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I want to thank each of you for helping look for Ronald. I know that each of you are making great personal and possibly financial sacrifices to help with this search. Words can not ever fully express my gratitude.

When Dave told me about his trip out to CA yesterday, it really sounded like a true Rosepink adventure. First Dave missed his plane and then Fuzzy blew a tire on his plane and how they were handling things...life with Ronald was never boring.

I will not be onsite until Dec. 26 and it grieves me to know that I will not be there to see you off into the field on the 26th, but I feel that I need to be considerate of my children and their feelings and they wanted me home with them at Christmas. I do plan to see each of you and thank you personally.

Elizabeth (19) and Chris (17) are planning on coming out with me but are having some emotional issues that may prevent them from coming out. This past summer they could only sit and hope and pray and they will only be able to do that if they come out with me and they are not sure they can handle that. Dustin (23), who attended Hawk Mtn when he was about 6 weeks old, is married and will be with his wife's family until the 28th and is not sure he will be able to get off work to drive up.

Please know that you are in my prayers and that my heart will be with you every second you are looking for Ronald.

Thank you again for all each of you are doing and please let your families know that I appreciate their sacrifices.

Debbie