



## Lonnie Cecil Qualls

January 18, 1931 - February 8, 2026

Lonnie Cecil Qualls, age 95, was born in Pleasantville, Tennessee, on January 18, 1931, to Ernest and Mary Lou Stoltz Qualls. He passed peacefully from this life on February 8, 2026.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sarah Frances Chandler Qualls; his brother, Lee Qualls; and his sister, Pearl Murray.

He is survived by his loving children, Connie (John) Fennell and Cecil (Donna) Qualls; his cherished grandchildren, Luke, Katelyn, Russell, and Katie; and his treasured great-grandchildren, Barrett, Callie, Owen, and Lainey. Each of them was a constant source of pride and joy in his life.

Lonnie often humbly described the house he grew up in as a “two-room shack,” a testament to the simple and modest beginnings that shaped his strong work ethic and grateful spirit. A lifelong resident of Hickman County, his roots ran deep in the community he loved — except for the time he faithfully answered the call to serve his country in the United States Air Force. He rarely complained about anything in life, but he would good-naturedly recall that his only complaint about basic training was that it took place in Wichita Falls, Texas, during the sweltering months of July and August, when temperatures sometimes reached an almost unbearable 114 degrees.

After completing his service, Lonnie continued contributing to the nation's strength and innovation by helping build aircraft at Avco in Nashville, where he worked faithfully until his retirement. His patriotism was not just something he spoke about — it was something he lived through service, hard work, and dedication.

In 1955, Lonnie married the love of his life, Sarah Frances Chandler, after a friend who worked with her at Camp Nacome in Hickman County made the introduction. Their marriage was one built on devotion, partnership, and enduring love.

Outside of his career, Lonnie had a craftsman's heart. He loved woodworking and took great pride in his creations, sharing his talents as a member of the local Arts & Crafts Guild. Whether building with his hands or investing in relationships, Lonnie valued patience, quality, and care.

Above all, Lonnie loved his family, his community, and his country. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; a proud veteran; and a man whose quiet strength, humility, and steady presence left a lasting mark on all who knew him.

His legacy of service, craftsmanship, perseverance, and love will live on in the generations he leaves behind.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E  
Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Lisa king lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls* ”



**Lisa king** - March 13 at 11:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



**McDonald Funeral Home, Inc** - February 14 at 01:05 PM

MG

“ *Michelle Gossett lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls* ”



**Michelle Gossett** - February 12 at 02:08 PM

MC

“ *Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls* ”



**Maelynn Campbell** - February 12 at 12:58 PM

CS

“ *Mr. Lonnie was a gentle Soul. I cherish the Lion and Lamb wood carving he so carefully created.*



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**Charlotte Staggs** - February 12 at 12:29 PM

MC

“ *Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



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**Maelynn Campbell** - February 11 at 04:49 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cecil Qualls.*



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February 11 at 01:20 PM

MM

“ Maxwell M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lonnie Cecil Qualls.



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**Maxwell M.** - February 11 at 12:44 PM

RB

“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls



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**Randall-Sandra Barber** - February 09 at 07:45 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stoltz lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls



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**Jeanette Stoltz** - February 09 at 06:18 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie Qualls



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**Michael Bates** - February 09 at 05:54 PM

SO

“ *Sandra Overbey lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



Sandra Overbey - February 09 at 05:13 PM

JG

“ *John & Wanda Givens lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*

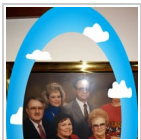


John & Wanda Givens - February 09 at 03:14 PM



“ *WE ARE SO SORRY OF THE DEATH OF LONNIE CECIL QUALLS REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON*

Regina Shelton - February 09 at 03:04 PM



“ *WE ARE THINKIING OF U. RUBY & REX HORNER*

Regina Shelton - February 09 at 03:01 PM

SA

“ *Stacia Anglin lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



Stacia Anglin - February 09 at 02:36 PM

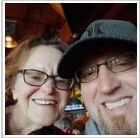
CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



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**Connie Bowen** - February 09 at 01:31 PM



“ *Loveless Carole lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



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**Loveless Carole** - February 09 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ *Janie McCord lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



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**Janie McCord** - February 09 at 09:53 AM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls*



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**Ronald Gammons** - February 09 at 09:34 AM

BQ

“ Bernard L Qualls lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls



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**Bernard L Qualls** - February 09 at 09:15 AM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Qualls



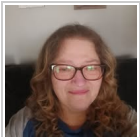
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**Stanley & Judy Gordon** - February 09 at 09:03 AM

MQ

“ Martha Qualls sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie Qualls



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**Martha Qualls** - February 08 at 11:03 PM



“ Renee Shepard Clavette sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie Qualls



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**Renee Shepard Clavette** - February 08 at 08:54 PM