



## Ronald Brent Leep

August 3, 1947 - September 2, 2013

Ron was born in Roseburg, OR, August 3, 1947, to Selby and Sally Leep. He died unexpectedly September 2, 2013, of a pulmonary aneurism while vacationing with his wife in Los Cabos, Mexico. Ron attended schools 1-12 in Roseburg, college at Oregon State University and art school at the San Francisco Academy of Arts. He spent 15 yrs. as a self-employed reclamation contractor. Later in life he chose to use his God Given artistic talent to create beautiful bronze sculptures. Ron is survived by his wife of 36 yrs., Karen the love of his life, of Redmond, OR; his mother, Sally of Prineville, OR; brother, Mike Leep of Brogan, OR; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Selby Leep. As Ron always said, Life isnt a dress rehearsal, it is your only shotso make it count. Ron lived life to the fullest and his enthusiasm was enjoyed by all who knew him. He was a free spirit and practiced his Christian beliefs by always helping others in need. He will be missed for his wit, story telling and ability to make people laugh. He was a good listener and a thoughtful person even to strangers. Ron was a devoted husband, and Karen is already so missing his companionship. He was her protector and best friend. Per Rons prior request, there will be no service. Contributions may be made in Rons name to any organization that benefits animals.

Funeral Home:

Redmond Memorial Chapel

717 SW 6th Street  
Redmond, OR  
US 97756

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I HEARD OF RONS PASSING ONLY TODAY. I AM DEEPLY SADDENED FOR YOU KAREN AND FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND TO GRIEVE. THE LOSS OF THIS OUTSTANDING MAN IS A REMINDER TO US ALL TO LIVE EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST. MY TRUST IN OUR GOD ASSURES ME THAT RON IS RESTING IN GOOD COMPANY AND CREATING HIS PRECIOUS ART FOR THOSE WITH HIM. I ENJOY EVERY DAY THE LIFESIZE BRONZE AT THE ENTRANCE TO MY HOME. IT IS A FREQUENT SOURCE OF CONVERSATION AND A CONSTANT REMINDER OF HIS SPECIAL TALENT. I DO AND WILL CONTINUE TO MISS YOU, RON. I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE MY KNOWING YOU AND KAREN. DANA L. SORUM

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**dana Sorum** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Hi Karenâ€¦. Thinking of you, as I know holidays are very hard after losing someone you love. The pain of loss doesnt go away, but it does get easier. I hope that you enjoyed being with your family today and could relax some in the love of family and friends. Our thoughts, love and prayers, Uncle Kieth and Aunt Carol

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**Kieth and Carol Kaber** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Oh my goodness Karen, Ron was your Knight in shining Armor, your best friend, your Soul mate. I can only imagine how difficult each minute of each day is for you. The shimmer in your eyes when you spoke of him and in his eyes as he spoke of you. The wonderful gatherings you had and the banter in the kitchen just adorable. He was the sweetest most sincere man. No matter where I would run into him he was always smiling and happy. He loved you will all his being. You are a dear sweet friend. I know you have many people at your side and you are still in shock, but please dont hesitate to call me when ever you just need a shoulder or an ear or even just another person in your home as you try to rest. I am 10 minutes away and available 24/7 541-420-4493. Love you Karen.

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**Terri Cichosz** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Ron was a special person to both us. He was a man that was full of life every time we saw him. When we needed a good friend Ron and Karen were always there. We knew where to get the best Mojitos in town, at Ron and Karens. Ron mentored Kim getting her started in the world of bronze casting. He was always ready to help in any way he could a phone call was all he needed to come over right away to help out. He was an amazing artist he loved what he did in life whether it be sculpting or designing and building a house or landscaping their park setting on the river. Ron will surely be missed by us we feel blessed just to be called his friend. Karen and Ron were always giving of themselves, so many great memories. Ron is in heaven looking out for us all he was just that kind of man. Karen, Phil and I are here for you whenever you need us anytime you know we love you our heart goes out to you. You are a special friends to us. Kim and Phil Chavez

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**Kim and Phil Chavez** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Karen, When Ron and I met on so many occasions for lunch at Madelines to discuss the selling of your 6 acre Yew Avenue property, it was always about what he wanted to do for you when it sold. You truly were his lifes inspiration and I was so saddened to read about his aneurism! I ran into Ron at the past Sportsman Show in Redmond and introduced him to my sons and Grandson and it was old home week after not seeing each other for many years. John Sandstrom did me well by referring me to Ron and he is in my good old boy bank of friendships! Ron was never boring and neither was my Dad. Maybe they are fishing or hunting together right now? God bless you and may HE give you peace! Louie

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**Louie Hoffman** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Thinking of you, Karen, as you are on a very hard journey. You are in our thoughts and prayers a lot. May you experience Gods peace and comfort, and know that you are deeply loved, not only by the Lord, but by many others. Aunt Carol

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**Kieth and Carol Kaber** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I was so sad to hear of Rons passing. We will all miss seeing and getting to visit with him.

