



Ronald Raymond Rhodes

April 4, 1961 - January 17, 2025

Ronald Raymond Rhodes, 63, aka “Ronnie Ray Rhodes” and “Triple R”, skilled auctioneer, larger than life; of Monee, formerly of Bucktown; passed away peacefully from complications of liver failure on January 17, 2025.

Born in Chicago, Ron graduated from Peotone High School and studied at the University of California at Berkeley before attending auctioneering school.

Ron spent his career working at various car auctions and charity galas with Sayre & Jones Auctioneers raising millions of dollars for amazing causes.

Music was Ron’s lithium, and he really did appreciate all genres. Back in the day you could reliably catch him out at Holiday Club, Exit, Liar’s Club, Metro, and Double Door and every year at Riot Fest. The last 25 years of his life were also dedicated to his beloved wife and family. He cooked and cleaned and was an excellent spouse, father-figure, and grandfather.

RRR loved visual art and was a man of style with a signature hat (Cowboy or more modern), chunky watch and jewelry, and of course his handlebar mustache.

In the late 90's Ron met the love of his life at Exit. After a few years of false starts, the couple settled into each other. In 2018, Ron pulled off a surprise

marriage proposal on Abbey Road in London. The heavily tattooed couple married at City Hall with a rock & roll-themed wedding at Gene and Georgetti's. They each new people all around the city and would always run into people one of them knew. Aga remembers tending to her clients at the Ritz-Carlton while Ron was auctioneering at a Four Seasons gala a few blocks away.

The couple lived in Bucktown for two decades and enjoyed dining out- they were regulars at Le Bouchon and Club Lucky. They traveled to Tahiti, Thailand, and the Dominican Republic, but their most special place was Tulum, Mexico. Recently, they moved to the Rhodes family farm in Monee.

Beloved Twin Flame, biggest supporter, and beloved husband of six years (together for over two decades) of Agnieszka "Aga" Rhodes (nee Kaskiewicz).

Son of Samuel and the late Rena (nee Seaman) Rhodes, devoted step-father of Kamila (Ryan) Blume of Skokie, very proud and involved grandfather "Papa" of Milliana "Milli" Allison Blume and a grandson on the way.

Half-brother of the late Linda Dillon, uncle of Linda Simulis Richardson and Jackie Richards, son-in-law of Jolanta Kaskiewicz.

Faithful companion of his Huskies Sonja and the late Luna.

The family has chosen to privately witness a green cremation.

A celebration of life is being held on Thursday, January 30, Venue West, 221 N. Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60612. Doors open for visitation 4pm. Eulogies start 5pm sharp. Reception 6-8pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Pasadena Humane

Society: <https://pasadenahumane.org/>, Forever Husky (Luna's rescue): <https://foreverhusky.org/>, or PAWS Chicago (Sonja's rescue): <https://www.pawschicago.org/>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Venue West

221 N. Paulina St.

Chicago, IL 60612

<https://www.venuewestchicago.com/>

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mark Mueller He was great ringman as Mannheim Milwaukee for 20 years for me!! Sad news for Ron Rhodes 63 year old. He always had fun and lived the best life!!! To Aga well wishes!!*

Mark Mueller - January 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM

AA

“ *Sending prayers to Aga and The Rhodes Family to celebrate the spectacular life of Ron. He was an exceptional human and we are grateful to have known him and his fabulous life. He beautifully supported Aga as a team never wavering to be by her side. It was magical to watch their love story. Many blessings for his story to continue from above. Our deepest sympathy's, Amy, Dan and Duke Allen & The Modern Luxury family 🕊️*

Amy Allen - January 30, 2025 at 06:58 AM

LA

“ *Love, Amy & Alex purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Raymond Rhodes.*



Love, Amy & Alex - January 30, 2025 at 02:58 AM

MC

“ *Michael-James and Allison Conwell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ronald Raymond Rhodes.*



Michael-James and Allison Conwell - January 28, 2025 at 09:24 AM

RT

“ *His voice was unique and calming.,His smile and laugh and the way he moved...it was all infectious and cool. The most memorable thing to me, though, was the way he loved Aga. This loss is truly horrible and sad and maddening. We all aspire to a love like that and a little bit of everyone loses out on hope when we see a flame as strong as his be snuffed out. His energy lives on. We all know that. My prayer is that Aga can still feel that love the rest of her life and that she remembers he is still beside her. I pray for her as she takes baby steps through the ashes of this tragedy and builds a pivotal chapter. I'm so sad for them. Raga forever.*

Robyn Tornabeni - January 24, 2025 at 01:20 AM

BR

“ *I can't remember exactly when we met , but I will never forget his smile , his devilish grin , his warm bear like hugs and his absolutely free soul!
He spoke his mind and laughed out loud!
His style was one of a kind ~ just like his persona!
You will be greatly missed Sir!!!❤️❤️🎵🎵🎵*

Betsy Reed - January 21, 2025 at 10:11 PM

NM

❤️ *he was one of a kind*

Nicole Marsala-Letiecq - January 22, 2025 at 09:46 AM

GC

“ *Rock-n-roll, the punk scene, motorcycle rides to Exit on a Wednesday nights while he had a Mohawk hair where we used Elmer’s glue to hold it in place, paying a 6-pack for our hair cuts... attending Souxie and the banshee concerts, many concerts! he didn’t deny me of full youthful experience.*

I wasn’t old enough to drive so he hosted me and my girlfriend on our first date, 47 years later we recall that ride to Orland mall. He left his rural upbringing only to return years later to take care of his parents with Aga in tow.

