



Roland Arthur Wheeler

September 16, 2024

Roland Arthur Wheeler, 69, of Cranston, Rhode Island, passed away suddenly in his home on September 16, 2024. Born on February 23, 1955, he was the loving son of the late Janice (Hunnewell) and the late Russel E. Wheeler, Jr.

Roland was a master carpenter and general contractor, known to many as “Mr. Fix It.” He dedicated countless hours to helping friends and family with their projects, always ready with a tool in hand and a smile on his face. He did not have the ability to say no when someone needed his help at any time in his life. His unorthodox and humorous approach to situations solved many problems both personal and professional. Outside of his work, he was passionate about hunting, race car driving, and old-school cars, embracing life with enthusiasm and energy. He had a profound love for all animals and was known to his family as “The Dog Whisperer.”

Roland is survived by his beloved wife, Karen (Boudreau) Wheeler, and his loving children, Timothy and Samantha (Tom). He was a devoted *Pepère* to his cherished grandchildren, Gabriella, Charlotte, and Lucy, who will forever remember their playtime with him and the special moments shared, particularly his signature move “the claw.”

He was the stepson of the late Albert DiSarro and the late Mary Wheeler and the brother of the late Charles Wheeler and Albert (Jessie). He also leaves

behind stepsiblings, including the late Steven (Pam) and stepsister Karen, along with numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends who will greatly miss him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on October 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m at Chelos, located at 2255 Post Road in Warwick, RI. Food will be available upon arrival, and we invite all who knew Roland to come and share their stories and memories.

Roland's generous spirit and unwavering kindness will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Karen and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Roland was a Great man and a good friend. I met him shortly after I moved to Boston from Phoenix, Arizona. He became a great friend of mine. We eventually ended up working maintenance together on his step brother, Steven's, rentals. Roland taught me more about plumbing, carpentry, and electrical on those old apartments than I already knew. He also educated me on the real Boston life!!! We all used to go camping, fishing, and even caught live Lobsters. It was always a great time. We stayed in touch through the years even after our move back to Phoenix.
He will be missed and never forgotten. He was a best friend of mine.
Jeff Dansak

Jeff Dansak - September 29, 2024 at 10:04 PM

KW

Thank you for sharing Jeff. Roland spoke highly of you as well.

Karen Wheeler - September 30, 2024 at 03:36 PM

AW

“ Karen I am sorry for your loss of your husband and father of your children together.
I couldn't have chosen a better brother. We had a special relationship. I will never forget all the good and tuff times we shared while living together and beyond while starting own families.
I'm going to miss you but I will never forget you your brother Al.

Albert D Wheeler - September 26, 2024 at 12:40 PM

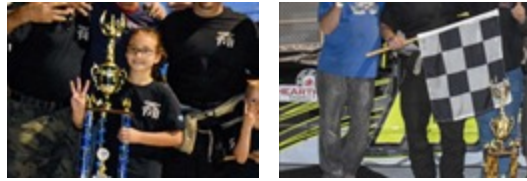
DD

“ So sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father.may he rest in peace.my condolences to the family.

doreen dewolfe - September 26, 2024 at 07:15 AM

RL

“ One of the greatest guys I've met in life and a true friend. God speed my friend 🏁🏁



Ryan Lineham - September 22, 2024 at 12:48 AM

HD

“ We met Roland through racing and the Lineham family. He was always such a pleasure to be with. We will never forget his kindness and smiles and we are so very sorry for your loss . Honi and Bill Degnan

Honi Ann Degnan - September 21, 2024 at 07:22 PM

SB

“ 2 files added to the album Roland A Wheeler



Scotty Boudreau - September 21, 2024 at 06:37 PM

SB

“ *Belinda and I extend our thoughts and prayers on the news of Roland's passing. He was a gentle soul and wonderful friend who was always happy to see us and to make time for us in his life. I am heartbroken for the loss of your husband, the father of his wonderful children, and of a very dear friend.*
Scotty & Belinda

Scotty Boudreau - September 21, 2024 at 06:35 PM

EW

“ *Karen
I'm in shock...had a 30 minute phone chat with him on Saturday 9/14...great craftsman and friend...*

Ed West - September 21, 2024 at 04:59 PM

HR

“ *Karen, we are so sorry for your loss. May all your family be blessed by the many wonderful memories you have shared.*
Lorraine & Harvey

Harvey Rappoport - September 21, 2024 at 04:20 PM

JW

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Jeanne

Jeanne Wheeler - September 21, 2024 at 04:31 PM

DS

Karen, our condolences to you and your family. You will all be in our prayers. Ed and Deb Sullivan

Deborah Sullivan - September 21, 2024 at 04:37 PM

PK

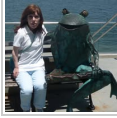
Karen my heart goes out to you and the family. What a terrible shock. My prayers are with you

Patricia knuckles - September 21, 2024 at 06:29 PM

LO

Karen, Samantha and Timothy so sorry for your loss. Roland was a kind and funny person who will be missed by everyone who knew him ❤️

Lory - September 21, 2024 at 07:00 PM



We are so sorry to hear of Roland's passing. Your family is in our prayers. Dolores & Cindy

Dolores Mackenzie - September 21, 2024 at 09:03 PM

FR

Karen my heart breaks for you and your family, it was such a shock to hear. He was such a great guy, always a smile and happy. My husband Don enjoyed working with him. I have no words to soothe your pain, but surround yourself with loved ones, they will help to give you strength during this painful time. With sincere sympathy, Florrie Rhoades

Florrie Rhoades - September 22, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TB

*So sorry to hear of Roland's passing.. A great Man and a fiend to us all.
God's love and Embrace to you all.
With Love the Bauman's.*

Tom Bauman - September 22, 2024 at 11:12 AM

BB

Deepest condolences and prayers for Roland's family. I became acquainted with him earlier this year at the Honey Dew Donuts on Oaklawn Ave. where we shared many humorous stories and laughs. He was a real and personable guy who will be greatly missed!

Bruce Birch - September 24, 2024 at 12:25 PM

MC

Great guy. I will miss him at Honey Dew.

Mike Casale - September 25, 2024 at 12:20 PM