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**Terri Collins** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Karen: We were shocked and so saddened to hear of Rons passing. We always had fun and laughs when we were with you guys and loved Rons cheery, positive outlook on life. He certainly did know how to live life to its fullest. I used to love the way he teased you about being the Spud Queen. Redmond lost one of its unique characters and some of its richness with Rons passing. Please know we are thinking of you at this very hard time. Your friends, Del & Lori Johnson

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**Del & Lori Johnson** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Ron was simply one of my favorite people in the whole world I have known and loved him since Junior High we went to High School and College together and have managed to keep in touch over the years. Im so very proud of the work that he has done as a sculpture and my family owns numerous pieces that we will treasure forever. Karen, I think of you so often and mourn with you for the loss of someone so special as Ron my love to you. Lynn Engle

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**Lynn Engle** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Karen, we are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Ron and if there is anything we can do for you and your family, please let us know. Art

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**Art & Patti Schultz** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of Rons passing. He will be missed by many. I will miss his quick wit and infectious smile. The world will miss his art.

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**Judy Goodrich** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Our hearts are so heavy with the news of Rons passing. He was a man who brought such joy to all those around him. Karen when you can and feel ready. Please contact us. Ed and Jennifer (541)678-8378

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**Ed and Jennifer Anderson** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Rons passing. He was a friend and an employer at one time. I met Ron when I was a bartender at the Woolen Mill. We became friends and later he hired me to work on his seeding operations. I enjoyed his company and marveled at his artistic skills.

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**Allen Boyle** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Donna and I are deeply saddened and we will miss Ron. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hal and Donna

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**Harold Evansn** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Ron has touched so many peoples life that we are honored to have been one of them! A good man with a big heart and a friendship that will not be forgotten! May you rest in peace!

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**Brad & Tina** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Karen, Ron was always willing to help when Dianne and I were first starting our life together in Sausalito 46 years ago. He was truly a person who gave so much through his art and the person he was to others. Along with you and your family we will miss him. From time to time the curtain of time will open to those past days we spent in those early years in Sausalito and we will smile remembering the time we spent together. He truly made his one shot count and we will always remember his kindness and cleverness. With our deepest sympathy, Mike and Dianne Brock

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**Mike Brock** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Karen My heart is with you at this time, I dont have the words t express my sorrow. Please know that we are here. Love Tim and Pam

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**Tim and Pam Phillips** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Karen our thoughts and prayers go out to you and all of your family. Ron will be missed greatly, and we know in our hearts he is in a better place. God Bless you and keep you always in his arms. Rick & Shirley Langston 7314 S.W. McVey Avenue, Redmond, OR 97756

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**Richard & Shirley Langston** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ One of the most accommodating men I have ever known. My heart goes out to you Karen

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**Tom Mertz** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry and heart broken to hear about Ron. I knew him for over 22 years and cant believe that this has happened. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family especially his beautiful wife Karen. He will be greatly missed as a person and a truly wonderful artist. I will never forget all the times spent with him and hope that he will be at peace, until we all meet again. His friend Karen

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**Karen Findley** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Ron! will miss your easy smile the glint in your eye as if you knew something the rest of us didnt know! I will miss your: stories, your laugh, your kindness and heartfelt care & concern for others. I will miss the way you looked at Karen with tenderness, as she animated one of a million great stories of your adventures together such a testament to true friendship and love. I will miss the down-to-earth way you looked at life and people and accepted all of it with ease and a bit of humor, too. I will miss our conversations about life and faith (this one and the next) without getting all religious about it (big smile)! I will miss your art because it was a reflection of how you saw and felt about Gods creation. Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:7-10 I will toast to you tonite with a grateful heart that we shared a season of friendship that I wont ever forget Corona with lime is it? Karen I am hugging you right and my heart goes out to you. Sincerely, Roz Eaton

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**Roz Eaton** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I am so saddened to hear of your loss Karen, but so glad you have the support of friends and family nearby. Even though I havent seen Ron for a few years, you and he often have come into my thoughts and prayers. Ron will be missed! My hope and prayer for you right now is that you can sing from that old hymn It Is Well with My Soul. God Loves You! Aunt Helen

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**Helen-Marie Marshall** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Im deeply saddened with Rons passing. Ill never forget the wheeling and dealing Ron and I did in the early 80s to get the house on McVey. I took guns from Ron as my commission. A few years later he bought back his favorite shotgun. Ron took me drift fishing on the Deschutes one year from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. The salmon fly hatch was on but the fish were not biting. We pulled over and Ron took off one direction and I went the other way. Long story short After long fight I caught a big red side about 25 inches long and released it. Ron never did believe that I caught that fish. Ron, I really did catch it! Blessing! Jim

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**Jim Johnson** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ What a shock to hear of Rons sudden death! It is heart-breaking to lose someone you love and I know that you and Ron loved each other very much. Were SO very thankful that you have the strong support of your loving family and close friends! The Lord will be there always! He knows your every need, and sees your every tear. Ron was a very talented man, a thoughtful son, a loving husband, and Im sure was loved by many people! We are SO sorry for your loss, Karen. Love, Uncle Kieth and Aunt Carol

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**Kieth and Carol Kaber** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Fred and I were so very saddened by the loss of Ron. We had not seen him in years, but since I am from Roseburg and Fred hunted with both Ron and Mike, he was very much a part of our younger years. He will be sorely missed. We hope the wonderful memories of your life together will sustain you during your grief. God Bless You, Barbara Saar Baldwin

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**Barbara Baldwin** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM