



## Ronald H. Beverly

August 11, 1947 - September 21, 2019

Ronald Howard Beverly (Coach), 72, the son of Kathryn and John Beverly passed away on September 21, 2019 at Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville, California.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, La Verne; children, Eric Barnes, Ron Jr. (Reina), Robin Sloan (Marvin), Aaron and Sophie (his dog); mother, Kathryn (104 years of age); brother, Robert, sisters-in-law, Claudette, Lee, and Kim; brother-in-law, Miles; numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. His father, John Beverly III and his brother, John Beverly IV, preceded him in death.

Ron was a part of the first graduating class at Vanden High School in 1965 where he began a legacy, both as an athlete and later on as a coach. A superb 3-sport athlete who holds claim to scoring the schools first touchdown, basket in basketball, and first to win a race and score points in track and field. He received his bachelor's degree in Psychology from California State University, Sacramento in 1969, followed by his Teaching Credential.

A career educator and coach for 34 years in Solano County, Ron began his teaching career in Travis Unified School District and then moved on to Solano Community College where he would retire in 2007. He won three league titles and a section championship at Vanden. He went on to become the

winningesthead football coach in Solano College history. During retirement, he was an avid cyclist, enjoyed swimming, watching sports, nurturing his flowers and giving golf lessons. Coach enjoyed nothing more than winning and bringing out the best in every single person her met.

Family and friends may attend A Celebration of Life at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 12, in the James Boyd Gymnasium at VandenHigh School, 2951 Markeley Lane, Fairfield, California.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Bev was one of only three HS teachers at Vanden Continuation school, "Con," as it was called around 1980, where I spent most of my high school years as his student. He taught me how to type – if you took his guitar class, you also had to take the typing class. My mother asked him to select a guitar for a Christmas gift, and he chose an excellent Takamine (copy of a Martin) that I dragged around the next 30 years and played nearly every day, passing it down to a niece recently.

Bev had a big influence on me, was a role model; he was strong but kind, funny but also serious and practical. I looked up to him and worked to achieve expectations. Most of my fellow students were the rough lot, in trouble for one reason or another, and I don't expect many went on to college. But the educational structure of Con was more like college than high school, a reason I did well there I think. It's been more than 40 years since Con, but this month I graduated college at the age of 60. I thought of Con, Bev, and the Principle, Mr. Hardin that day. Their work changed lives, and I'm forever in debt and awe to their dedication.

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**Douglas Richardson** - December 22, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ Ronald H. Beverly

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

KA

“ To La Verne and family, I send my deepest condolences. I just found out yesterday, 4/25/22, that Ron had passed away. Again, my deepest condolences.

-Kathryn A. Price



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**Kathryn** - April 26, 2022 at 01:44 PM

AS

“ I remember him as Ronnie at Travis AFB when I was a teenager. His brothers Bobbie And Stan were considered great friends then and now. I'm saddened that he has been taken from us but he has gone to a enduring rest with many friends and acquaintances missing him. His mother is a wonderful person and was always so solicitous of my family. RIP Ronnie. Sincerely, Arlie R. Blackshear Sr, Armijo 1958

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**Arlie R Blackshear Sr** - March 15, 2021 at 01:47 PM

SH

“ Just found out about Coach Bev's passing and it hit me hard. He was the running back coach and Vanden when I was there, and I'll always remember his "Show Time" pregame speeches and the comradery he had with his players. We played racquetball in the off season quite often. Occasionally I'd actually win which prompted, "Rematch!". On a whim, I wrote him a letter while he was at Solano clear out of the blue to tell him where I was and what I was doing with my life. I got a letter back promptly, which I still have to this day. Prayers to his family, he was a true gentleman and friend.

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**Scott Harmon** - July 09, 2020 at 08:41 PM

KS

“ Coach was more than anyone can express. He changed lives with his inspiration, belief in us, even when we doubted ourselves. Before and after cancer, Coach encouraged and believed in me even when I thought I couldn't do it... He encouraged me to take his Firefighter physical fitness course and I never felt so proud as I did after completing the course under the required time at an age of 47.



