



# UNSOLVED GRIEF AND UNYIELDING HOPE:

## A 20-YEAR JOURNEY TO BREAKING THE SILENCE AND ESTABLISHING A COLD CASE MEMORIAL FUND

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When a loved one is tragically taken from us, the grieving process can be a deeply personal and private journey. However, there are times when silence is no longer an option, especially when unsubstantiated claims begin to circulate. In a remarkable display of strength and resilience, Ronli Ratliff's family has chosen to break their silence after years of enduring lies and accusations surrounding Ronli's murder.

For years, her family silently bore the weight of accusations and malicious rumors regarding the context of Ronli's murder. The toll this took on their emotional well-being and their desire for justice cannot be understated. However, instead of succumbing to despair or further retreating from the public eye, they found a way to honor Ronli and potentially breathe new life into her cold case investigation.

By stepping into the public sphere, Ronli's family aims to protect and honor her memory and are determined to ensure that she is remembered for who she truly was—a cherished family member, friend, and individual whose life had intrinsic value and meaning. The family refuses to allow Ronli's legacy to be tarnished or obscured by misinformation. By speaking out, they hope to correct the record and provide accurate information to the public, so the community may better assist the ongoing investigation.

Over the course of two decades, Ronli's family has come to recognize the power of public awareness and support. Through this support and advancements in technology, forensic science, and resources available for cold case investigations they have a renewed hope for progress and a stronger belief in the impact this memorial fund could make.

The realization that justice has been denied for too long and the desire to seek closure for Ronli's loved ones and for her has grown stronger with each passing year. This newfound maturity of perspective has propelled her family to act, ensuring Ronli's memory is honored, and justice remains a possibility. This renewed public presence serves as a call to action, urging those who may hold crucial information to come forward and assist in solving the case.

The family hopes their decision to establish a memorial fund after two decades can represent a legacy of resilience, hope, and a commitment to fighting for justice, and remind others going through similar battles with grief that it is never too late to take action. Ronli's loved ones have finally found strength in the power of love to transform grief into a force for change.

As much as they desperately want to see some accountability, they also want to keep Ronli's memory alive and not let her death overshadow her life as it has done for so many years. The family asks for others to remember Ronli as a person with dreams, aspirations, and a life worth celebrating and not just another unsolved cold case in the news every so often as a mere reminder of the most horrific moment in her 24 years of life.

In addition to the Ronli Ratliff Memorial Fund website, a Facebook page has also been created where her family will promote all efforts, events, and updates for the memorial fund. We encourage everyone to like and follow the [Ronli Ratliff Memorial Fund Facebook page](#) and check out the new website, [ronliratlifffmemorialfund.com](http://ronliratlifffmemorialfund.com) for more information. Please contact Ronli's family with further questions at [ronliratlifffmemorialfund@gmail.com](mailto:ronliratlifffmemorialfund@gmail.com).

