

Ronnie Dale Jewell Jr

January 20, 1969 - May 25, 2026

Ronnie Dale Jewell, Jr. (57) of Pembroke, VA passed away unexpectedly at home on May 25, 2026.

Ronnie was the 3rd of 4 children born on January 20, 1969 in Radford, VA to Ronnie Dale Jewell, Sr. and Charlotte Jones Jewell. Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, Ronnie Dale Jewell, Sr. as well as his grandparents, Elbert and Agnes Jewell and Ira and Jettie Jones.

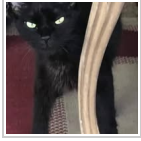
Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Charlotte Jones Jewell of Pembroke, VA; his siblings: Kathy Christian (Barry) of Pulaski, VA, Scotty Thomas of Fishersville, VA and Jill Jewell of Salisbury, NC; his nephews and nieces: Wesley Brickey, Tyler Barr (Taylor), Kyle Cook and Braeden Barr Houston (Blake) and his great nephews and nieces: Cameron and Madison Brickey and Brody, Blakelyn and Bennett Houston as well as many cousins, aunts and uncles and his beloved pets. Ronnie grew up in Pulaski, VA until 1982 and Pfafftown, NC thereafter where he graduated from North Forsyth High School in 1987. He continued his education by earning a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Spanish from High Point College (now University) as well as a Masters of Arts in English from Western Michigan University. Ronnie was a college English and Literature Professor for 30 years retiring from Muskegon Community College in 2025. After his retirement, Ronnie moved back to VA to be close to his family. Ronnie was a collector of

many things from music to vintage toys. He was an accomplished and very talented piano player in which he not only read and wrote music, but also played by ear. Ronnie was a many times over published poet and storyteller. Ronnie made friends everywhere he went and was a friend to all. Also left to remember Ronnie are his many friends and peers from his time living in Michigan.

The family will have a private celebration honoring Ronnie's life at a later date. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this challenging time.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ *CONDOLENCES TO THE JEWELL FAMILY
.....WHITEWOOD BLOOD OF GREAT
MOUNTAIN HERITAGE IN THEM ; GREAT
FAMILY .*



Davie Horton - June 04 at 11:00 PM



“ *Denise M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronnie Dale Jewell Jr.*

Denise M. - June 04 at 11:16 AM

DM

“ I knew Ronnie for many years. I was a student of his at MCC in Michigan. He not only was my teacher, but we became such good friends. I was one of his older students and he became like a younger brother to me. I was a transplant from Ohio, he a transplant from Virginia. I admired his commitment to the English language, and his love for music. Many times he played for me and I was amazed at how talented he was on the piano.

Another friend and I became characters in some of his short stories. I always laughed at how he described me; Denise with the moppish blonde hair.

I ended up moving back to Ohio and Ronnie made sure we stayed in contact. He always asked about my family and was so concerned when my husband became ill. He was always there for his friends.

He always joked that some day we would both be in the same nursing home having wheelchair races down the hall. I am saddened that that day will never come.

Rest in peace dear Ronnie. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend. I look forward to that wheelchair race in Heaven.

Denise McLaughlin - June 04 at 11:12 AM

JJ

“ I was my brother Ronnie’s protector growing up even though I was the youngest. Ronnie was sweet while I was sour. We were close in age so we were somewhat inseparable in those early years of growing up on Grove Drive. Ronnie was quiet and loved music from an early age (like before he could walk or talk) oftentimes listening to it in a rocking chair. He didn’t have a mean bone in his body, unlike at least one of his sisters-the younger one for sure. We were different as night and day. He had dark hair and mom’s brown eyes while I was the strong willed blond with my daddy’s blue eyes. The Jewell’s were always a family of educators. At least for those that had the patience and drive for it. Ronnie most definitely did. And we played school so much growing up. I was much happier climbing trees and keeping the neighbors on their toes. Ronnie’s time ended way too soon. He hadn’t even had time to enjoy his retirement or really get settled being back in Virginia with his family and getting used to our southern accents again after 30 plus years in Michigan. But we did have one year of shared holidays that we seldom got when he was all those miles away in Michigan. Everybody always tells you a loved one is in a better place, but that’s hard to accept when they expire suddenly and unexpected. I know in my heart that he is. And that he and daddy I’m sure have already had several serious discussions from whether Bluegrass Music is better than The Partridge Family. Those that knew Ronnie the best would understand that. Even after only one year of being in Virginia, Ronnie had made so many friends in and around town and those hearts are saddened as is his family’s and ALL of his many friends in Michigan, who have shared most of the past 30 years close to him. The Jewell’s also had a knack for writing stories, poetry, songs and being musically inclined. Ronnie inherited all of those and was very gifted in each one, although some of the embellishment in some of his stories we’ve discovered as of late does have the immediate family wondering who and where some of these based on real life characters unbeknownst to us are. It did give us a much needed laugh in a time of great sadness. Also his texts always asking whether mine or Kathy’s legal names included any of “our” ex husband’s names. Which is no by the way. In the later years of

