammate. In fact, just thinking of him puts a smile on my face. He was always so spirited and had so many insights and great ideas. He called me "Johnny U buddy". I can hear him yelling that at me right now. "Johnny U buddy!!!!" It was in reference to Johnny Unitas. What better compliment could a high school kid, playing quarterback, receive as a nickname from his teammate? He and I would train together each summer before heading back to football training camp in college, he to CSUN and myself to USC. There was no one better to motivate you and keep you focused than Colarossi! 1/4 of the packed San Fernando Mission church yesterday was taken up by his TNT employees. It was obvious they cared so deeply about him and appreciated how he treated them like family. Our ECR football team was represented by Stan Warlick, Mark Hersh, Mike Maurer, Steve Graham, Bob Givot, myself, and Anthony Wagner. Stan Warlick was a pallbearer and did a wonderful job helping the family and also articulating and capturing the essence of what Ron meant to all those who knew him. Stan and Ron had remained very close friends all of these years. Pat and Ginny Swan also attended. Their son Turner was also our teammate, and their younger son, Jack, was teammates with Ron's little brother, Johnny. The Swans provided all of our pregame meals at their home for the players, parents, and coaches. They also graciously opened their home for our post-game victory celebrations. All of us came to pay tribute to "Colarossi". He wasn't just Ron, he was always "Colarossi" because that embodied so much more, a spirit and presence and a person that challenged all of us to be better, and to keep up with his "no days off" commitment to being the best. A simple name like "Ron" just didn't suffice. His beautiful daughter Pauline, who is a recent graduate of the University of Oregon, said it perfectly in her tribute to her Dad on the church altar when she beamed, "I AM PROUD TO BE A COLAROSSII!" She did an unbelievable job sharing her special

bond with her Dad and represented the family like a pro. Cool and composed just like Ron must have coached her up throughout her life. I

John Mazur - Los Angeles, CA - friend - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Heart felt sympathy.We are so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a very nice loving man whom loved his family very much. You will be missed by many Ron.Karla,May you and your family, be blessed with Peace,comfort,and Love during this difficult time.With Our Love,The Gonzalez Family

Al, Gail & AJ Gonzalez - Granada Hills, CA - Friend - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We are deeply sadden to hear of Ron's passing. Our hearts go out to you Karla, Pauline, and Chris during this trying time, may our prayers serve as comfort and peace during this difficult time. We shared many great times and memories during our years at St. Euphrasia raising the kids.Our heartfelt condolences and prayers.~Mark, Mary, Aaron, and Steven Landin

Mark, Mary, Aaron, and Steven Landin - Northridge, CA - Family Friend - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So many high school memories

Pat & Ginny Swan - Santa Clarita, CA - friend - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss Ronnie so much. Sadly, I was only around him a short amount of time from the early 1990's when my wife and I relocated to the Midwest, etc. As his cousin and then living in close proximity, I spend time around him and with him during the 1960's - 1992 when I lived in CA. I have great memories (and photographs) of him as a little guy growing up. As he grew up he became an amazing and gifted athlete. The last time I saw him (2006) he was so excited to see me that he jumped into my arms when my family and I greeted him at Auntie Tina's & Uncle Dick's front door. !!! I am so sorry.

Lance Warren - Overland Park, KS - Family - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss a true friend and colleague. Rest in peace my friend.

Steve Ryder - Eagle Point, OR - Friend - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about this. Ron was a great guy and I am lucky to have worked with him at NVYB. Our thoughts and prayers to all his loved ones

Dave Jollota - Simi Valley, CA - friend - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM