

Wife's urn disturbing

DEAR ABBY: I am in a two-year relationship with a very nice man I'll call "Ronny." I'm divorced; Ronny was widowed three years ago after many years of marriage.

I'm having trouble accepting the fact that he displays his wife's ashes in his bedroom. We have discussed it, and I have told him it makes me uncomfortable. He moved the urn to another location when he sold his house, but about a month ago it reappeared in his bedroom.

I spend considerable time at Ronny's house and feel somewhat unsettled, not because the ashes belong to his wife, but because they are human remains. I have no problem with a picture of her that he displays — in fact, I had it framed for him.

Ronny is unwilling to consider other options for the ashes. He says he promised his wife she'd be buried with him. He has also said he is not ready for a commitment.

I'd like a future with Ronny, but I'm afraid he's unwilling to move on with his life because he continues to keep his wife's ashes so close by. Am I out of line with my feelings? Any suggestions for me or for him? I need a new perspective. — THREE'SACROWD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR LADY: That Ronny moved his wife's ashes out of the bedroom and then moved them back in indicates



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to me that while they were "out," you may have gotten too close for his comfort. He has already told you he isn't ready for a commitment. That's a strong message.

Your feelings are not out of line. However, the most practical advice I can offer is to be prepared to be very patient if you want a future with Ronny. This man is going nowhere in a hurry, and neither is your relationship.

DEAR ABBY: We had houseguests during the holidays — an old friend and his new girlfriend. My parents had given us a beautiful set of expensive towels, which we used for our guests.

Whatever cleanser the girl used to wash her face destroyed them. My wife is devastated, but insists that we can't say a word to them about it. I disagree. I say we should not only mention it, we should request that they replace them. What do you think? — BLEACHED OUT IN THE BIG CITY

DEAR BLEACHED OUT: If your guests realized that they had damaged your towels, they should have offered

to replace them. (If what caused the damage is a product the woman uses regularly, wouldn't you think she'd have known it could cause a problem?) I don't think you should request that the items be replaced, but it would not be out of line to mention that they were ruined. And if the couple visits again, make sure not to use the good linens.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, who lived with me for three years, left me. The reason is that I went on a cruise and took my 24-year-old son instead of her. (Her father was scheduled for heart bypass surgery during that time, and only half our money would have been refunded if we canceled.) She moved out and is now living with her dad. What do you think about this? I need a woman's opinion. — HURTING IN ANDERSON, IND.

DEAR HURTING: Here it is: Your romance is probably history. When she needed your emotional support, instead of being there for her, you went sailing off into the sunset with your son. Had you said, "To heck with the money, I won't leave you until we're sure everything is all right," you would still be together.

You might try offering an apology for abandoning her, but I can't guarantee it will be accepted. And frankly, I can't blame her.

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SATURDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30			
E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone								
36/47	A&E	"Lake Placid" ('99, Horror) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda. Group plots capture of man-eater.				American Justice: What the Girl Saw		Investigative Reports: Child Sex Trade		"Lake Placid" ('99) Croc catcher beware!				
4	6	ABC	"The Green Mile" ('99, Drama) ★★ Tom Hanks. A prison guard befriends a death-row inmate with supernatural powers. (R) (R) (HD)				KAKE News at 10		Seinfeld (TVPG)	(05) Seinfeld (TV G)	Enterprise (TVPG)			
26/54	ANPL	Dog Shows & Competitions: AKC Eukanuba National Championships Highlights 2006 from Tampa, Fla. (Replay)						Dog Shows & Competitions from Tampa, Fla. (Replay)						
63/67	BRAVO	"Terminator 2: Judgment Day" ('91, Science Fiction) A cyborg returns, this time to protect humanity's savior-to-be from termination. (R)						"Terminator 2: Judgment Day" ('91) ★★½ He's back to save mankind's only hope. (R)						
7	11	CBS	48 Hours Mystery: A Mind for Murder (R)		"Die Another Day" ('02, Action/Adventure) James Bond battles a madman who has a space-based weapon. (HD)		Eyewitness News		(05) Alias: Rendezvous (TV14)					
55/42	DISC	MythBusters: Paper Crossbow (TVPG)		MythBusters: Shredded Plane (TVPG)		MythBusters: Archimedes Death Ray		MythBusters: Helium Football (TVPG)		MythBusters: Paper Crossbow (TVPG)				
33/56	DISN	Emperor's (TV G)		The Buzz (TVY7)		Life Derek (TV G)		The Suite (TVY7)		So Raven (TVY7)				
49/66	EITV	Gastineau (Live)		Gastineau (Live)		The Girls (TVPG)		The Girls (TVPG)		SNL: David Spade				
22/28	ESPN	⚡ Gameday (Live)		⚡ Basketball (Live)		NHRA Qualifying from Pomona, Calif. (Taped)		Line		Looks Love				
23/29	ESPN2	⚡ Basketball (Live)												
32/58	FAM	"Never Been Kissed" Reporter goes back to school.						Line		Looks Love				
35	-	FMC	"Bad Girls" ('94, Western) Madeleine Stowe.						"Nell" ('94, Drama) ★★ Chief Foster. (PG-13)		"Myra Breckinridge"			
53/45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Foolproof Romantic Dinner		Valentine's Unwrapped		Food Challenge: Chocolate Competition		Iron Chef America: Flay vs. Bernstein		Emeril Live: Foolproof Romantic Dinner				
13	7	FOX	Cops (TVPG) (N)		Cops (TVPG) (R)		America's (TVPG)		St. Elsewhere: Downs Syndrome		Mad TV (TV14) (R)			
27/25	FX	"There's Something About Mary" ('98) ★★ Man hung up on girl. (R)						"Ice Age" ('02) Mammals rescue an infant.						
30/27	FXSP	Rodeo (Taped)		College Hockey Minnesota State (Mankato) at Denver						FSN Live		Myers	Poker	
-	60	HALL	"Wedding Daze"		"Straight from the Heart" Love in wild west.						MASH		MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	(5:30) "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" ('05) ★½		(HD)		"Breakin' All the Rules" ('04, Comedy) ★★ Break-up handbook. (HD)		"Hide and Seek" ('05, Horror) Widower haunted by bizarre events.		"Independence"			
62/44	HGTV	Design Inc		Divine		1st Place		reDesign		Design		Brothers 502nd finds targets. (TVPG)		
58/48	HIST	Honor Deferred		Pacific: The Lost Evidence: Okinawa						Gardens Trading Up		Design Inc		
25/38	IND	"Underworld" ('03, Horror) ★★½ A medical student becomes embroiled in a war between vampires and werewolves.						"The Matrix" ('99, Science Fiction) A hacker joins a shadowy collective's struggle to free mankind from slavery. (R)						
18/63	LIFE	(5:00) "Nola" ('03) ★★		"The Dive from Clausen's Pier" ('05) ★★						"The Princess and the Marine" ('01) (NR)				
54/74	MTV	N. Cannon		N. Cannon		The Shop		The Shop		Diary		Parental		
3	9	NBC	9 News (N) (HD)		Olympic Zone (HD)		Winter Olympics Skiing, speedskating, figure skating (HD)						KSN News at 10	
8	8	NBC	Winter Olympics Skiing, speedskating, figure skating (HD)						Winter Olympics Ski jumping (HD)		Winter Olympics Ski jumping (HD)			
34/55	NICK	Guide		Drake		All That		Amanda		Full House		Bel-Air		
2	2	PBS	Appearance		As Time Goes By		Lawrence Welk: Musical Tour of Europe		RedGreen (TVPG)		Austin (TV G) (N)			
38/71	SCIFI	"Resident Evil" ('02)		"House of the Dead 2: Dead Aim" ('05) (R)						"All Souls Day" ('05) Zombies in Mexico.				
61/72	SPK	"Firm" ('93, Thriller) ★★ Man finds what seems the perfect job. (R)						"Above the Law" ('88) Nico cleans up town.						
39/43	TLC	Clean Sweep: Out of the Clutter (TV G)		While You Were: Austin: Traveler's Lounge		Property Ladder: Desert DIY Disaster		Flip House (TV G)		Flip House (TV G)		Trading: Philadelphia: East Gorge Lane		
28/40	TNT	NASCAR		⚡ Nextel Cup: Budweiser Shootout		"Exit Wounds" ('01, Action) ★★ Corrupt cops.		"Romeo Must Die"						
51/49	TRAV	Wild Poker		J. Osbourne (TV14)						Wild Poker				
21/59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)		Griffith		Sanford		Times		Happening		Cheers		
60/79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)		Primer imp						Noticiero		Otro rollo (TV14)		
20/37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		
12	3	WB	(4:00) "Clear and Present Danger" ('94)		Smallville: Witness (TVPG)		Smallville: Accelerate (TV14)		WB2 News at Nine (N)		Sex & City (TV14)			
99/39	WGN	Chicago Auto Show		Rising from the Rails		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City		Becker		Home Impro		

