



Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines

May 2, 1947 - January 1, 2018

Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines, age 70, of Versailles, passed away Monday, January 1, 2018, at his home. He was born May 2, 1947, in Gravois Mills, a son of the late Albert Nelson and Gertrude (Bookout) Raines.

On June 3, 1968, he was united in marriage to Clede Buckner, who preceded him in death on July 14, 2001. On July 12, 2015, in Versailles, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Stephanie (Field) Raines.

Ronnie was a veteran of the United States Army 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry having served in Vietnam where he was awarded the Purple Heart.

In January of 1974, he graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He worked for many years as a logger and stone mason.

Ronnie enjoyed playing on softball leagues in Gravois Mills and Laurie, was member #6 of the Lake West Pickleball Club where he known as "Rocket Man" and was a member of the Indian Rock Golf Club in Laurie where he was affectionately known as, "GSR". Ronnie always kept busy with many woodworking projects.

In addition to his wife, Stephanie, he is survived by his children, Rebecca Ann Furney and husband Donald of Versailles, Missouri, Julie Ann Smith and

husband Hugh of Laurie, Missouri, Valery Ann Clark and husband Barry of Laurie, Missouri, Ronald Eugene Raines, II and wife Pamela of Wright City, Missouri and Savannah Pipenhagen and husband Adam of Morrisville, Missouri; sixteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; his brother, Bob Raines and wife Janet of Versailles, Missouri and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 6th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Bruce Pipenhagen officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Following the graveside service, a luncheon will be provided at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Versailles for close family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ He robbed me of a line drive home run at the fence in a softball game in Laurie. One heck of a play.He followed that up with some kind encouragement. Always a gentleman at the bowling alley and anywhere I saw him. Its men like him I think about when I try to be humble.Much love and much respect.

Clint Dinkins - January 08, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ I remember playing softball with Ronnie and for some reason they always put me on the roster right before him. So if I was on first base and he was up to bat he was always hitting it to the right side of the field. And I can't tell you how many times I did all kinds of different dances dodging his rocket balls that he would hit to try to save myself. Good memories of Ronnie and Cleda both on the ball field and on the golf course.

Ilene Jewell - January 06, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ So sorry Ronnie and Pam, love you guys



jennifer jones - January 06, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Kelley White lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines*



kelley white - January 06, 2018 at 10:55 AM



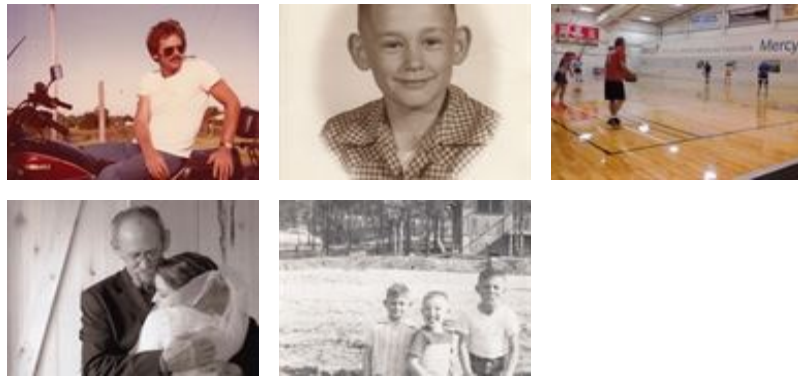
“ *Ginger Arment lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines*



Ginger Arment - January 05, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - January 05, 2018 at 08:15 PM

MS

“ *Misty Shewmaker lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines*



Misty Shewmaker - January 05, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *CHRISTINA SHELTON-ROBINETTE lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines*



CHRISTINA SHELTON-ROBINETTE - January 05, 2018 at 10:38 AM



So sorry to hear of your Dad May God Be with each one of you and comfort you all during the difficult time. He will be missed by all that knew him.

CHRISTINA SHELTON-ROBINETTE - January 05, 2018 at 10:41 AM

TC

“ *So sorry for your loss. may God comfort you during this difficult time.*



Trish Chism - January 04, 2018 at 05:33 PM

PH

“ Becky, Julie, Valery, and Ronnie....I'll always remember your dad with his winning smile and infectious laugh. Was never a time we weren't welcomed by him and your mom into their home...they were "good people". I got my love for bobtailed cats from your folks! :) I'll never forget pcking out my kitten with your mom and Ronnie in the background trying to put extras in the box!! I had that "kitten" 16 years and loved her immensely. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all...

