



Ronald Thomas Fredette Jr

July 24, 1955 - August 27, 2023

Ronald Thomas Fredette, Jr, 68, passed away unexpectedly August 27, 2023. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts July 24, 1955, the family moved to Clinton, Connecticut where he met the buddies that became his friends for life.

In 1976 at the age of 21, while pursuing a degree in the graphic arts at Rochester Institute of Technology in upstate New York, he suffered a tragic accident that rendered him a quadriplegic.

Fiercely independent, quick witted, and never one to give up on life, Ron returned to Connecticut and enrolled in a specialty computer program designed for the disabled. Upon graduation, he worked at Hospital Systems in Connecticut for a few years before driving out to California by himself during the early 80s in a wheelchair accessible van outfitted with state-of-the-art technology.

He got a job at the Orange County Courthouse in southern California, before his final job writing code for the burgeoning home security system industry. Ron also played Quad Rugby for several years in California, travelling throughout the US and Canada before health issues forced him to retire.

Ron moved to St Augustine to be closer to family in 2000, settling first on Anastasia Island, before moving to the Shores in 2014. He was often seen in

the neighborhoods wheeling himself and his dogs, where he made many friends and acquaintances.

Pre-deceased by his father Ronald Thomas Fredette, Sr in 2007, buddies TR (2022), Larry (2023) and his beloved dogs Skye, Lulu, and Panda, he is survived by his mother, Claire J. Fredette, sisters Michelle (Andy Nicol), Pamela Bicknell (Stuart), brother Kenneth (Jane), nieces Bonnie, Samantha, Emily, Ashley and nephews Keaton and Benjamin.