



Ron "Spider" Morelli

June 2, 1953 - June 5, 2026

Ron "Spider" Morelli, 73, of Beaver, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 3:00 pm. Born on June 2, 1953, he was the beloved son of Eraldo "Slim" Morelli and Adelina "Tillie" (Simoni) Morelli.

Keeper of crazy socks, silly ties, funny jokes, and remarkable mustaches, Ron had enough love in his heart to heal the world, and a smile to brighten the darkest of days. He was the best hugger, a gifted optimist, a faithful servant, and his trust in God was unwavering. He faced his challenges with courage and handled his defeats with grace. There wasn't a person that didn't know him or know of him through his sayings, like greeting people with a smile and a "How you doin'?" and responding to people asking him how he's doing with: "If I was any better, I would be you!"

Ron was a 1971 graduate of Quigley High School. He was active in the theater both during his high school years and after; he was best known for his role as Nathan Detroit in Quigley's 1971 production of "Guys and Dolls."

Ron had a varied and storied career. Between high school and college, he spent summers working at A&S Railroad and LTV Steel Corporation. After he graduated in 1975 from Edinboro University with a B.A. in English, he entered the workforce as an English teacher at Quigley High School and Our Lady of

the Sacred Heart. While teaching at Quigley, he directed high school musicals. Following his career in education, Ron worked as an entertainment facilitator at Penn State Beaver, a salesperson at ComputerLand and for US Airways. He spent 27 years working at FedEx and retired as a Senior Network Analyst for FedEx Services before retirement. Ron continued to enjoy many deep and lasting friendships with different groups, including his childhood friends, and his “FedEx guys;” that he enjoyed going out to eat and golfing with.

Ron was a devoted son, husband, younger brother, father, Nonnu, uncle, great-uncle, cousin, and friend. Above all, he treasured his family and the time he shared with them. He is survived by his loving wife, Bernadette Roma Morelli, who showed all of us what true love looks like; his beloved children, Brandon (Stephanie) Thomson, Ian (Theresa) Thomson, Pam Morelli, Anthony (Brittany) Thomson, Elyse Thomson, and Nate (Francie) Morelli; and his cherished grandchildren, Adia and Liam Thomson, Allison Nichol and Jonah Thomson, Maeve and Maren Thomson, and Isla and Natalie Morelli, who will forever treasure their memories of their “Nons.” He is also survived by his brother, Rich (Janet) Morelli; his nieces, Jessica (Joe) DeMatteis and Amanda (Justin) Morelli-Blanda; his great-nieces, Adelina DeMatteis, Carson Blanda, and Quinn Morelli; and Valentina Nero, Michael (Taylor) Lukens and Brian (Jen) Lukens, and his great-niece Sloane, who lovingly called him “Silly Nonnu.” He also leaves behind many loving members of the Roma Family: Joe Roma, Toni Romano and her children, Sylvia Roma, Beth (Eric) Lohner and Theresa (Blake) Nero and their children, with whom he shared many happy memories. He is further survived by many close cousins, friends, neighbors, and his special cat, Arlo.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Eraldo (Slim) and Tillie Morelli, his brother-in-law, Ralph Romano, his sister-in-law, Angela (Roma) Lukens, his aunts and uncles, as well as cousins and special friends. He was most recently preceded in death by his uncle and godfather, Peter P Simoni.

Whether you met him for a moment or knew him for a lifetime, you loved Ron just the same. He was a fierce warrior, a phenomenal singer, a calming spirit, and a solid presence. Ron was a thespian and he loved sharing his beautiful voice with others as a member of the Beaver Valley Choral Society. Ron had a powerful and unwavering faith; he grew up as a member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church in Aliquippa and attended Mass at Saints Peter & Paul, Our Lady of the Valley Parish. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society and Men's Group through his Parish. Ron looked forward every year to his family tradition by carrying the San Rocco statue in the parade, which he did for more than 35 years. Ron will always be remembered for his life-long love of Spiderman; there are many who know him simply as "Spider".

Ron left his cape incognito, but wore his heart on his sleeve. San Rocco, countless holidays, and family traditions will never feel the same without his presence, but his legacy will live on through the countless lives he's touched. He will be forever remembered for his generous heart, sense of humor, and the love he gave so freely to those around him. All those who knew him will forever cherish every moment spent with a true superhero.

Friends and family will be received for visitation on Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11 from 4:00-7:00 at Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, 2026 McMinn St, Aliquippa, PA 15001. A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 12 at 11:00 at St. Titus Roman Catholic Church in Aliquippa with Fr. Howard Campbell officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Though he is no longer physically with us, we are sustained by the knowledge that he is now home and in peace, and his love, memory, and example will live forever in our hearts. We love you more and will forever love him "Bigger."

In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage donations to PANCAN Ron's name (pancan.org) or to the American Diabetes Association (In Memory of Ron "Spider" Morelli - Fundraising For American Diabetes Association, <https://diy-diabetes.donordrive.com/campaigns/In-Memory-of-Ron--Spider--Morelli>)

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Brodhead Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Titus Roman Catholic Church
952 Franklin Ave
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Tribute Wall



“ Mary A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ron "Spider" Morelli.

Mary A. - June 14 at 12:22 PM



“ Mimi and your family are in my prayers
What a beautiful obituary that is

Anna Muldoon - June 14 at 08:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Ron "Spider" Morelli.



June 10 at 02:48 PM



“ Please give us all the strength to get through the next couple of
days, weeks and months to come. We miss you so much already.
Love you 💔



Elyse Thomson - June 09 at 10:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ron "Spider" Morelli.*



June 09 at 08:58 PM



“ *John Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ron "Spider" Morelli*



John Garcia - June 09 at 08:56 PM



“ *1 file added to the album QHS*



Terry Onderick - June 09 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ron "Spider" Morelli.*



June 09 at 10:20 AM

MM

“ I met Ron our Freshman year at Quigley. He was a magnet..everyone was his friend. He was a leader in our class, funny , & so kind to everyone. I enjoyed connecting with Ron at reunions. May he rest in eternal Peace. His memory will always be a Blessing. Mary Ann Sharpless Matlock

Mary Ann Matlock - June 09 at 09:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ron "Spider" Morelli.



June 09 at 08:40 AM

WE

“ Ron was one of my favorite teachers @ Quigley high. May he rest in peace

WILLIAM J EDMONDSON - June 09 at 08:23 AM

SM

“ Ron was such a welcoming member of theBeaver Valley Choral Society. Always greeted you with a big smile.

Susan A Metelsky - June 09 at 07:39 AM

MS

“ Mike, Marla, Kelli, and Miranda Sekel purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ron "Spider" Morelli.



Mike, Marla, Kelli, and Miranda Sekel - June 08 at 06:30 PM

DD

“ Always considered you a Plan 6 guy w Me and Stevie..instead stuck w Herm Muzzie and Kostos Bros.
See ya on the other side ..Peace!!

David Dukovich - June 08 at 06:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ron "Spider" Morelli.



June 08 at 05:17 PM

NL

“ Nick and Lauren purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Ron "Spider" Morelli.



Nick and Lauren - June 08 at 05:14 PM

HB

“ Ron sold me my first computer at Computerland in Beaver decades ago and never failed to answer questions about computing. Reading his phenomenally insightful obituary was a revelation because I never knew about his many talents and experiences. I would see him at church from time to time and he never failed to greet me! You have indeed lost an extraordinary husband, father, sibling and valued member of your family. May Ron rest in peace and may God bless you in comfort and grace.

Helen Byrnes

Helen Byrnes - June 08 at 04:58 PM

MG

God's Peace be with all members of Ron's family.

Michaëlle Green - June 08 at 08:07 PM

JC

I met Ron in my Junior year at Quigley High School. He was very easy to know. Since I moved to Chicago, we spoke when I came back to visit family. Ron I hope you at rest and, I will keep you in my prayers. Jim Carsele

Jim Carsele - June 09 at 03:35 PM

TO

So sorry to hear this and it is especially hard to say good-bye to another QHS Class of 71 member. I also met Ron my junior year at Quigley. He was very extroverted/witty and a friend to everyone. Bernadette, you have my deepest sympathy and for some reason never knew you married Ron. I am sure you have many, many good memories to treasure.

Terry Onderick - June 09 at 05:23 PM

AK

What could one add to this beautiful tribute to Ron that hasn't been said already. Such an extraordinary human being with so many talents , and loved by so many. Seems like yesterday sitting behind your family every Sunday at mass as kids and young adults. You were always so kind. Prayers for peace , strength and comfort to you Bernie and your family. May your many beautiful memories carry you through today , tomorrow and always.

Anna Karachristos - June 10 at 12:14 AM

KW

*May God's love give you all strength at this most difficult time. With heartfelt comfort and sympathy,
Walter and Kathy Wauro*

Kathy Wauro - June 10 at 11:08 AM

MO

What a wonderful tribute to an accomplished individual! My deepest sympathy to the Morelli family on the passing of their beloved Ron. His brother, Rich, was a fellow classmate at St. Veronica. May Ron enjoy the San Rocco festival this year in heavenly paradise! Mary Ann Dudash O'Neill

mary ann oneill - June 14 at 12:14 PM

JR

I worked with Ronnie at Crystal Market in Aliquippa in the early 70's. Every Wednesday after the store would close we would stay and restock the shelves. Ronnie made it more fun than work. We had a blast. Even though we lost touch after we left for college and I moved away, I often thought about him and would chuckle at some of the jokes he used to tell me. May he rest in peace.

John Roros

John Roros - June 14 at 06:23 PM

RC

Ron's death touched me very deeply. I've known him since the barbershop days a plan 11 and one of the joys of returning for the celebration of Saint Rocco each year was to talk to him during the procession. He always brought joy. From now on when I return for Saint Rocco, he will be one of the joyful memories I carry with me.

*I offer my deepest sympathy to his family and friends.
I celebrated holy mass for the pose of his soul this morning that
anticipate seeing him again one day.*

Viva San Rocco!

*With respect and love,
-Msgr. Ronald Cellini*

Ron Cellini - June 16 at 12:09 PM