



Ronald S. Herman

June 6, 2025

Ronald Scott Herman left this world unexpectedly on June 6, 2025. He left behind so many grieving friends and family as he was loved by all who knew him. His charismatic personality, his loud laughter, his smile, his excellent leadership skills and his ability to bring people together were some of his special gifts. His ability to light up a stage with his singing and dancing. At his beloved church, he held several positions. He was currently board chair, led the youth and bell choirs, shared his beautiful voice as tenor in the choir, was an organizer and speedy worker at Abundant Blessings, was a mover and shaker for MCC (Ministry of Congregational Care), and was a gifted teacher who was admired and loved by all the children and youth. At his Labor Day weekend Christian Family Camp, he had so many friends. As a fantastic camp director, he was asked to lead several times with his efficiency and brevity. He also flawlessly performed roles as registrar, secretary and teacher. Ron was well known in the theater community. Off Monroe Players was where he performed his first post graduation show, and in May it was where he shined as his last show. Other groups he performed with were Pittsford Musicals (where he was currently on their board), Roberts Community Theater, JCC Center Stage, and probably many more. OFC brought him much joy as his first paid performance in, "The Producers". He was thrilled to be offered a role in the upcoming performance of, "The Grinch" as Grandpa Hoo. He was a proud member of the RGMC and an OMP review group.

Ron also shared his musical gifts with the residents and staff at Parklands at Addison, where his mom lives. He would sing, and mom would play with feeling on the piano for monthly concerts. The residents and staff there were shocked when they learned of his passing, as were the chorus members of the Retired Teacher's Organization, as he had performed with them the Tuesday and Thursday prior to his death.

Ron was a gifted teacher at Chestnut Ridge Elementary School for thirty years. He taught different grade levels, but spent the most time in second grade. He had an awesome team that have become lifelong friends. He directed several musicals there and the performers were staff and 3rd and 4th grade students.

Friends were so important to Ron. He had a group of male friends who would share a weekly meal, a game night, a trip to the bar, or summer boat rides. Several of them were by his side when he left this world and to them we are grateful.

Ronny was the best brother, uncle and son. His devastated family will have a difficult time just getting through with the wonderful activities we do together. He was predeceased by loving grandparents, his father, Alfred F. Herman Jr., several friends, aunts, uncles and cousins whom he is now reconnecting with. He leaves behind his mother, Janet Herman, sisters: Patti (Brian) Ayers and Wende McNaney, five grieving nephews and nieces: Brendan (April) Ayers, Bethany (Dean) Akins, Caitlin McNaney, Christopher (Jess) Ayers, and Alexander Shanley. His greats were his pride and joy: Landon, Fiona, Arlo, Eden, Renna and Keeley. He was not only Unc to these, but had many at church who called him that. He also leaves behind two special friends, Matthew MacKinnon and Jacquie Schur. With Facebook posts from the many friends, fellow teachers, new teachers, student teachers, students he taught and their families, theater thespians, chorus members, church family, and even those he met only once- he was loved.

Calling hours for Ron will be at his beloved Community Christian Church, 2647 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14624, on Thursday, June 12th from 3:30-7

PM. Family and friends are also invited to his Celebration of Life at 2 pm on September 27th at the Churchville Chili Performing Arts Center at Churchville-Chili High School. His desire would be that all the love he gave so freely should run rampant through this world. A simple act of kindness goes a long way. His final text message to Wende read, "My work here is done" 😊 (referring to preparing church for Sunday morning).

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 12. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Community Christian Church
2647 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Ron brought abundant joy to so many people. The annual 'church camp' was one outstanding example. I miss him and feel blessed to have known him. 💜💜💜



Lynne Fretz - September 01, 2025 at 08:18 AM

WS

“ 1)Christmas eve deep snow no furnace. The space heater I ordered was delivered to an address miles away. Ronnie left his warm home in the cold snowy darkness to go to that address.
2)Lost my mom at 16. Her favorite song: Ave Maria. Only Ronnie could sing it during Sunday service. So beautifully it brought me to tears.
3)At ABUNDANT BLESSINGS only Ronnie would break the rules a little to toss lightweight boxes with me to get them from the truck to inside Community Christian Church more quickly while adding fun to a hard physical activity.
Wendy Swain

Wendy Swain - June 17, 2025 at 09:28 AM

JS

“ Mr. Herman was my second grade teacher (and my favorite teacher.) I'm 30 now, and learning of his passing brought me to tears. Its a testimate to his zest for life that over 20 years later and I can still remember him getting up on his desk, extending his arms out saying "vacation" whenever school break was about to start.

You always remember the way that someone makes you feel, and Mr. Herman made us all feel like rockstars.

Jenna Sabers - June 12, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KT

“ *Deepest sympathies to Ron Herman’s family, friends and students. Ron Herman was a legend among the school. Not only did he resonate a passion for life from his peers he earned such love and respect from his students. From the minute they stepped in his classroom they were given the new family name of Hermanite’s. He taught more than academics, his motto resonated that we are going to have fun and learn. He had a spark of energy that was contagious.*

My children were both blessed to have him as a teacher. 2nd grade was magical because of him. Both kids truly Loved him and his classroom. He taught them real world lessons, he did a beautiful holiday concert that his mother played piano for and a wonderful musical theater adventure to end the year. So many memories and wonderful moments.

Our hearts are broken even as our kiddos have grown he attended their high school theater productions. A Love that he started for them way back in second grade. Truly going to miss him, but so grateful that our family was blessed with him in their lives. Deepest sympathies again to his family, friends and students.

Tompkins Family, Kevin, Ellen, Phillip and Max

Kevin Tompkins - June 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM

JA

“ *Ron was truly one of a kind and the life of the party. His smile and laugh could fill any room and lifted countless spirits. He had a close group of friends from high school who have stayed in touch and share many special memories. I will always remember playing trombone and singing with him in school, not to mention countless gatherings over the years where we simply enjoyed life and one another’s company. Ron, we miss you and look forward to being together again someday. Much love to your family and friends!*

Jonathan Alger - June 12, 2025 at 12:39 AM

PA

Jon, he was so excited to visit you over the years. He was so happy to see your new school and home. He had wonderful pictures of his final trip with his wonderful high school friends!

patti ayers - June 12, 2025 at 07:31 AM

BG

“ *Ron's exquisite voice, acting, caring ways, and enthusiasm will be dearly missed by Churchville Chili students, and those who saw him on stage at Roberts Wesleyan College Community Theater. Our sympathy to his loved ones.*

Bobbi Guild - June 11, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald S. Herman.*

June 11, 2025 at 09:21 AM

GS

“ *Georges S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald S. Herman.*

Georges S. - June 11, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald S. Herman.*



June 10, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald S. Herman.

June 10, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ Words can not explain the shock and sadness to hear of Ron's Passing. It makes me realize that life is truly a blessing. The people in your life need to be cherished because the day will come when the are taken home to be with the Lord. Rest in Peace Ron let your sprit be free and your songs and voice remain in our hearts.

Sean Burroughs
North Port, FL

Sean Burroughs - June 10, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronald S. Herman.



June 10, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald S. Herman.

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“ *Ron was so awesome. I was always looking for him at our family reunion. Kind fun and super sweet. Hugs and love to his family. Sincerely Theresa Graham. Herman reunions will never be the same.*

Theresa Graham - June 10, 2025 at 02:41 PM