



## REMEMBERING *Ronnie*

Ronald Friedrich "Ronnie" Thoma, age 51, of Jefferson City, Mo. passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Jefferson City Manor following a hospital stay at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital.

Ronnie was born on February 1, 1970 in Palmerton, Pa., the son of Ronald Edward and Ellen Hoffman (Roeder) Thoma.

After moving to Jefferson City in 1970 with his family, Ronnie attended Goshorn School for the Handicapped, which is now called The Special Learning Center. He was a 1991 graduate of the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis, Mo.

Following graduation, Ronnie started his career at the Sheltered Workshop, now called Capitol Projects, in Jefferson City while residing at one of the Cole County Residential Service Group Homes. Ron enjoyed working with his hands either at Capitol Projects or stringing beads at home. He cherished the friendships he made at work and home.

Ronnie was a member of the Boy Scouts and was able to become an Eagle Scout through hard work. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jefferson City and enjoyed being a participant in the Special Olympics.

Ron relished the time he spent with his family and friends and he will be remembered for his great sense of humor. He was always teasing family and friends to see them smile. He enjoyed listening and dancing to music at the group home, especially rock and roll. When he was younger, he attended Camp Sunshine and in recent years, he always looked forward to Camp Wonderland during the summers where he swam and spent time with friends. He never met a stranger and whenever he met someone, he always remembered their voice and name.

Survivors include: his parents, Ronald and Ellen Thoma of Jefferson City, Mo.; two sisters, Sue Ellen Beek (husband Ashtyn) of Marshalltown, Ia. and Michelle Thoma of Elysburg, Pa.; maternal grandmother, Edith M. Roeder of Allentown, Pa.; nieces, Adele and Lydia Beek; uncles, Gary Thoma (wife Sharon) of Boonville, Mo., Jon Thoma (wife Barb) of Boonville, Mo., Jim Thoma (wife Linda) of Kingsport, Tn., Robert Thoma (wife Barbara) of Boonville, Mo., Sam Roeder of Huntingdon Valley, Pa. and Dave Roeder (wife Linda) of Batavia, Oh; and many cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Samuel Roeder; his paternal grandparents, Lawrence and May Pearl Thoma; and aunt, Cathryn Roeder Miller.



*Celebrating the Life of*  
**RONALD FRIEDRICH THOMA**  
*“Ronnie”*

