



## Ms. Roni A. Ford

October 2, 1950 - December 29, 2018

### Her Story:

Roni Ford was born on October 2, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. She impacted all our lives. Family was always her priority and nothing got in her way. Her dedication to us spoke volumes of how much family meant to her.

Roni was a phenomenal swimmer and graceful diver. Towards the end of her academic career at Mumford High School, when she was 17, she qualified for the Olympic swim team. She proudly worked at AT&T for 34 years. In that time, she accumulated many life-long friendships. Roni retired from AT&T in 2003. She cared for our Nonnie shortly after her retiring. She kept excellent care of Nonnie right up to the last moment.

Later in life, she worked part-time at Greenfield Village and as a lunch mom to keep an eye on her grandchildren while in school. She continued to work part-time doing what she loved, dancing. She worked at the Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit. She loved every one of the dance students and teachers. Roni ingrained herself in several different villages throughout her life, leaving her mark of positivity and faith wherever she went.

Roni had to be encouraged (mostly by Mary) to travel and party, because at heart she was a homebody, but when she packed her bags it was on! Her favorite place to travel was Orlando, Florida. She loved to see “the mouse”

and never got tired of it.

She was extremely organized and ran a tight ship. Everything in her home, car and office had its place. She always spoke her mind and had an opinion. She was reliable, trustworthy and made herself available for critical situations.

We all know Roni loved butterflies, books and photography. She also loved her music and could recall the artist, song and first time she heard it faster than anyone else in the room. She was a great mother, grandmother, guardian (Chloe), homemaker and was a very good baker. Everyone will miss her iconic Christmas cookies and her famous banana nut bread. She had a role in all our lives and she will be missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Wednesday, Jan. **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Thursday, Jan. **10**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

Thursday, Jan. **10**. 6:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Whenever I hear Kenny Loggins, I immediately think of her.*

---

**Bret Terry** - May 01, 2024 at 11:37 PM



“ *Ms. Roni A. Ford*

---

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *She was such a warm and caring person. Our children met when they attended the same school and she embraced my son as though he were her child. Coming from a small family that meant a lot to me. I'll be forever grateful for the love, support and kindness she showed my son and me for that matter. Rest in peace!!!*

*Wanda Bohannon*

---

**Wanda Bohannon** - January 11, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Praying mightily for the family! Love you, Gloria and Tanisha Brown*

---

**Tanisha Brown** - January 10, 2019 at 07:26 PM

BH

“ Kim,

*I was so sorry to hear about your sister passing, know that God is able to see you through this difficult time, trust and lean on Him. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Barbara and Douglas Henderson and Family*

---

**Barbara A Henderson** - January 10, 2019 at 12:51 PM

MN

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Roni's passing. You have my deepest condolences. We were colleagues at AT&T from the late 60's. She will be missed; but kept in our hearts and our prayers. As family and friends honor and remember her, let the memories bring some comfort and peace to everyone.*

---

**Mike Nowak** - January 09, 2019 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ *I met Roni in the late 60's while working at AT&T, she would walk through our assigned area and her grace, smile and personality drew us to her. We had mutual friends and would often meet at company outings. That's when I found out how genuine she was. Her spirit, wisdom, and beauty would light up any room. I can't believe she's gone. She will be missed*

---

**james hamilton** - January 08, 2019 at 10:29 AM

DP

“ *Roni was spirited and proud. She spoke her mind and made no apologies. She loved her family and was a loyal loving friend. We spent many hours talking about life, family and our successes and failures. She always had a smile for you and was very patient but if you got on her bad side, you were in serious trouble. She made no apologies and she didn't complain. She loved life and lived it on her own terms. She was one of a kind and my life is better for her being a part of it. I will miss you.*

*Daryl Peguese*

---

**Daryl Peguese** - January 06, 2019 at 07:43 PM

AS

“ *It was an honor to work with Ronnie at AT&T many years ago. My thoughts and prayers will reflect on his love from Ronnie to us. I will always treasure the gift of life she shared with me always smiling. May God continue to bloom in each of you as we wait for his coming. Rev. Adrienne (Everette) Scales, Las Vegas NV.*

---

**Adrienne Scales** - January 04, 2019 at 03:40 PM

JW

“ *This is very sad news. Hard to believe she's gone May peace and love fill your heart*

*Judith A Wallon*

---

**judith a wallon** - January 03, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Roni A. Ford.*



---

January 03, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



---

**John Gilbert** - January 01, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ *My sympathy to your family for the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in Gods promises found in his word the Bible. (Gen 1:27,28; Isaiah 55:11)*

---

**Joi** - January 01, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope during this difficult time. Rev 21:4*

---

**Ms Laverne** - January 01, 2019 at 06:55 AM

DE

“ *Debby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Roni  
A. Ford*



---

**Debby** - January 01, 2019 at 02:59 AM