His passion as an auctioneer, his appreciation for a diverse music scene, his adoration for his wife Aga and his fondness of devoted friends... part of the threads of his life.

His passing is a void for many of us but he left us all a wonderful gift of great memories. Rip Ron.

Glenn Clarke - January 21, 2025 at 07:58 PM

GM

“ *We first met with Ron at my friend Jolka’s house. He was always in a good mood, with big smile on his face, very kind and making others feeling good. Throughout the years we witnessed his love and amazing care towards Aga, Kama, Millie and the entire family! Let light be on your path through eternity Ron!
Love, Ganka and Rob*

Ganka and Rob McSay - January 21, 2025 at 02:29 PM

NM

“ Where to start...as far as I can remember in my days of working at Holiday Club and going out and about in the city, there was the familiar smile, cowboy hat and the famous howl he gave when doing a shot. Even if he wasn't within your sight, if you heard the howl, you knew Ron was there. Always genuine and generous. Someone who sat with me on a stoop when mourning the loss of one of our friends and celebrated many a birthday and life's joys. One of my favorite memories is when he went on vacation and we decided to throw a party at his loft. All of us girls got on his bed took a silly picture and then left it on his fridge to find when he got back into town. Surprise! I can still hear him cracking up and calling us out on it once it was discovered.

There wasn't a better pair than Ron and Aga and there is no doubt that they loved one another from first sight and loved deeply and sincerely. Always the best dressed and in sync with one another. Together they were like art.

What more is there to say? We love you Ronnie and thank you for giving us so many wonderful memories and for being a gentleman and genuine friend. Until we meet again.

Nicole Marsala-Letiecq - January 21, 2025 at 10:08 AM

BR



Betsy Reed - January 21, 2025 at 10:12 PM

NM

♥ Betsy...miss you.

Nicole Marsala-Letiecq - January 22, 2025 at 09:46 AM

EB

“ Ronny helped me out so that I would know what I was doing in the Auction business many years ago in Chicago. Together with Brent Frazier and Mike Wojak they were the Ringman College of Auction knowledge. I lost my license for a time and Ronny was very generous to help me by giving me rides to Auctions and even let me sleep on his couch a couple times. RIP Ronny.

ed behr - January 20, 2025 at 02:58 PM

EF

“ I met Ron many years back when I started performing at charitable galas. It was always my highlight of the night when I knew Ron was on-sight to help auction off my artwork. He knew how to get the people excited to bid higher. I know he loved his family very much and would always talk about everyone. Peace and prayers to all.

Elliott From - January 20, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Ron, I won't be at a show without looking for your smiling face. So glad to have known you, and so sorry we didn't have more time. Big love to you and say hello to Christy for me



Carter Pfeifer Mattig - January 19, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MO

“ Life without Ronnie will be dull now for all that knew him. Much love to his family.

Maralyn Owen - January 19, 2025 at 08:07 PM

PS

*My dear cousin Ron RIP. I will watch over my uncle Sam as always.
Love, Patti.*

Patti Smith - January 19, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JR

“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure ❤️ Ron is truly a treasure.*

Josann Rahning - January 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM

BF

“ *So sad to hear this news about Ronnie. I worked with him in the auction business. He was a good man, one of style and grace and someone always finding the positive in whatever it was.
We'll miss you, Ronnie Joe - Godspeed! Brent*

Brent Fraser - January 19, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SH

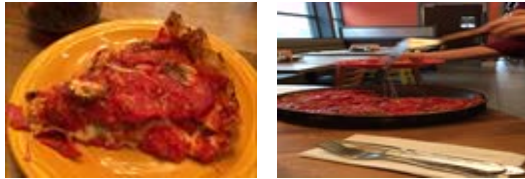
“ To say Ronnie is unique is an understatement.
I've known Ron the majority of my life and I've had the opportunity to see him at work and to see him at life.
He had unbelievable wittiness about him and a smile that I will never forget.
He had the best ability to make you feel good about yourself and happy to be in the moment.
I think of Ronnie every morning as there is a picture in my gym of a trip we took skiing in Colorado 30 years ago, and I look at it every day.
I love you and I will miss you my friend



shane - January 19, 2025 at 01:06 PM

SR

“ Ron took me for my first slice of Chicago style pizza and turned this Ny girl into a fan... of not just the pizza ;) anytime I came to town he made sure I had full belly and a full heart, Where he will forever remain ☐ 🍷 🍕



stacy Robinson - January 19, 2025 at 01:05 PM

KC

“ Ron and I grew up together. He was always ahead when it came to fashion, music and culture. He was a good friend for many years I'm so sorry for his passing. I know Aga was a good wife to Ron and I want to thank all I saw at the hospital and facility. Many great stories. Ron will be missed as he touched so many lives in a good way. I know he loved his father Sam very much. Ron I know you made it to heaven. Your new life starts again and I for one hope our paths cross again Aga, Sam, Linda, Jackie. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Love Keith

Keith Clarke - January 19, 2025 at 12:57 PM

LI

Thank you Keith, and agree Aga was a great wife to Ron, thank you Aga for all you did for Ron.

Linda - January 19, 2025 at 02:32 PM

TL

Was a neighbor of Ron's at a loft on Diversey Ave. I tell you we had lots of fun. Ron was a unique character to say the least and had a heart of gold. Rest in peace my friend. Tom Leslie, Sarasota Fl.

Tom Leslie - July 24, 2025 at 09:15 PM