life as the 4 of us kids ended up in different states, Ronnie always maintained a close relationship with mom, dad and my much older sister Kathy. (Humor is always good). Sadly our lives went in completely opposite directions, so that distance between NC and Michigan created a gap in the childhood closeness we shared. In the circle of life, parents don't expect for their children to pass on before them. So that is a much deeper pain and different type of heartache for a mother or father to endure. For those that pray, please pray just a little bit harder and more for our mom, not only for her grief but for having inherited 4 grand pets to add to her crows, stray cats and herd of deer that call her mom/grandma. Yes they talk and tell their other animal friends to drop by as well. We all thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for your thoughts and prayers. Please live each day to the fullest, laugh as much as you can and always let those you love, know that they are loved, cared for and important. Everyone deserves to go to sleep each night knowing they are loved and that they matter. (Jill)



Jill Jewell - May 30 at 11:26 AM

DM

Jill, I am so sorry for your loss. Ronnie spoke often about you, Kathy, and Scott and shared so many of his memories about his family. He truly loved you all. May God be with you and your family, and know that Ronnie will always be with you.

Denise McLaughlin - June 04 at 11:23 AM

PD

“ I taught with Ronnie at MCC. In fact, my husband hired him. I retired first but we kept in touch. I have admired his cats, his piano playing, his immaculate house but most of all his kindness to my family. When my husband went home, he arranged for a painting of our family by his favorite artist. He would load up the grandkids with pop tarts and treats for Christmas. We ate at Olive Garden which he really liked. He was always interested in my family and talked about his. I am grateful to have known him and his kindness. May our Lord comfort you. Paula Doctor

paula doctof - May 27 at 06:12 PM

KC

Thank you for your prayers. And sharing how you knew my brother

Kathy Christian - May 28 at 09:00 PM

DA

“ David A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronnie Dale Jewell Jr.

David A. - May 26 at 11:27 PM

EW

“ I first met Ronnie at Norton Pines when he asked if I knew a good house cleaner. I loved to clean so I told him I was! From that moment on I had a life long friend. I not only was his house cleaner, cat sitter, but his friend. We would often watch clips of the Partridge Family, his favorite horror movie Halloween, and the Brady bunch. I would listen to him play the piano and help him organize his partridge family collection. I would get cat videos or videos of clips of movies or shows he was watching. He would check in to see how we all were doing. I will miss him more than ever. He was one of the best people I know.

Erica Wetmore - May 26 at 11:08 PM

KC

Erica. He loved you very much and he appreciated everything you did for him. But most of all the time you spent with him. My brother was my best friend. My companion. My everything. Thank you for the love and friendship you gave to him

Kathy Christian - May 28 at 08:53 PM

KC

Thank you for all you did for my brother he loved and appreciated all you did for him. He will be missed always.

Kathy Christian - May 28 at 09:02 PM

CC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, such a nice, talented man, gone too soon.



Christine Cole - May 26 at 10:02 PM

TJ

“ Ronnie and I shared poetry and the love of the written word. He was a serious educator, and at the same time, have a contagious funny laugh that came from a funny story or scenario. He was a complex, Multifaceted genius. I will miss him constantly. Those who knew him well, know the legacy he leaves behind. RIP dear Ronnie.

Teresa Stutso Jewell - May 26 at 08:17 PM

WB

Ronnie was a great uncle, I wat he'd Halloween with him and even starred in Thursday the Twelth which he gir about A in class for...Even though he was 12 years older we grew up together in a way...and ill always remember the good times...

Wesley Brickey - May 28 at 08:11 PM

JG

“ Praying for his family!

jim Gautier - May 26 at 06:07 PM

KC

Thank you Jim. Ronnie wasn't just my brother. But my best friend. I could laugh with him I guess because he always made me laugh. I miss him terribly. We appreciate your prayers. I'll never be the same

Kathy Christian - May 28 at 08:56 PM

KC

Thank you Jim. My brother was one of my favorite people. Life will never be the same.

Kathy Christian - May 28 at 09:03 PM

HK

Although I had head for many years about Ronnie, Jr., I only met him last June. What a talented and interesting man. I'm so sorry Charlotte is losing her son and recent constant companion. And so soon— he was a young man.

Hubert Keen - May 29 at 01:23 PM