



Ronald Dennis Bourland

May 11, 1943 - November 17, 2023

Ronald Bourland, 80, passed away on November 17, 2023, at home in Pilot Point, Texas.

Ron was born on May 11, 1943, in Lubbock, Texas, to Clarence and Opal Bourland. Raised in Cotton Center, Texas, he distinguished himself as a top student and athlete. Ron graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in accounting and was a proud member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. After graduation, he embarked on a finance career with Ernst & Ernst, became a Certified Public Accountant, and concurrently served in the Army Reserves.

Ron was exceptional in tackling complex challenges and making tough decisions. He joined the healthcare industry and became nationally recognized and respected as a top finance executive. Ron held executive positions with Hospital Corporation of America, Hendrick Medical Center, and as the Chief Financial Officer of Harris Methodist Hospital System. He played a critical leadership role in the transition of Harris to the formation of Texas Health Resources and held the CFO title there as well.

During these years, Ron spent much of his free time at Possum Kingdom Lake, where he could “tinker”, mow, grill, be on the water and spend time with family and friends, particularly his children, Matt and Amanda.

After retiring, Ron and his wife Joleen embarked on a new adventure, designing and building their Agua Verde Ranch in the Texas Hill Country. Ron embraced his passion for growing things, becoming a Master Gardener with a flourishing garden and orchard. He was also an accomplished chef, a "Margarita Master," a rancher to a small herd of Belted Galloway cattle and an assistant to Joleen with their horses. Upon their move to Pilot Point, Ron enthusiastically undertook a new orchard/garden project, designing a water system for his trees and teaching Amanda how to garden.

Ron's intelligence, spirit and opinions always added lively energy to conversations – whether you agreed with him or not. He approached life his way with determination, a sharp wit and dry sense of humor. However, underneath his tough side, was a soft and generous heart that touched many that knew him. He will be fondly remembered and cherished.

Ron is survived by his wife, Joleen Moden (and their beloved dog Kodi), and his children, Amanda Bourland and Matt Bourland (Kalyn), both of Lubbock. Additionally, he leaves behind siblings Kenneth Bourland, Yvonne Townes and Deborah Brawner.

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“ Jolene. When I learned of Ron's passing, I was truly saddened. He was a man of honor, integrity and caring. Our years together were ones of challenge and high achievement. Ron saw our future and helped yo make it happen. When we went to our ranch in south Texas for a team hunting trip, Ron stole the show with his unusual margaritas. God now has His arms wrapped tightly around Ron and he is at Peace Our prayers are with you in this difficult time. Warmest regards. Doug

Douh Hawthorne - December 15, 2023 at 05:42 PM

SA

“ Debbie, Sis, and Kenneth, and family, I have a lot of good memories of Ronald at Cotton Center. He was so smart and nice to encourage me to study hard, especially as I was 4 years younger. I followed him on Facebook and got a kick out of his comments on politics. With fondness, Sandy Rae (Wood) Adrian

Sandy Rae (Wood) Adrian - December 15, 2023 at 03:16 PM

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“ Joleen, Amanda and Matt, I have a lot of memories of Ron in my life, and they are all good. Here are a few, to give you an idea of how caring and generous he was.

Being raised by a single mother in Los Angeles in 1965, we were poor. For many consecutive years, Ron sent Christmas gifts from Texas, including Chanel No 5 perfume to my Mom. I barley new my Uncle Ron in those years, and I knew how much it meant to my Mom to receive those gifts. (I asked Mom about this at Thanksgiving last month. She remembers it well)

While visiting grandparents in Cotton Center in 1969, Ron drove from Lubbock and took my brother and I back to his townhouse, and gave us the royal treatment for a week. It was the best week of my life up to that point and I still remember it clearly.

When Ron came to California to visit, around 1977-78, he acted more like a host than a guest, taking us out for meals and always insisted on paying.

At the family gathering and celebration of his parent's 50th wedding anniversary, he gave them a new car as a gift.

And so many more memories of Ron's generosity over the years. Along with his wit and sense of humor, his generosity is what will stay with me forever. He was the most generous person I ever knew and I'm so glad he was my Uncle. You have my sincere condolences.

Tracy

Tracy Towns - December 15, 2023 at 02:27 PM

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Thank you Tracy. What an amazing story. I love hearing stories that are new to me. I'm very sorry for your loss as well. I know what y'all both meant to each other. Please give Deb and Sissy so much love from me.

Amanda Bourland - December 17, 2023 at 09:15 PM