



Ronald M. Pringle

December 16, 1935 - February 19, 2022

Ronald Mark Pringle, born December 16, 1935, passed away surrounded and comforted by family at home in Burlington, CT. on Saturday February 19, 2022 at the age of 87. Beloved son of George and Laura Pringle (deceased) and brother of Robert Pringle of Lakeland, FL, Ron is survived by his loving partner of 39 years, Beryl Piper, his sons Gregory Pringle of Santa Fe, NM., Lon Pringle of Sterling, VA., and Joshua Pringle of Ormond Beach, FL. Additionally, Ron is survived by Mr. Carlos Lopez, his son Alayas, and grandchildren Ricky and Joshua (Greg), Emilie and Natalie (Lon), Emma and Evan (Josh) and his two nieces, Wendy and Leslie.

Born and raised in Weatogue and a former resident of both Simsbury and Litchfield, Ron graduated from Simsbury High School, where he was a member of the 1952 Class "C" State Championships Boys Basketball team. He then went on to attend the Teachers College of Connecticut (now Central Connecticut State University) where he played basketball from 1953-1957. Pringle then enlisted and served with honor in the United States Army as a cryptographer in Southeast Asia for 13 months before beginning his teaching and coaching career. He taught in both Litchfield, where he led the Boys Basketball team to the Class "S" State Title in 1959, and Avon before returning to his alma mater in 1970 to join the Men's Basketball program under the direction of the legendary William "Bill" Detrick. Simultaneously, Ron served as an assistant Men's Soccer Coach under the leadership of Coach John Webster. Then, in 1978, Ron took over the coaching duties of the

Women's Softball team at CCSU and continued in that role until his retirement in 1995. After leaving the collegiate ranks, Pringle joined the Girls Basketball staff at New Britain under Beryl Piper, where together they went on to win three Girls Class "LL" State Championships. He is a member of the New Britain Athletics Hall of Fame, the Central Connecticut State University Athletics Hall of Fame, the Connecticut Women's Softball Hall of Fame, and was a recipient of the Harrison J. Kaiser Alumni Service Award.

Ron's impact on the people he taught, coached, mentored, and interacted with on a daily basis was immeasurable. He was a pillar of each community in which lived throughout the course of his life and strove to instill in his charges the principles of hard work, dedication, respect, honor, and courage. He leaves this earth a better place than he found it and his legacy will continue with all those lives he touched.

The family wishes to extend its deepest gratitude to Ms. Samantha Zaanoun for her incredible love, support, and assistance over the last several months of Ron's life. Her care allowed Ron to remain comfortable at home and provided both humor and solace in the final stage of his life. Additionally, the family wishes to extend its thanks to the incredible staff from HHC at Home Hospice of Watertown. Their knowledge, sensitivity, and guidance provided a sense of loving calm in the final days and hours.

A Celebration of Life will be held on at Farmington Gardens, 999 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT on Tuesday March 8, 2022 from 5-8 pm. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made directly to the Women's Soccer program or the Men's Baseball program of Central Connecticut State University in Ron's honor to CCSU Athletic Department, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06050.. Carlson Funeral Home of New Britain is assisting with the arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Farmington Gardens
999 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Coach Pringle was my favorite instructor at Central Ct. State College. He helped me zero in that teaching elementary physical education was the way for me to go. Kind, involved, and caring, he surpassed himself as my student teacher mentor. A true leader and inspiration in my time at CCSC.
Allison Black

Allison B. Black - May 13, 2024 at 03:26 PM

DC

“ Ron was a friend, a mentor, and such a great person.

David Chatzky - December 12, 2022 at 11:50 AM

BR

“ Bobby Ruddy lit a candle in memory of Ronald M. Pringle



Bobby Ruddy - May 20, 2022 at 04:06 PM

BR

Great guy who will be missed. I enjoyed every time I was with him. So sorry Beryl 🙏

Bobby Ruddy - May 20, 2022 at 04:13 PM

SW

“ I just learned of Ron's Passing today. To his Family and Beryl, I sincerely appreciated Ron's years of support, Friendship and discussions. He was THE MAIN MAN of True Character of Sports! He would appear while I was coaching Soccer games while at Farmington which was always appreciated!!
RIP My Friend
Coach Steve Waters

Steve Waters - March 09, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JG

“ Most coaches teach athletes how to play a game. Great coaches, like Coach Pringle taught his players how to be better people. We feel fortunate to have had Coach Pringle in our lives for the last 21 years. He was a coach, a father figure, a mentor and a friend. He had the biggest heart in the world, a heart of gold. Coach Pringle was someone that was always there if you ever needed anything. He had a great personality and sense of humor. He will be forever in our hearts and will be missed greatly.
Love - Jen (Rathbun) & Tim Guernsey

Jennifer Guernsey - March 07, 2022 at 08:08 PM

TE

“ Pringle I will always remember are talks, are trips to Baskin n Robins for ice cream, but most of all Snowman I'm going to miss that big old Smile of yours.....till we meet again....Love Tajuana "Tee" Sands.