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36/47	A&E	24: Day 2: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (TV14) (HD)			The Iceman Tapes (TVPG)			Intervention: Adam & Michael (TV14)			CSI: Miami: Nothing to Lose (TV14)			
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Crawford-Smith Family			Desperate Housewives: Silly People (HD)			(01) Grey's Anatomy: (As We Know It) (HD)			KAKE News at 10 (3:55) Seinfeld (TV G)		
26	54	ANPL	Dog Show			All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)			All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)			Dog Show		
63	67	BRAVO	Inside the Actor's Studio: Chappelle had his own TV show. (TVPG)			Dave Chappelle Dave Chappelle had his own TV show. (TVPG)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		
7	11	CBS	Cold Case: Colors (TVPG) (R) (HD)			"The Sum of All Fears" nuclear war between the U.S. and Russia. (HD)			CIA operative Jack Ryan tries to stop a nuclear war between the U.S. and Russia. (HD)			Eyewitness News (N)		
55	42	DISC	Walking with Prehistoric: Mammoth Journey			Walking with Cavemen Alec Baldwin hosts a look at the caveman to modern man. (TVPG)			Walking with Prehistoric: Land of the Giants			Walking with Prehistoric: Mammoth Journey		
33	56	DISN	Phil (TVY7) Naturally (TV G)			Life Derek (TV G)			The Suite (TVY7)			So Raven (TVY7)		
49	66	EITV	50 Best Chick Flicks: Sex, Cries & Videotape			# 1 Single			The Girls			50 Best Chick Flicks: Sex, Cries & Videotape		
22	28	ESPN	NFL Football from Honolulu (Live)			The Contender: East Coast Pride (TVPG)			SportsCenter (Live) (HD)					
23	29	ESPN2	(5:30) NHRA Drag Racing from Pomona, Calif. (Taped)			Rodeo: Xtreme Bulls			Track from Fayetteville, AR					
32	58	FAM	"Never Been Kissed" Reporter goes back to school.			Line			Line			Lakewood		
35	-	FMC	"Taps" ('81, Drama) Cadets take up arms.			(05) "Night and the City" ('92, Drama) ★★ (R)			"Taps" ('81, Drama)					
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Chocolate Delights (TV G)			Iron Chef America: Batali vs. Laiskonis			Challenge: Chocolate Festival Fantasies			Ham on St. Good Eats (TV G)		
13	7	FOX	Simpsons (R)			War at Home (R)			Family Guy (R)			American Dad (R)		
27	25	FX	"Beloved"			"Ice Age" ('02) Mammals rescue an infant.			"Bulletproof Monk" ('03, Action) ★★			Monk trains thief.		
30	27	FXSP	College Basketball North Carolina at Miami			Poker Superstars			Boxing (Taped)			Spotlight		
-	60	HALL	"M. Woman: Game"			"Jane Doe: Yes, I Remember It Well" ('06)			Diagnosis (TVPG)			Diagnosis (TVPG)		
5	-	HBO	"Selena" (97) (HD)			(4:45) "Shark Tale" ('04) ★★½ Fish takes credit for shark's death. (HD)			(15) "The Whole Ten Yards" ('04, Comedy) ½ Dentist tracks down retired hitman. (HD)			The Sopranos: The Test Dream (TVMA) (HD)		
62	44	HGTV	Designed			Designed			Want That! reZONED			Furniture 2006 (TV G)		
58	48	HIST	Hitler's Family Hitler minus family. (TVPG)			Hi-Tech Hitler (TVPG)			Dog Fights: The Greatest Air Battles A look at how pilots participate in fierce air battles.			Hitler's Family Hitler minus family. (TVPG)		
25	38	IND	"The Replacements" ('00, Comedy) A strike forces a coach to recruit a team of second-string benchwarmers.			"The Replacements" ('00, Comedy) A strike forces a coach to recruit a team of second-string benchwarmers.			"The Replacements" ('00, Comedy) A strike forces a coach to recruit a team of second-string benchwarmers.			"The Replacements" ('00, Comedy) A strike forces a coach to recruit a team of second-string benchwarmers.		
18	63	LIFE	"Personally Yours"			"The Waiting Game" Mysterious stranger.			Missing: Fugitive			Strong Med: Relief		
54	74	MTV	The Shop			The Shop			Diary			Gauntlet		
3	9	NBC	Winter Olympics Skiing, snowboarding, speedskating, luge (HD)			Winter Olympics Skiing, snowboarding, speedskating, luge (HD)			Winter Olympics Skiing, snowboarding, speedskating, luge (HD)			Winter Olympics Skiing, snowboarding, speedskating, luge (HD)		
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34	55	NICK	Zoey 101			Romeo!			Full House			Bel-Air		
2	2	PBS	Nature (TV G) (N)			Masterpiece Theatre: Bleak House (N)			Six Wives of Henry VIII (TVPG) (R)			Globe Trekker: Beijing City Guide (TV G)		
38	71	SCIFI	"Arachnid" ('01) ★½			"Earth vs. The Spider" ('01, Horror) ★ (R)			Surface			The Rift		
61	72	SPK	"Above the Law" ★★			"Out for Justice" ('91) A cop seeks revenge.			Out of Reach			Scare Tac.		
39	43	TLC	Trading: Scottsdale: Windrose Drive (TV G)			Trading Spaces: Hartford: Stonedrige Road			Supersize She Bodybuilding title. (TVPG)			Wild Child: Story of Feral Children (TVPG)		
28	40	TNT	"Cradle 2 the Grave" Crook & cop together			"Cradle 2 the Grave" Crook & cop together			"The Glimmer Man"					
51	49	TRAV	Weekend: Costa Rica			Weekend: Las Vegas			Cheaters (TVPG)			Weekend: Costa Rica		
21	59	TVLND	Prairie: Sylvia, Part 1			Griffith			Sanford			Times		
60	79	UNIV	Bailando por un sueño			Primer imp			Noticiero			José José		
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)			Law & Order (HD)			Law & Order (HD)			Law & Order (HD)		
12	3	WB	Reba (TVPG) (R)			Reba (TVPG) (R)			Charmed: 12 Angry Zen (N)			Charmed: Rewitched (TVPG) (R)		
99	39	WGN	24 (TV14) (HD)			24 (TV14) (HD)			WGN News			NBA Basketball (Live) (HD)		