



Ronald Ray Gallagher

October 19, 1955 - August 30, 2013

Beloved father, husband, son and brother, Ronald Ray Gallagher, 57, died unexpectedly at Novant Health: Rowan Hospital on Friday, August 30, 2013.

He was the Sports Editor of the Salisbury Post since 1997, beginning his career there in 1995. Prior to that, he was a sports writer for the Davie County Enterprise and the Lexington Dispatch. Ronnie, as he was known to everyone, was passionate about sports and was a popular and notable figure on the high school sports scene in Rowan County.

He touched many lives through his writing. His articles were well known throughout the community, as he personalized the stories about each player, each team, each game. He inspired many young athletes and writers and his work and enthusiasm will continue to inspire.

He was well known as a dedicated family man who adored his wife and two sons, and was a committed friend to many. His good humor and quick wit endeared him to all.

He was born on October 19, 1955 in Winston-Salem, NC to Ronald Vance and Mary Kathleen Gallagher. He graduated from North Davidson High School in 1974. He was always a sports fanatic and a prolific writer, which he turned into a lifelong career. He was the recipient of no fewer than 34 NC High School Sports Association Awards. He also was honored in 2005 by the NC High

School Sports Association with the Tim Stevens Media Representative of the Year Award.

Ronnie married Joan Canavaciol Gallagher in 1991 and they have two sons, Jack and Mackie. He is further survived by his mother, Mary Kathleen Gallagher; three sisters, Debbie Merten, Ginger Gallagher and Angela Gallagher; one brother, Tim Gallagher.

In lieu of visitation, a Remembrance Celebration will be held on Wed, September 4 at 7pm at the West Rowan High School Gym.

Funeral services will be held on Thurs, Sept 5 at 4pm Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 375 Lumen Christi Lane in Salisbury, NC. Burial will follow in the Church cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at 135 Chapel Court, Salisbury, NC 28147. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gallagher family. ❖❖

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

West Rowan High School
Hwy 801
Mt. Ulla, NC

Service

SEP 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
375 Lumen Christi Lane
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

ES

“ We are deeply saddened by Ronnie's death.....he was older than my husband and I in school but we both remember him with fond memories...so sorry for your loss...Marty and Eve Everhart Sink.

Eve Sink - September 12, 2013 at 09:47 AM

RS

“ My Wife and I just wanted to express our deepest sympathies over your loss. Its at these times that we can draw comfort from our heavenly father's promise to, in the very near future, make “death no more” and also bring back our loved ones that have already passed (2Cor 1:3,4 Rev 21:3,4 & John 5:28,29). Please accept our condolences

Reggie & Crystal Stocks - September 05, 2013 at 03:32 AM

KL

“ Never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Gallagher but I have always enjoyed reading his stories in the Post. I never knew he had Davidson County ties. I am so sorry for your loss and I will keep the Gallagher family in my prayers. May God comfort you during this time.

K. Lockhart - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 PM

TP

“ Dear Joan and Boys, I was heartbroken to hear of your loss. In over 24 years of working in minor league baseball, your husband, and dad, was one of the most sincere people I have ever met. He had a job to do and when things weren't good it was his responsibility to write it but in his heart he wanted people to do well. I am saddened that I cannot be there today to pay my proper respects but would love to visit with you when I get to North Carolina next time (which is about once every four months. He was a great journalist and at the same time a great friend and that made him very special. I looked through a lot of my old clippings from him last night and smiled, and cried, and then smiled some more. May your sadness and loss be lifted up knowing that Ronnie lived a life of kindness, love and greatness.

Todd "Parney" Parnell
VP/COO, Richmond Flying Squirrels

Todd "Parney" Parnell - September 04, 2013 at 10:12 AM

RL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Gallagher family. Ronnie will always be remembered by the members of the Piedmont Boll Weevils & Kannapolis Intimidators. He was a great man who will be missed.
Randy Long

Randy Long - September 04, 2013 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ May God Grant Joan, Jack, Mackie, and family Peace & Comfort. Praying that your family will sense God's presence near you & that you will be strengthened daily through His loving grace. Love in Christ, Terry & Susan Beeker

Susan Beeker - September 03, 2013 at 09:16 AM

SL

“ Sharon, Terry, Lexie & Luke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Ray Gallagher.



Sharon, Terry, Lexie & Luke - September 03, 2013 at 07:49 AM

RS

“ I am so extremely sorry for your loss. Everyone who was interviewed by or talked to Ronnie could feel his love for sports. He will be missed.

Reid Shaver - September 03, 2013 at 05:26 AM

RS

“ Randy S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Ray Gallagher.



Randy S. - September 02, 2013 at 08:42 PM

RS

“ I hope the Lord has plenty of Sweet Tea made. The angels will be playing Beach Music for Ronnie G. Goodbye my dear old friend, the times we shared were full of laughter, and I will cherish them always.

Randy Sell, Life long friend, Des Moines, Iowa

randy sell - September 02, 2013 at 04:43 PM

Sharon
McCulloh

“ So very sorry for the loss of Ronnie. What a great and very humble guy he was. He meant a lot to my family and to me as well. Patrick was ecstatic when Ronnie went to Baptist to meet him and the family and was just touched by everything he wrote on his battle. Glad to have known such a beautiful soul and I know he's up there with Patrick and watching him play his beloved baseball. R.I.P. Ronnie, you are missed.
Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

Sharon McCulloh - September 02, 2013 at 04:32 PM

JO

“ Jen Osborne lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Gallagher



Jen Osborne - September 02, 2013 at 04:20 PM

MB

“ *Joan & Boys, I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts & prayers in the coming days.*



Mary K. Byerly - September 02, 2013 at 03:10 PM

RC

“ *My prayers are with Joan and the boys. Ronnie was always a wonderful friend to me who taught me so much about sportswriting and life in general. We will all missd a great friend, but God now has the best sportswiter in the business.*

Rodney Cline - September 02, 2013 at 07:27 AM

DK

“ *ronnie was a true friend, a fabulous promoter of people, players, parents, coaches, and high school athletics in general. his impact on area sports is too large to measure. he cannot be replaced and he will be missed. denny key sr
former davie high coach*

denny key - September 01, 2013 at 09:18 PM

TG

“ *Tiffany Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Gallagher*



Tiffany Garcia - September 01, 2013 at 07:28 PM

MC

“ I had a great relationship with Ronnie in Davie County. The football community has lost a good friend. Mike Carter (former coach at Mooresville High School)

mike carter - September 01, 2013 at 01:13 PM

JR

“ Our prayers go out to the Gallagher family. Ronnie has been so good to me as during the past few years as a coach. I have been blessed to know Ronnie. Ronnie always understood my frustrations as a coach and defended me when times were hard. He will be missed.

Coach Jason Rollins (South Rowan High School)

Jason Rollins - September 01, 2013 at 06:46 AM