Tee21tee - March 04, 2022 at 03:01 PM

MB

“ Ron was the biggest advocate for all of us student athletes. He was instrumental at helping us navigate studying, and playing a Division 1 sport and graduating on time!!! We loved him so much. He was a fantastic human being!!

Michelle Burke - March 01, 2022 at 08:27 PM

JM

“ Very sorry to hear about Ron's passing. My teammates (we all played for Pipe around 1996) - we still talk about this man. He also sat me down often one game to school me on the merits of the pick and roll. In great detail. I still remember all of it. I hope my wife and I can maintain the partnership I saw between Pring and Pipe for so long. Big hugs from Maine down to New Britain today. - Jenn

Jennifer Monti - March 01, 2022 at 09:57 AM

GM

“ I was very sorry to hear of Coach Pringle's passing and extend my condolences to his family. I had the privilege of playing for coach in the late-1960's at Litchfield High School. He was a great teacher and his lessons went well beyond the playing field- they extended to life. I am grateful that our paths crossed and may you RIP Coach.

Guy Minetti

Guy Minetti - March 01, 2022 at 08:29 AM

AS

“ Athena Spanakos lit a candle in memory of Ronald M. Pringle



Athena Spanakos - February 27, 2022 at 02:49 PM

AS

Our deepest sympathy to Beryl, as well as all of Ron's family and friend. He was such a kind, down to Earth person- and we were privileged to know him. May he rest in Peace. He will certainly be remember with fondness by my family in NY as well as those in Cork.
Athena Spanakos

Athena Spanakos - February 27, 2022 at 02:58 PM

SS

“ *It was an honor to teach with you at CCSU. You will be missed by all your former students, athletes and friends, and your legacy not forgotten.*

Sue Smith

Susan Smith - February 27, 2022 at 08:30 AM

RI

“ *While living in Litchfield while raising my children, Ron was a friend as were his children. I miss all of them. God bless...Dick Cable*

RICHARDCABLE - February 25, 2022 at 01:53 PM

MA

“ *Wow... As the dust settles and reality sinks in it's so hard to put into words what Coach Pringle was all about. I played for Ron in 1985-89 and must say it was the best move I ever made... Upon graduation he became an intricate part of my life, family, and the coach I am now.. His legacy lives on in so many of us and when his name comes up it will be with laughter and tears of joy and sorrow that one of the greatest men is no longer physically with us.. Continue to watch over all us and Rest In Peace Mr. CCSU* ❤️🙏❤️

Michelle Abraham - February 25, 2022 at 01:37 PM

LS

“ When I was in the 6th grade at Vance School in New Britain back in 1956-57, we had a student teacher named Mr. Pringle. I'm not sure if this Ronald Pringle was that man, but all the dates look like he might have been him. I remember him as being very caring, fun, just a welcome relief from Mrs. Agnes Olson who was a very strict teacher. All these years later, 65 years, I still remember him with very fond memories. I'm sure he is a great loss to his family, friends, and community.

Linda Suess

Linda Suess - February 25, 2022 at 11:45 AM

WA

“ Athletics was our common theme for many years, he as a coach and me as a Courant sportswriter. He was knowledgeable, likeable and usually ready with a joke and a smile. It was time well spent.

Woody Anderson - February 25, 2022 at 10:20 AM

EP

“ Lucky to have crossed paths with Ron Pringle through basketball at CCSU and New Britain HS. Coach Pringle always made me feel comfortable as a player, person and basketball official. Beside his advises, I will miss his sense of humor. Rest in Peace Coach.

Ed Perez - February 25, 2022 at 09:44 AM

BF

“ Always remember Ron and Beryl walking through the fairway under construction at Fairview Farm Golf Course 20+ years ago so they could "see what Bob was up to".

