



Ronald L. Miller

May 22, 1946 - March 13, 2025

Ronald Louis Miller, age 78, passed away peacefully with family and friends by his side on March 13, 2025, after a battle with Parkinson's disease. While he will be sorely missed, we are grateful to know that he is at peace with God and no longer suffering.

Ron was born May 22, 1946, and adopted by Wayne and Marie (Eichenberg) Miller. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; his sister, Barbara St. Arnaud and her daughter, Aimee; sisters-in-law, Marlene Wenk (William) and Mary Fahle; niece, Jennifer Smith (Dave), great niece, Maisie Smith and great nephew, Henry Smith.

Ron grew up in Pontiac, Michigan until his family moved to Toledo, Ohio when he was in 8th grade. He attended Christ the King then St Francis High School. Ron received a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toledo along with a Master of Economics.

Ron spent his entire career at St. John's Jesuit High School, starting in the fall of 1968. When he left the classroom, he then worked in Alumni Affairs until this past summer. To say Ron was a teacher is not enough. He was a coach, a mentor and a friend to his students and colleagues. He has stayed in contact with alumni from 1969 to the present. Many have thanked Ron for his teaching of mathematics to prepare them for college Calculus and taught

them see the beauty in mathematics, but more importantly that he helped them become “Men for Others”, the motto of St. John’s. Ron truly believed that everyone should be their best and would help them reach that achievement. He nurtured his students’ minds and souls. He was involved in the Kairos retreats from when they started until 2024; showing his students that God was vital in their lives, and they needed to develop and deepen their faith.

Ron enjoyed sharing his love of travel and sports with students and then with Marcia, his wife of 35 years. He would take students to college football games, Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers out-of-town as well as home games. The road trips gave the students an opportunity to get to know Ron on a more personal level and become a role model for them. He maintained these friendships with his students and their families through the years by visiting them on Christmas Eve dressed as Santa to deliver a gift and share in the spirit of the season.

Appropriately, Ron met Marcia at a St John’s football game because a friend, JoAnn Herr, thought they would make a good pair. It took eight years for the confirmed bachelor to propose to Marcia and it became the greatest time of their lives. They traveled all around the world making it to all seven continents, creating remarkable memories and deepening their love for each other. Ron followed the Detroit Red Wings throughout his life and has owned season tickets for forty years. Sharing that passion, Marcia and Ron would travel to games whenever possible, including on their honeymoon. They also shared a love of dogs and always had two cocker spaniels, a his and hers, by their sides. Their love and respect for each other was demonstrated every day.

Please share your memories with Ron’s family and friends by visiting Ansberg-West Funeral Home at 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:00 am at Sylvania St. Joeseph’s Church. The

burial will take place at Toledo Memorial Park after the mass. Memorials are asked to be given to the Ron Miller Alumni Sons Scholarship at St. John's Jesuit High School. Ron and Marcia would like to thank the doctors, nurses and nurses' aides at all the facilities that Ron was at from October to March and special thanks to the staff at Regency Hospital and Northwest Ohio Hospice on Detroit Avenue.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Mass of the Resurrection

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church Sylvania
5373 Main Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall

“Call me Ron,” Mr. Miller said while we were heading to the Red Wings game in Detroit from Toledo shortly after high school. That’s when I really got to know the man who was a mentor and friend to so many of us who attended St. John’s.

Not only was Ron a great Math teacher (and one of the best teachers I’ve ever had), but he also inspired me to achieve and continue to drive to excel in every endeavor. Ron and I enjoyed playing sports together (especially golf), working out at Gold’s or at the gym at St. John’s, and he caddied for me in some amateur tournaments and professional events on tour -- even driving all the way to Champaign, Illinois to loop for me in a mini-tour event.

I remember Ron’s steadfast faith in God and his commitment to Marcia (what a great woman and friend), who shared him so freely with the rest of us. The annual Kairos retreat was a staple for Mr. Miller to attend, and his talks usually culminated with showing the clip from “It’s a Wonderful Life” when Clarence (the angel) shares this note with George Bailey, “Remember, no man is a failure who has friends.”

Ron epitomized friendship by staying in touch with me after St. John’s, and we’d always pick up where we left off. He even invited me to come back and help lead the boys at a Kairos retreat with him, and I remember his talks with the boys and how he showed me that the ability to lead other men was in developing friendship and relationship with them. Thank you, Ron, for being a friend in some of the great times and even in some of the difficult ones. Thank you, Marcia, for your love for Ron and allowing us all to spend time with him. I admired your love for travel as a couple and am glad you all got to touch down on so many continents on teacher’s salaries. I’m sorry that I couldn’t be there to celebrate Ron’s homecoming with you, Marcia, but I’m there in spirit and miss him and will see him again one day.

What a true “Man for Others” Ron Miller was and glad to know that

he had a close friend in Jesus Christ his Savior. Heaven is an even more friendly place today with Ron in it.

B.J. Pitzen, St. John's Jesuit class of 1998

Brian James Pitzen - March 21, 2025 at 10:49 AM

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“*After a 43 year rewarding career in education I can look back at my biggest influences and name Ron at the top of the list. As a teacher, colleague, fellow Red Wings fan, and most importantly a dear friend I will miss Ron greatly. Ron leaves a legacy that is unmatched. His love and commitment to SJJ touched the lives of thousands and will live on the memories and successes of all of us who knew and loved him. Marcia, I was privileged to be part of your wedding party those many years ago and happy to number you among Callie and my good friends. May you find peace in knowing that the entire SJJ community was better because of Ron's presence in our lives and in our hearts.*

I am sorry that we will not be with you at Ron's memorial but know that we share with you and the SJJ community a celebration of his life.

Mark Nusbaum '70

Mark Nusbaum - March 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM

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“ So many wonderful memories of Ron. From trying to teach me math (which included his ability to write on the board with his arm extended and his body 3 inches from the board so the entire class could see as he wrote) to his proclivity with me and all alumni. The obituary photo of Ron captures his interest in others and his humor and enjoyment of all things related to Marcia, SJJ, hockey and thousands of alum and friends.

I was able to "host" Ron for a day during one of the Alumni trips to Phoenix. Marcia stayed in Toledo (working) so Ron and I spent the day touring Phoenix and the area. Any time I was not pointing out different cacti or sights, Ron was sharing memories of everyone and everything. He may have graduated from that other Toledo school on Bancroft but he quickly adopted SJJ and all of SJJ adopted him. Thank you Ron for all you have given and shared. Chris Ewald, SJ class of '70

Chris Ewald - March 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM