



## Ronald C. Havrilak

March 31, 1940 - November 25, 2012

Ronald C. Havrilak, age 72, of Holly, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012. He was born in Dearborn, MI on March 31, 1940, the son of Andrew and Julie Havrilak. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the US Marine Corp. He leaves to cherish his memory; 2 sons, Darrell Havrilak of Hartland and Derrick Havrilak of San Diego, CA; and 2 grandchildren, Dylan and Daiman. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I was married to Ron Havrilak for 22 years, including the time we built the Holly house. We all dug the basement and everyone participated in doing the finish work inside or outside the house. Darrell did the placement of the flagstone in the entryway and both he and his Dad were up on the roof nailing down the shingles, to name just a very of the many tasks. Derrick was a little young for heavy work, but I'm sure he pitched in with something. No one got off sitting around for long, even though I tried. No one was happier than Ron building, repairing, landscaping, adding on, or doing something with his hands after a working a regular week plus. He took pride in everything he did. And, he loved to help the neighbors with their projects and show off his own. Boy, did he like to show off! With other rehab projects in other houses we owned, if he didn't like the finished product, he tore it up and started anew. Whew! Always a project, and we had a garden in Holly and one in another location where we lived.



Ron loved my family and we made regular trips to Florida where they lived to see them, especially around holidays. He would say that driving from Michigan to Florida in the winter was worth the drive just to eat my grandmother's special fried shrimp (fresh from the shrimp boat), and her turkey dinners were something to behold and eat. Just talking about her cooking makes me hungry and happy. My mother cooked for us, too, and she had her own special dinners and tasty breakfasts.. How I wish I could relive those years. We gave my grandmother (Grammy) an early 80th birthday party in 1977 during a Christmas visit (she was born in February). We booked a festive restaurant on the St. Johns River, including hula dancers for entertainment. Everyone (family) was there and the kids really loved it. Ron loved to entertain others.

Ron helped my mother's husband finish off a cabin in the woods close to Asheville, NC. Pound, pound, pound, he was there to help. Boy, did the mountain water taste good there.

*Now, Ron could be a little too much with all the tasks, but he was a stand-up guy and he loved his sons, Darrell and Derrick, helping them whenever they needed help. Ron and I talked through the years on the telephone and we'd give each other updates on the kids.*

*Donna Havrilak (kept the last name)*

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**Donna L. Havrilak** - November 28, 2012 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Carolann Powers lit a candle in memory of Ronald C. Havrilak*



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**Carolann Powers** - November 27, 2012 at 04:37 PM

BG

“ Darrell & Derrick,

*It's been so long since I've seen (or communicated with) either of you and I'm disappointed that this "life event" is the first time in ages that I've reached out. Please know that regardless of the distance in time or space, I think of you guys regularly. I'm very sorry for the passing of your Dad. I can't imagine the loss you must feel. My fondest memory of your Dad was of a surprise family reunion (during the Xmas season) years ago even though I was very young. (It would be nice if our extended family would do that again sometime!!)*

*I wish you both the very best as you move forward from your loss. Please be well.*

*Cousin Brad*

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**Brad Gause** - November 27, 2012 at 03:44 PM

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“ *I have not know Ron for too long of a time, but I know he greatly influenced me in a way that changes someones life. This summer I was able to speak to Ron weekly. He was such a charismatic person and he was always just a pleasure to be around because he had so much to say. I loved being able to listen to him talk about his past.*



*After a struggle in my life earlier this year, Ron was kind enough to let me into his home where I was kindly comforted by his wise words. I'm thankful to have known him. He was truly a blessing to have known him.*

*Condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace forever.*

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**Felicia Hang** - November 27, 2012 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Darrell and Derrick.*

*We were so sad to hear about the loss of your dad. Please know that you are in our thoughts.*

*I first met Ron when I was a teenager, and remember him as fun, energetic and generous. He was always ready to try new things and always first to lend a helping hand. Did you know that Ron taught me to drive a car (standard shift) so that I could get my driver's license? He had a lot of patience with my lack of skill. As I've been looking through family photos in the last few days, I've seen many many pictures of Ron as the active and happy young man he was. Whether riding in his boat, building his new home, or playing with you boys, he always approached life with much enthusiasm. This is how I will remember him.*

*I know that you miss him, but hope that you can find comfort in your good memories.*

*Love, Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Robert*

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**Cheryl Crisalli** - November 27, 2012 at 12:22 PM

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“ Darrell & Derrick,

*Our sympathies to you both for your loss. Losing a parent is difficult as we both know. You will time together now and can remember all the "good times" with your father.*

*We have fond memories of your father that always bring smiles to our face. One especially comes to mind was when you both, along with your parents, surprised us on Christmas. Your Grandmother and Cameron were in on it but not Cheryl and I or your great-grandparents. You guys rang the door bell and Ron asked if his boys could "use the toilet". We all, of course, thought it was some itinerant. Wow, what a Christmas that was.*

*We also remember good times we had with your Dad when you guys were small (Derrick just a baby). We met your folks during the summer in the mountains on this particular vacation with our families having some time to laugh and play and just enjoy being together.*

*We will continue to keep you both in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Dick*

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**Bonnie and Dick Gause** - November 26, 2012 at 03:03 PM

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*Ron was one of my best customer to talk to when he came into Citizens Bank. I would always ask him if he was going golfing go get a hole in one for me. We I found out about his health problems he stopped coming inside and would only go through the drive-in I could always tell his health was getting worse because you could tell but Ron was a tuff old bird and wouldn't let on how it was I would just say a prayer to God to watch over Ron through his time of need. I was sorry I couldn't attend the furnal and say my good byes. I will miss him very much he was a great man.*

*Love  
Janet  
Citizens Bank of Holly*

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**Janet Ketzler** - November 30, 2012 at 05:59 PM