*He was ever present at the State Finals and was the first one after a game to seek the officials out and comment on the "great job". The consummate gentleman, always wearing a smile, I will miss him.
Bob Ferrarotti*

Bob Ferrarotti - February 25, 2022 at 08:03 AM

LR

“ Coach Pringle was a friend of our family first and became a coach of mine in high school. He was an incredible influence on me long after I graduated from NBHS. He and Beryl were a power couple that complemented one another in so many ways. He gave so much to so many of us and we were all lucky to have the experience of knowing him. I specifically remember that he is the only coach to ever want us to shoot with our strong hand on the weak side. So controversial -haha- but so logical when it came from Ron. He coached hard with a tremendous sense of humor - he cares so much. He connected with kids on the team in ways I don't think some had ever connected with a person of his demographic and it was a testament to his character and personality and devotion to coaching. He won't be forgotten and will long be loved and remembered by me and I'm sure many others. Big kisses to Beryl and Ron's kids, family, and loved ones.

lindsay ryba - February 24, 2022 at 09:27 PM

LR

One more memory.. Pringle once walked by and told me I had strings hanging from my shorts...then he said "Nevermind, it's just your legs!" And trotted away laughing at his own joke. It was funny to me and anyone that heard too since I was probably 6'1" and only around 115 lbs in 1994. Pretty sure he also told me my bones should throw a party "and invite some meat". LOL I still laugh whenever I think of that.

lindsay ryba - February 24, 2022 at 09:37 PM

BM

“ Ron was a true gentleman. He was my cooperating teacher in 1972 and guided me through some tough experiences. Rest In Peace my friend. It was a pleasure knowing you.

Linda & Bill Mackey

Bill Mackey - February 24, 2022 at 04:10 PM

DM

“ A true gentleman and terrific coach. We were very fortunate to have coach Pringle at Avon High in the early 70's. He made an impact.

David Marconi - February 24, 2022 at 01:10 PM

GC

“ I met Ron as a freshman at CCSU in 1980. He was the first analyst that I worked with calling Blue Devil basketball games on local cable TV. He was a gentle giant. Ron knew everyone it seemed, I would always have to pull him away from the crowd before games so we could do our standup for the broadcast. He meant a lot to me and I am deeply saddened by his passing. My condolences to Beryl, his children and his entire family.

Glenn Conticello - February 24, 2022 at 12:40 PM

LE

“ Coach Pringle was amazing coach when I was at CCSU and I will always remember his infectious personality and lessons he taught me that I carry with me today, that I instill in my son and his love for the game. Rest gently. Leah

Leah - February 24, 2022 at 10:31 AM

MR

“ *Condolences from the Pat Riera family. Ron will always be a fond memory.*

He was kind, not judgmental and supportive. He knew a good person when he saw one.

I hope that Ron and Coach Riera get to shake hands again.

Fondly,

Marguerite Riera Rose

Marguerite Rose - February 24, 2022 at 08:39 AM

KC

“ *My condolences.*

Coach Pringle's words of wisdom on the softball field has instilled in me.

Thank you for being a part of my life.

💜 *Kristy(Buonanni)Coon 92-94*

Kristy (Buonanni) Coon - February 23, 2022 at 04:38 PM

JA

“ To Beryl and Ron's extended family - our sympathy and love to each of you. Ron has always held a special place in my heart. As a young girl, I admired my OLDER cousin. Everywhere he went, he spread joy, and left smiles. As we grew older, life sent us to different stations, but we would meet at the various family member's funerals, where it seemed that no time had separated us. I believe that the glue that held our family together was love. In the past few years, two family gatherings had us reminiscing about events and family members - one event, in particular, had us all sitting around laughing as Ron's brother, Bob and Ron were comparing old report cards. To this day, I am not sure who was the better student. Ron, may you continue to coach the angels - and it's for certain you will have a winning team! RIP my dear cousin - you will be missed.
Much love,
Cousin Sue Cross Andrews and husband, Jim.

Jim & Susan Cross Andrews - February 23, 2022 at 02:31 PM

ML

“ Beryl - my condolences to you and the family. I consider myself very lucky to have known both Ron and you for over 30 years now. As I read Ron's accomplishments it was obvious he was an outstanding coach at multiple levels - and very deserving of all his Hall of Fame inductions/honors. Most important to me, was the great person he was and the positive impact he made on hundreds of people's lives - including mine. A great role model, credit to the profession, and genuine good person. I will miss him greatly.

