
Ron Kimber

b. Feb. 14, 1964 d. Feb. 13, 1987

Ron Kimber was born on Valentine's Day - February 14, 1964 - and was buried on the 23rd anniversary of his birth - February 14, 1987 - having died in the early hours of February 13th due to lymphoma caused by HIV - AIDS. Born and raised in Winter Park Florida he maintained a lifetime friendship with childhood friend Mike Nesheim. Ron had an energy and spark that was infectious. He was handsome and full of life and just being around him was like being at a party. He was a budding artist and bit of a poet who was more than at home working behind the ladies fragrance counter at Dillard's where all the Winter Park women loved him. Michael Wanzie fell in love with Ron at first sight, and within 3 weeks of meeting, Ron moved in with Wanzie and the two shared many wonderful adventures together including New Years Eve dinner at Windows On the World high atop the World Trade Center in NYC. Ron's father had banished him from the family home when Ron first came out to him. Ron and his Dad (and Ron and his older brother) had not spoken in over 2 years, when Wanzie phoned Ron's parents (whom he had never met) to tell him their son lay dying in Florida Hospital. Ron struggled with his very last bits of energy to summon a voice from his failing body and he did most of talking making certain to console and forgive and provide comfort to family members who had turned against him, so that they could be relieved of guilt and remorse; such was the extent of his compassion. He was not afraid to die. Ron was a peace and as always, was happy to embark on a new adventure. Once he was certain everyone he was leaving behind was in the best possible place they could be under the circumstances, Ron left this world without complaint, confident that he had lived his all-too-short life to the very fullest.

