



Ronald Marvin Coville

January 13, 1937 - September 21, 2018

Ronald Marvin Coville, 81, of Kalkaska, passed away Friday, Sept 21, 2018 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

Ron was born to the late Victor and Alma (Marvin) Coville on January 13, 1937 in Lansing. He was raised in Nashville, Michigan. He graduated from Nashville High School where he earned twelve varsity letters. He attended Western Michigan University on a baseball scholarship before signing to pitch for the Chicago White Socks farm team. A shoulder injury ended his baseball dream.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960-1964. He returned to Western Michigan on the G.I. Bill and received his B.A. and M. A. in education.

Following graduation he taught Physical Education and coached football, swimming and golf at Owosso High School until his retirement in 1995. He retired to his cabin in the woods on the Manistee River where he spent his time hunting and playing golf at Grandview Golf Club. Eventually the family moved to Kalkaska.

Ron married the former Marilyn Martin in Bay City, Michigan in 1964. Together they had one wonderful daughter Cheryl who lives with them in Kalkaska.

In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by sisters: Rae (Steve) Hinderliter of Virginia and Marge Costas of Iowa, brother-in-law Leonard (Mickie) Martin and sisters-in-law Marjorie Martin and Pat Martin and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers-in-law.

Ron has been cremated. Per his request there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers anyone wishing to make a donation may direct it to Cheryl Coville or to Friends of Kalkaska Library New Building Fund.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Cheryl,
This is Rick Casault, one of your late mother’s cousins, the son of Paul Casault. My condolences, though late, are sincere. I found this obituary as I researched our family tree. And I have seen that you lost your mother also. I remember her visit to California around 1957. She was a beautiful young woman. I would like to contact you to add more stories to our family tree. Please find me on Facebook or LinkedIn. Thank you.

Rick Casault - September 25, 2024 at 06:19 PM

LR

“ *Linda Radtke sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Marvin Coville*



Linda Radtke - October 06, 2020 at 03:30 PM

DZ

“ *Ms. Coville, My name is Doug Zambiasi and I played football in the mid 70s in Owosso. Mr. Coville was fantastic and always treated players fairly and with respect. The thing I remember most about him was it didn't matter if you were the #1 QB or the 50th player on the team he always had time for you and made you feel good about being part of the team. He was certainly a coach that wanted to win, but more importantly he cared a great deal about kids. He will forever have my respect and admiration. Doug Zambiasi--1975*

Doug Zambiasi - October 10, 2018 at 07:58 AM

MT

“ Marilyn, just catching up on Owosso papers. Read of Ron's passing. Our sympathy to you and Cheryl. Mary Ellen and Dale Tithof

Mary Tithof - October 09, 2018 at 08:08 PM

RH

“ Marilyn and Cheryl, we are saddened to learn of the loss of your dear loved one. We attended Nashville High School with Ron, and I played all the sports with him. He was a great athlete and friend. In one of our baseball games we both hit triples. His was a legitimate crush to left field and mine was a late swing that sent the ball over first base and ended up in the weeds in right field. We both had a laugh over it when written up in the Nashville News sports column. Our condolences to you both.
s/ Dick & Ruth Ann Roberts-Hamilton

Richard L. Hamilton - September 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

RH

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Richard L. Hamilton - September 29, 2018 at 11:23 AM

KM

“ Marilyn and Cheryl, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Ron. He was a great father, husband, teacher and coach. Thinking of you two.

Karen (Baese) Michalec

Karen Michalec - September 25, 2018 at 09:06 PM

CR

“ It is a very sad day when you learn of a coach and mentor's passing. It is not surprising to me that I learned about Coach Coville's death from a teammate who played under him as well, and who also thought very highly of him. I will always be most appreciative of the confidence my head football coach and coaches instilled in me. I have so many great memories of games and practices for those three years under Coach Coville. He was a decent and honorable man who drove his players to get better. I was lucky to play under him in '82, '83 and '84. His '82 team was one of the most fun and most talented I have ever played on. He was innovative and tried to bring new ideas to a small town environment. He was not afraid to try to do so.

But that is not what I will remember most about him. My class was the first class to not have a freshman football program due to the economy, politics and sheer greed. Our coaches found a place for us to play on JV as freshmen. And so we turned a negative, into a positive, because some of us got a lot better. But even more than that, how about the countless hours this man put into fundraising for us? The leave raking Sundays, advertisement stuffing at the Argus Press, other creative fundraising programs coach initiated, organized and saw through. Countless booster meetings and long practices. ALL, so we could play football. Thank you coach for that. Thank you for your example of sacrifice for the greater good. What greater lesson could you teach young men when you are placed in a position of trust?

Craig A. Raymond Esq.

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Craig Raymond - September 25, 2018 at 11:11 AM

BG

“ He will be truly missed by all of us who had the pleasure to share the Friday nights under the lights with him. Prayers go out to you and your loved ones.

Bob Gouge

Bob Gouge - September 24, 2018 at 10:23 PM

JA

“ Marilyn... we are so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. We send our thoughts and love
Ron and Jorja Ackels

Jorja Ackels - September 23, 2018 at 12:12 PM

T'

“ What a great man that made a huge impact on so many kids thru his years at OHS. Rest in peace coach!

Teresa Dedic Phillips. Class of '83 - September 23, 2018 at 11:33 AM

CW

“ Marilyn and Cheryl, I'm so sorry for your loss.
Celia Woodworth

celia woodworth - September 22, 2018 at 11:19 PM

GP

“ My condolences to Marilyn and Cheryl and to all of coach's extended family. I had the great pleasure to play for coach Coville on the Owosso High football team. Coach was smart, tough and fair. These qualities, and many more, made him both a good man and a good coach. Rest In Peace, coach. You will be missed

Greg Peters - September 22, 2018 at 08:49 PM

KW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I'll always remember Ron's smile and kind heart.*

Karen Wagner - September 22, 2018 at 08:39 PM

AJ

“ *Al Jordan lit a candle in memory of Ronald Marvin Coville*



Al Jordan - September 22, 2018 at 06:57 AM