



Ronald Marlin Knorr

September 9, 1960 - January 8, 2018

Dr. Ronald Marlin Knorr, age 57, husband of Pamela Berner Knorr, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Monday, January 8, 2018. He was born September 9th, 1960 at Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, SC to the late Marlin Robert Knorr and Chattalee (Dempsey) Knorr. Ron graduated from Clemson University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Financial Management. He was a member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. Ron married Pamela Berner in May, 1981. In 1987 he received a Master of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of North Florida. In the financial world he held many positions including Auditor, Controller, Vice President of Finance, and CPA. In November of 2000, Ron received a renewed lease on life through the gift of a kidney and pancreas transplant from his donor David Hughes. With a renewed outlook on life he decided to become a teacher – obtaining his Master of Arts degree in teaching from Clemson University in 2005. Ron began teaching at the Middle School level including several years at Laurens Middle School and Greenville County schools. Over the years, Ron taught at several universities, including Clemson University, University of Phoenix, Erskine College, and Tri-County Technical College. He also published numerous articles as well as co-authored a book, "The Segregated Georgia School for the Deaf 1882 – 1975" during his career. In 2010, Ron received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Clemson University and began teaching at Mercer University in Georgia. Ron retired from Mercer in 2016 as Associate

Professor and Chair. Over the years Ron has worked with the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of African American History and Culture, and other organizations, on projects to document Rosenwald Schools. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Kappa Delta Pi, and Beta Gamma Sigma. Ron was selected as a 2014 Teacher of Honor by Kappa Delta Pi. He is survived by his beloved wife Pam, his Father and Mother-in-Law, Rex and Margaret Berner, a brother Terrald Knorr (Lynn), a nephew Dempsey Knorr, an uncle, Jerrald Dempsey (Carol), and cousins Wendy Dempsey McCarter, Michelle Dempsey and Elizabeth Dempsey Piper. A memorial will be held 01-20-2018 at 11 am at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, 2094 Highway 101 North, Greer SC. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Ron's name to the Palmetto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at <https://goo.gl/cDpwPi> or Donate Life South Carolina at 22 Centre East, 4200 East North Street, Greenville, SC 29615.

Tribute Wall

HM

“ Pam,

I've been thinking about Doc a lot and all the great beach trips we had with Mark Clark and Joel Hogg to the Surfside condo (where I am now) and to the mountains near Clemson. I still have a huge cigar he gave me during one of the trips and think of him when I see it. Doc was a great guy and always had a great story to tell. It was obvious how much he adored you the love of his life "Pammy."

Miss you Doc.....

Howard Murray

Howard Murray - April 29, 2021 at 06:42 PM

TN

“ Pam-Just learned of Ron's passing! So happy for my visit in your home those years ago! You are in my prayers! (From Thor Nelson)

Thor Nelson - December 16, 2019 at 06:30 PM

AB

“ Dear Pam,

Ron is forever in our hearts. You and your family are close in our thoughts and prayers. May our wonderful memories of Ron give us all comfort--now, and in the difficult days to come. We take solace in knowing that, though gone from our sight, Ron is now pain-free and whole, living forever in the light of God's eternal day.

With Love,

Anne Bradbury Graves and Bob Graves



Anne Bradbury - January 20, 2018 at 03:07 AM

RB

“ Dear Pam, on behalf of the Fairview E.S. Brown Board we wish to extend our condolences to your family. Dr. Ron Knorr was an inspiration, always encouraging and supportive of our project. We all share in your family’s loss; our prayers are with you and yours.
Joyce Perdue Smith, Chairman.

Rita Bridge - January 19, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Marlin Knorr.



January 19, 2018 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Jay Hope - January 16, 2018 at 03:07 PM

AB

Thank you for posting this video of our friend, Dr. Ron, in his element. He worked so hard to accomplish this, and much more. Excellent, worthy work--caring teacher. Gone too soon, but never forgotten. Anne Bradbury Graves and Bob Graves

Anne Bradbury - January 19, 2018 at 01:36 PM

ME

I just visited the Hope School yesterday. I read Dr Ron's article today. I was so sorry to learn that he died in 2018. I plan to follow up on what I learned. I also left (virtual) forget-me-nots on his Find a Grave memorial. Although I will not be able to meet him in person, I feel that we have been introduced by means of this video. Blessings in whoever put it hear for me (and others after me) to find.

mary emerson-smith - May 18, 2023 at 06:31 PM

SL

“ Dr. Ron was a dear friend back in high school. I am so glad we were able to redevelop that friendship later in life. He was such a great help to me as I pursued my dreams later in life by going to college. I will cherish the memories and the kindness and encouragement he showed me through the good and bad times. I will miss him, but know that I will see him again one day in heaven!



Sandi Little - January 14, 2018 at 07:55 PM

SK

*“ Dear Pam, Although I only met you and Ron once at the Knorr reunion, I would like to express my sincere sympathy to you and your family. I only wish we could have gotten to know each other better. Again my prayers go out to you and your family.
A distant cousin,
Shirley Knorr Kline.*

Shirley Kline - January 14, 2018 at 06:32 PM

JS

*“ My sincere condolences for your family.
John 6:40*

Js - January 13, 2018 at 07:30 AM

LM

“ Pam, please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your husband. My heart is broken for you. I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers. - Lisa Mangel

Lisa Mangel - January 12, 2018 at 12:21 PM

BA

“ Dr Knorr was my Supervisor and was such a wonderful man. I enjoyed learning from him and valued his friendship. My deepest sympathies and prayers

Becky Allen - January 11, 2018 at 06:04 PM

TH

“ Trent And Linda Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ronald Marlin Knorr



Trent and Linda Hughes - January 10, 2018 at 07:05 AM

TH

May GOD be with you all during this time of sorrow. Ron will be missed by us all. Was very thankful for the time I spent with him during his hospital stay

Trent and Linda Hughes - January 10, 2018 at 07:08 AM

GT

I was so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. We lived on the same hall, B-6 Johnstone while at Clemson. He was a good guy. I am glad we ran into each other recently. Ron accomplished much in his life and contributed greatly to those around him. He will be missed. May God grant you his blessings and peace as you walk thorough this season of life.

Grayson Thomas - January 11, 2018 at 05:39 PM

JM

We were blessed to have Ron in our Brotherhood. We are grateful to have him in our hearts forever. Fraternally in LF&S, Jack McKenzie, Alpha Phi Omega, Clemson University

Jack McKenzie - January 12, 2018 at 07:13 AM

MB

Ron was an amazing person. He was so bright, wise, and caring. He was a great professor. He is missed at Mercer. It is not the same without him.

Mary Kay Bacallao - January 12, 2018 at 03:54 PM

DG

In life, we have a few friends that are as close as family and just as cherished. For me, Ron was such a friend. His life was a triumph over the physical challenges he faced from childhood. He accomplished much, set high standards for himself and his students and positively impacted so many people. He will be sorely missed until we can see each other again in heaven. Until then, the memories of our escapades together over the last forty years make the loss a bit easier.

Drew Gahagan - January 13, 2018 at 07:55 PM