



**Rolland "Ron" Swift
1941-2015
A Really Good Fellow**



Dear Jane,

Often I can only share my story about someone after his passing. Each of us knows folks in different ways, and so I will tell you about my own connections with Ron. But you know that all of us often experienced the same soul - or in Ron's case, heart.

My father and Ron worked together and Dad spoke of Ron fondly, as a co-worker whom he really liked. I knew Ron to say hello to if we crossed paths and he the same. He and Jennifer lived in Bridgeton and they loved our

region's natural resources. When they moved to South Carolina they continued to be great supporters of CU Maurice River.

After his first wife Susan passed he took classes at Clay College and at that point my husband Peter and I got to know Ron better. He had a warmth that you just naturally gravitated toward. He was artistic; he liked not only working in clay but painting, too. We would tease him about his being an "available man." He said he had no shortage of meals, but he seemed as though he didn't want to get latched up to anyone, or at least not yet.

Then I realized he enjoyed golfing just like my friend Jennifer Lookabaugh. And that they had the same warm and friendly manner. And most importantly were well-grounded, pleasant, and liked to laugh. They both had an understanding of people and would get that knowing look when observing others.

It turned out they both knew each other from many years prior. I began to prod Ron about asking Jennifer out or simply doing something together. He remembered liking Jennifer, and I could see that he was dismissing the idea and thinking about it all at the same time. He said, "She's a good golfer." I mentioned this to Jennifer who would say something like, "Hmmm, yeah, maybe," and then smile.

A few months later they started calling me Yenta, after the matchmaker from *Fiddler on the Roof*. They looked radiant together. I have always been very happy about whatever part I played in their romance.

On Facebook I saw that during Ron's final days, Jennifer posted a love poem about finding that perfect match. Now my sadness is only eased by the knowledge that they got to spend some wonderful years together.

Ron, you lived a good life, touched a lot of hearts, and fought the good fight. We shall miss you.

Sincerely,
Jane Morton Galetto

The Trustees and Staff or Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and Its Tributaries, Inc. send their condolences to the Jennifer and Ron's family. To learn more about Ron please see his obituary below:

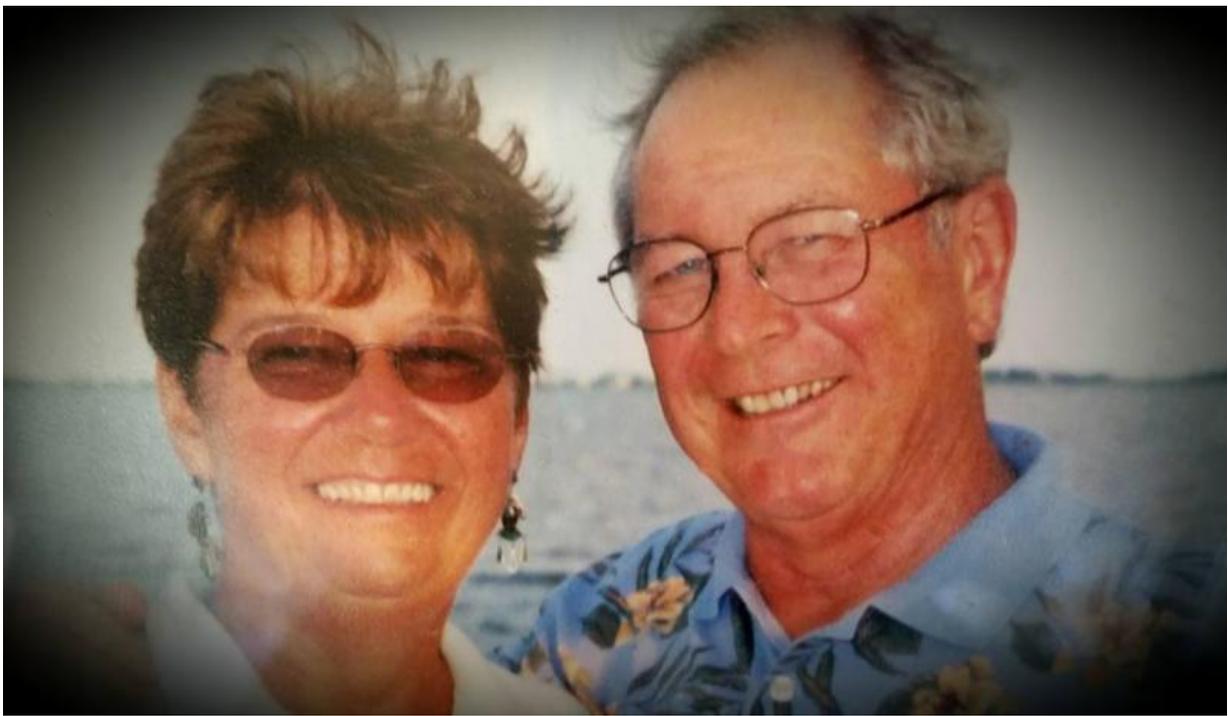
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Rolland "Ron" Swift, 74, of Little River, SC, passed away, Tuesday, December 22, after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Millville, NJ and graduated from Millville High School in 1959. Before his retirement, he worked for Wheaton Industries throughout the Midwest, New York and in Millville, NJ. He retired from Arrowpak, Inc. in NYC as vice president of Sales.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer (Roselle) ; his children: Bonnie Zimmerman (Dave), James R. Swift (Tiffany), and Erin Hemsley (Tom); grandchildren Stacey and Caitlyn Ferrari, Chloe and Parker Swift, and Kaia and Tyler Hemsley; and sisters Carol Blystone (Bill) and Janice Hulitt (Brian). In addition, he is survived by his wife's daughters Andrea Lookabaugh Rodi and Kathie Lookabaugh Smith and their children, Erica and Allison Rodi, and Drew Smith. He was predeceased by his first wife, Susan (Perks) and his twin brother Roger Swift.

In retirement, he pursued his love of golf and traveling. He was a collector of original art and also enjoyed painting. He was a past president of the Chicago Bow Hunters Assoc. An avid reader and supporter of the free public library system, the family suggests memorial gifts to be sent to the Millville Public Library, 210 Buck St., Millville, NJ 08332.

A private memorial service will be held with the family at a later date.



Jennifer and Ron

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