



## Ronald Joseph Marcotte

May 24, 1936 - March 25, 2025

Ronald Joseph Marcotte, aged 88 of Wildwood, Florida passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. He was born in Kankakee, Illinois on May 24th, 1936 to Yvon and Elmiere Marcotte.

He graduated from Kankakee High School in 1953 knowing he wanted to be a priest and a teacher. He worked in the religious community for 8 years before being ordained in 1963. He traveled to Columbia, South America and taught there, then back in Illinois he became an athletic director. He was laicized (released from his priestly duties) in 1970 and taught English to foreign students while also working to help others find employment. In 1972 Ron entered into a career in life insurance in Maryland for the next 25 years. During that time, he studied and earned four degrees. From 1998 to 2007 he taught basic English at a community college, also in Maryland.

In 2008 he moved to The Villages Community in Lady Lake, Florida with the love of his life and wife of 49 years (Paula) and worked at the Savannah Center for the next 11 years. He fully retired in 2019.

Ron had many interests and hobbies, including: writing books, jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, reading up on history, and entertaining friends and family (especially the grandkids and great-grandkids) with silliness and jokes. He was always quick to come up with fun activities, so the grandkids always

looked forward to going to visit. He was an avid Notre Dame fan and would get so rowdy during football games, he was banished to another level of the house to watch. Ron was a proud and devoted member of the Catholic Community and his faith was everything to him.

Ron is survived by two children, a daughter, Kim Marcotte and a son Chris Marcotte (Monica), 6 grandchildren: Sucrie Jones, Justin Marcotte (Ely), Christian Marcotte, Aimee Turner (Wyatt), Jacob Marcotte and Hayley Marcotte, and 5 great-grandchildren: Maurice Jones, Jeremiah Jones, Weston Turner, Sophia Turner and Maely Marcotte. Ron is predeceased by his parents, wife Paula Marcotte, sister Lois Tascher, and brother Rich Marcotte.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 12:00 pm, at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 5323 E County Road 462, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **12**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Vincent De Paul Catholic Church  
5323 E County Road 462  
Wildwood, FL 34785

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron Marcotte and his wife, Paula, were lifelong friends of my family, The O'Connors. I was at their wedding at someone's beautiful home in New Jersey, which as I recall was the date of the Watergate break-in, June 17, 1972 (Saturday). Two years later, we moved to Montgomery Village, MD when Ron and Paula were living in Baltimore. They decided to move to Montgomery Village soon thereafter. We celebrated many holidays and family events with the Marcottes. I recall the day Ron and Paula brought their two Cambodian adopted children, Kim and Chris, over to our house to meet us. That was a brave decision, for which I believe they were ultimately rewarded with a big family. Ron like to compete in sports, and challenged me in basketball and gold. He had a great sense of humor and an engaging smile. I'm so glad that I go to see Ron again about 15 months ago in Florida when we met for lunch. My condolences to Kim, Chris, and their spouses and children. Well done, Ron, good and faithful servant.

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**JAMES OCONNOR** - March 31, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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*Thanks so much Jimmy for those kind words. Yes we sure have many memories of our families events together.*

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**Kim Marcotte** - May 20, 2025 at 04:30 PM