Patti Haggerman - January 04, 2018 at 05:40 AM

KG

“ I remember Ronnie playing catcher at our softball practice many years ago. He was standing on home plate determined to get me out. I was just as determined and I "took him out". We both hit the dirt with our arms and legs entangled. Once the dust settled he said "are we alright"? I told him yes we were because I was safe! His laugh...

Kelly Gramke - January 03, 2018 at 09:22 PM

KS

“ What a great person who knew so many things and had so many talents. I knew him best on the softball field watching him pitch and hitting the ball far~! Also, we played a lot of pickle ball together through the past few years and the last time I really spent some time with him was a Senior Missouri games when he and his partner won the gold medal. Even though it took Stephanie getting into the people running the tourney to get the ball rolling!! They had only waited five hours before they got to play!! He has been missed by us and will be missed in the days to come. Bless you Stephanie and Ronnie's family.

Karon Staten

Karon Staten - January 03, 2018 at 09:17 PM

PC

“ Ted and will miss him on the Pickleball courts. He and Ted played partners in several tourneys and won a bronze metal. Ted enjoying golfing with him several times. He was a kind and gentle man and will be missed by many.

Patrick Cassidy - January 03, 2018 at 07:05 PM

MH

“ Savannah, I just wanted to say that I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm praying for your heart to be enveloped in God's unfailing love and perfect peace at this time and always.



Mandie Hickenbottom-Conner - January 03, 2018 at 01:49 PM



Thank you so much Mandie, I really appreciate your loving words! ❤️

Savannah Pipenhagen - January 04, 2018 at 12:30 AM

SR

“ Shirley Root lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines



Shirley Root - January 03, 2018 at 10:07 AM

GD

“ Gary And Judy Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Raines



Gary and Judy Dunnaway - January 03, 2018 at 09:18 AM

BM

“ We all always loved playing pickleball with Ronnie, not just because he was a tremendous athlete, but more importantly, because he was such a kind person and gentleman. He had a great sense of humor and his laugh made everyone happy. He will be terribly missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Bruce & Bobbi Miles - January 03, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ I'll forever remember this day. One of the biggest blessing to have my dad walk me down the aisle. When he got sick I didn't know if he would make it to this moment, but he did. He is the strongest, most courageous man I know!❤️



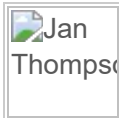
Savannah Pipenhagen - January 03, 2018 at 12:36 AM



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Stephanie Field Raines - January 02, 2018 at 11:32 PM



Oh, Stephanie, I am so sorry to hear about Ronnie. You know I loved playing pickleball with and against him. Such a great player and so much fun. I miss those matches. It was always such a nice surprise when he would show up in Columbia to play. I am thinking of you. Take care. Jan Thompson

Jan Thompson - January 05, 2018 at 06:25 PM



Thank you so much it means a lot to me he loved playing with all of you guys ♡

Stephanie Field Raines - January 05, 2018 at 06:59 PM



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Stephanie Field Raines - January 02, 2018 at 11:31 PM



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Stephanie Field Raines - January 02, 2018 at 11:30 PM

SW

“ Oh my, I have so many memories I can't even count. Growing up with an uncle that was just like my dad was pretty cool. cutting wood with my dad, family softball, building the family home, family volleyball, meeting at aunt Wanda's for thanks giving, showing me what a ring snake was, holding me up when dad was sick, seeing him love his family. He's a pretty cool guy in my book! RIP uncle Ronnie. ❤️ Sally Anne

sally werner - January 02, 2018 at 10:35 PM

LL

“ I remember a softball tournament where it was super cold and rainy. I had never played or watched softball and Ronnie was catching the ball behind his back and doing all kinds of tricks. I was completely amazed...but everyone else was like this is what he does to mess with ya! Lol made me laugh so hard.

Lesley (Boze) Linss - January 02, 2018 at 08:16 PM

HS

“ Took off from work one day and I talked him in to playing golf but he did not have his clubs so he used some of mine and Greg's and he still beat us with are own clubs but remember he was left handed and we are not. Such good times.

Hugh smith - January 02, 2018 at 08:10 PM