Marty Lisevick

Marty Lisevick - February 23, 2022 at 01:03 PM

KP

“ My condolences to Beryl and the rest of the Pringle family at this sad time. Ron was truly a great and caring person who had a tremendous influence on my life as a student and athlete at CCSC. He always had a kind word to share along with a joke. REST IN PEACE COACH!

Ken Parciak - February 23, 2022 at 12:55 PM

NS

“ My condolences to the family of Coach Ron. I was the head swim coach at Central Connecticut from 1990–94 and Ron immediately took me under his wing and was a tremendous mentor and friend to me in my early days as a head coach. He was funny, intelligent, and loved our school. I always admired how Coach Ron was so kind and respectful to his players and always got their very best effort from them. These traits I have carried with me my entire career and was so thankful to circle back and chat with Ron not long ago.

Ned Skinner - February 23, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pringle family during this time of sorrow. So, sorry for your loss.
Jacqueline and Donald Banister and Gloria Webster

Jacqueline and Donald Banister - February 23, 2022 at 07:34 AM

KP

“ It was an absolute honor to know Coach Pringle. It was always a treat when he stopped by the CCSU softball field to say hello and check in. My sincerest condolences to the family, loved ones, and friends.

Kaitlin Paterson - February 22, 2022 at 09:19 PM

SM

“ Working at Fancy Bagels, I had the honor of connecting with dear Ronny. Ronny was a one of a kind human. Such a genuine soul who could brighten anyones day with just a smile or a joke. His presence at Fancy will always be missed and will always be remembered. Thankyou for all of your love, laughter, guidance & support throughout the years. I will hold all of the advice you’ve given and replay our moments forever.

My sincere condolences to Beryl and all family and friends of Ronny. My heart goes out to you.

Sarah Millard - February 22, 2022 at 07:55 PM

SS

“ So very sorry. He made a difference and left a legacy. RIP Pringle.

susan Stacy - February 22, 2022 at 05:46 PM

AJ

“ Condolences to Ron’s family and loved ones. He always cared about the person first before the athlete. He was a special force in my life and for many others. He’s leaving such an amazing legacy. I’m so grateful to have been a part of his life and will always treasure the memories I have with him.

Ann Jones - February 22, 2022 at 03:49 PM

LM

“ Coach Pringle- you shaped me into the woman I am today. I will never forget all the lessons you taught me. Playing for you was an honor. I will cherish the memories forever. Love- Lisa Turonis Mello

Lisa Mello - February 22, 2022 at 01:10 PM

DF

“ Condolences to the family of Ron Pringle.

I was a colleague of Ron at CCSU. He always had a new joke to tell everyone. He always put a smile on your face.

Dr. Frank J. Frangione

Dr. Frank J. Frangione - February 22, 2022 at 11:24 AM

JJ

“ Coach Pringle, I loved the way you cared about your players. You had a gentleness and a compassion for people. Your smile was everything . I loved how you'd nod your head and start dancing with us. Or how you got so emotional and your eyes would tear. You taught me a lot how to pour into souls and inspire and encourage! We will greatly miss you!!!!

Jen Payne in your butt 😊

Jennifer Jones - February 22, 2022 at 09:32 AM

LG

“ Coach Pringle was one of those coaches who changed my life. To this day, I repeat his stories and share his knowledge. I will never forget how he believed in me. He was the type of coach who pushed me to be my very best but also celebrated every little milestone along the way. I can still hear him say “Come On Lizzie !!” Or him jumping out of his seat, basically fist pumping because I FINALLY attempted that little baby hook shot we worked on, during a game... I missed by a lot but he celebrated just the same. He reminded me that when things were hard, we “GET to do this” and there were kids who wished they had the chance to play. I still can’t hear someone mention Kmart without thinking of Pringle and his “get some lace locks - \$.99 at Kmart” every time someone’s shoe was untied lol. Pringle, you made more of an impact than you probably ever realized - but I promise that your work ethic, knowledge, and care for your players will live on. Rest easy Coach - you’ve paced a lot of miles in front of a bball bench and before practice, in those sneakers, that you never tied right away because “you have to let your feet get used to them first”.

Thank you for all you’ve done for me and countless other players.
Your legacy will live on ❤️

Liz Gurekovich - February 22, 2022 at 09:02 AM

JK

“ Beryl my sincere sympathies to you for the loss of Ron. I have lost a very close friend as well. He was a fine person always looking to help others, particularly young athletes. He will be missed by many.
John Keleher

john keleher - February 22, 2022 at 08:04 AM