While we have lost a great person, our loss compares not to the loss of his beautiful wife and children. May God comfort you hearts, minds and souls as you walk through your days... Prayers are upon you.

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**Karen Silva** - October 26, 2019 at 05:35 PM

SA

“ My heart is heavy and I am so saddened to hear of the recent passing of coach Bev. My prayers and thoughts are with his family, friends, and colleagues. I played football for coach my freshman and sophomore seasons while at Vanden High School. Both teams were undefeated. I played football from the age of 7 to 26. I can say without any reservation that no other coach every got his team more ready to play than coach Bev. He had his teams physically, mentally, and emotionally ready to play every week. There was not a player on our team that would not have run thru a brick wall for Coach. He was a coach, a mentor, an educator, but most importantly a friend to all. I am 57 years old can can honestly say that I have thought about coach at least once everyday since my dad was given orders to move to Scott Air Force Base when I was 16. That`s how much coach influenced my life. They don`t make them like coach Bev anymore. I`ll miss you coach. I`ll see you on the other side some day in the big football stadium in the sky. Until then my brother, go deep! Go Vanden Vikings!

Steve Ache

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steve ache - October 15, 2019 at 04:04 PM

EC

“ In 2003 I took a golf class at Solano College. That was my first introduction to the game of golf as well as to Coach Beverly, who later became not only my personal golf instructor but my friend. Before he retired from Solano College I had taken his class numerous times and after his retirement I was delighted to know that he would continue giving golf lessons. So I became one of his first students. He was forever willing to go beyond the allotted time of the lesson, pushing you to do better, encouraging and even fussing at you. Coach was always interested in how you were doing outside of golf. Before every lesson we would talk about what was going on in our lives. Giving brotherly advice and taking sisterly advice.

Since I had met Aaron when he was a young second grader I was continually asking him how his son was doing in golf. Coach was very proud of Aaron's achievements. He even brought him to my lessons to assist. Even though I was probably his most challenging student coach never gave up on me. He would often say that he had used every trick and tool to get me to stop coming over the top in my swing. He would send me notes, videos and even pictures of Aaron's swing. And after seven years we were still working on that aspect of my game.

I will truly miss my friend, our talks, laughs and our love of the game of golf. But I know that he is now resting in God's arms because of his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Rest in Peace Coach, rest in peace my friend for we will meet again.

Condolences to the Beverly family.

Forever grateful,

Eunice Coffey

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Eunice Coffey - October 10, 2019 at 12:21 AM

KL

“ Ron was a good and honorable man. He didn't require perfection from his students, just that we did our best. I will never forget his kindness and wonderful smile. I pray for strength and peace for his family.

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**Kay Locatelli** - October 07, 2019 at 12:34 PM

Jesse Branch

“ Jesse Branch lit a candle in memory of Ronald H. Beverly



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**Jesse Branch** - October 07, 2019 at 10:51 AM

RD

“ As a Vanden classmate graduating in 1965, and sharing "Ronnie" as a common nickname, I was drawn to his early athletic exploits. However, as our senior year transpired, I came to know his friendly demeanor and personal humility despite those uncommon achievements. Over the years, his love of people and coaching acumen became legendary even as time and distance separated our Vanden associations. He will be missed by all for his personal example, love of family and friends, and a legacy of selfless service to the young men and women he touched throughout his career. Godspeed and rest in peace,

*Ron Dibble*

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**Ronald Dibble** - October 06, 2019 at 12:04 PM

DH

*Coach Ron Beverly TRULY was an Inspirational, Loving, Kind Hearted, Role Model, Great Sense of Humor, Mentor, and the list goes on Human Being. Him and his Entire Family for 45 years we been BLESSED to have a Family Bond. My brothers played for him, ran track for him, played golf with him, coached with him, have Great Fond Memories and Awesome Times with Him. Our Family sends Our Deepest Love and Condolences to the Entire Beverly Family. Coach Bev will Truly be missed. May you Rest In Paradise. Continued Prayers 🙏 sent to The Family. Love Y'all Forever.....❤️❤️❤️ The Hogue Family*

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**Deborah Hogue-Pettus** - October 08, 2019 at 07:51 AM