



Ronald L Motyka

May 15, 1968 - March 9, 2026

Ronald Louis Motyka, age 57, of Hawthorne, NJ passed away on Monday, March 9, 2026 surrounded by his family. Born on May 15, 1968 in Paterson, NJ, to Louis Douglas Motyka (2011) and Wanda Teresa Motyka (Kaszycki). Ron was a beloved brother, son, cousin, uncle, and friend cherished by many. He attended Glen Rock High School in Glen Rock, NJ and graduated in 1986. He attended the University of Colorado. Ron loved working with and selling electronics. He worked as a roadie with The Nerds, spending time at Joe Pops in Long Beach Island and Bahr's in Highlands, NJ. Known for his caring and loving personality, Ron was a passionate skipper and fisherman. He loved to be on the water, spending time at lakes and Sandy Hook, NJ. He spent some time recently living on his Bertram yacht in happiness. As a brother, he was my first friend and partner in countless childhood adventures. He was always there when I needed him. His presence in our lives was a true gift. He was the best big brother a girl could have. Ron was the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off his back if he could. Ron loved fishing, nature, family, friends, laughter, the Grateful Dead, dogs, the sea, his faith, his son and his nephews. Ron is survived by his son, Eric Motyka, his mother Wanda Motyka, sister Jacqueline Motyka Helfricht, brother-in-law, William Todd Helfricht, nephews Jacob Louis, 11 (Godson) and Dylan Craig, 9 and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Louis Douglas Motyka on January 9, 2011.

In lieu of flowers donation can be sent to the family.

Cemetery Details

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Wake Service

MAR 11. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St Anthony Roman Catholic Church
276 Diamond Bridge Ave
Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald L Motyka.

March 11 at 06:05 PM



“ Ron worked for me and my family for a number of years He valued that family connection and always exuded a smile and positivity. Ron had a good heart and I'll miss his random visits at our shop.

Keith M Schroeder - March 11 at 11:49 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Griff Jones - March 11 at 09:23 AM



“ The Gorski-Wergeles Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald L Motyka.

The Gorski-Wergeles Family - March 11 at 09:18 AM

TF

“ *The Gorski-Wergeles Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ronald L Motyka.*



The Gorski-Wergeles Family - March 11 at 09:18 AM

KF

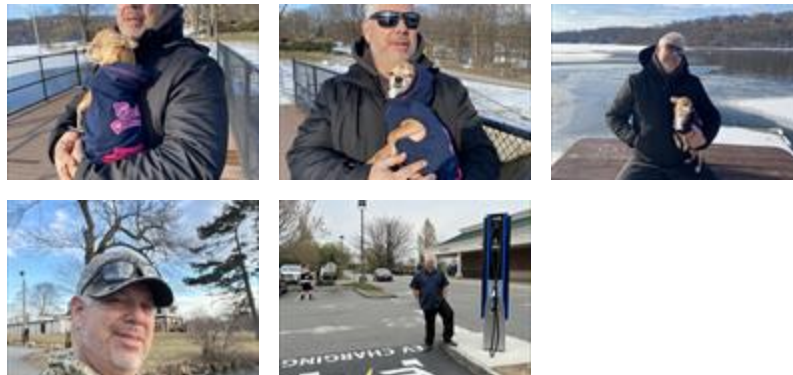
“ *Kaszycki family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ronald L Motyka.*



Kaszycki family - March 10 at 10:40 PM

EW

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Elena Wagner - March 10 at 10:21 PM

EW

Thank you for sharing all these wonderful times together. You will be missed dearly. RIP. Hope you reunite with your beloved father. God bless . I will never forget you. Love you forever.

Elena Wagner - March 10 at 10:24 PM

MF

“ *Marek Solka and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald L Motyka.*



Marek Solka and Family - March 10 at 10:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald L Motyka.

March 10 at 08:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ronald L Motyka.



March 10 at 08:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald L Motyka.

March 10 at 07:55 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald L Motyka.



March 10 at 07:55 PM

MA

“ Marguerite and Angel Acevedo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald L Motyka.

Marguerite and Angel Acevedo - March 10 at 05:21 PM

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“ Marguerite and Angel Acevedo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald L Motyka.



Marguerite and Angel Acevedo - March 10 at 05:21 PM

EM

“ Cruising with Ron in the Monte Carlo jamming to Run DMC and LL Cool J. Lunchtime antics in the Highschool cafeteria. He was a fun friend and will be missed by the world. CHEERS Old Friend!

Efrim Mayer-Aschhoff - March 10 at 04:54 PM

HC

Love this Efrim!! So perfect!!

Harper Christopher - March 10 at 06:41 PM

SM

Nice words Efrim. Cheers is right.

Steve March - March 10 at 07:51 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



e - March 10 at 04:43 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Elena Wagner - March 10 at 02:28 PM