



## Ronald Eugene Coffman

August 9, 1955 - March 18, 2026

Ronald Eugene Coffman, age 70, passed away on March 18, 2026. He was born on August 9, 1955, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Donald G. Coffman and Nonna Elizabeth Harris Coffman.

Ron was truly a “jack of all trades,” known for his ability to fix, build, or understand just about anything he put his hands on. Over the years, he worked on forklifts and computers, served as a locksmith, and worked for General Motors. No matter the task, he approached it with skill, curiosity, and determination.

He had a deep passion for amateur ham radio and held an Extra Class license, the highest level in the field. He faithfully rose early each morning to lead a Bible study over the radio before the daily check-in, sharing his faith and encouraging others. Ron was also known as a storm chaser, metal detecting enthusiast, and train lover—always eager for the next adventure or discovery.

Music was an important part of Ron’s life. He could play the guitar, banjo, or nearly any instrument he picked up. Alongside his wife, Shirley, he was a member of the band God’s Image. He especially loved bluegrass and gospel music.

Ron never met a stranger and will be remembered for his kindness, easygoing nature, and the way he made others feel welcome. He was a devoted member of Garrett Baptist Church and lived out his faith daily.

Above all, he was a proud "Papaw" who deeply loved his children and grandchildren. His family meant everything to him, and he treasured every moment spent with them.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, June Gaw, and his grandchild, Branton Sharp.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Shirley Hinson Coffman; children, Alicia Sharp (Punkin) and Eric Lovett (Meredith Williams); sisters, Missy Bearden, Sonya Williams, and Christi Stutts; grandchildren, Brooklyn Sipes, Bria Trull, Brana Sharp, Tyler Tohn, Braci Sharp, Madison Sharp, Katelyn Skelton, Hallie Barnes, and Allison Lovett; seven great-grandchildren; a daughter of the heart, Crystal Jones; grandchildren of the heart, Malicaih Bruce and Julian Jones; one great-grandchild of the heart; and his extra special furry baby, Chip.

Visitation with Ron's family will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at McDonald Funeral Home, with funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Garrett Baptist Church Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Coffman family.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrett Baptist Church Cemetery

1342 Summertown Highway  
Hohenwald, TN 38462

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ *i did not know him all that well . i knew him through ham radio a good man. i am sorry to hear about his passing.*

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**ronald lynch** - March 22 at 05:23 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Ronald Coffman*



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**Ronald Gammons** - March 22 at 05:04 PM

AR

“ *I knew Ron from ham radio. He was a regular check-in to the morning Tennessee Phone Net and I always enjoyed talking with him. He was also a regular at our monthly meetings at Stan's Country Restaurant in Columbia TN. I've heard many stories of hams being "Elmered" (helped and instructed) by Ron. He will be dearly missed in the ham radio community. Condolences to his family and friends.*

*Andy Rudolph KY4DF*

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**Andy Rudolph** - March 20 at 08:13 AM

HD

“ Ron was a good man who loved others and I never heard a cross word from him. He will be missed and prayers for Shirley and the family. Ron was a good amateur radio operator also. R.I.P my friend, Harrell, WD4LAR

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**Harrell Davidson** - March 20 at 07:16 AM

LW

“ i met Ron the first time Cookie and I came to Stans for the 3980 net breakfast. we had talked on the radio for awhile so it was great to meet in person.last time we saw him his wife was with him so we got to meet Shirley also. Prayers for the family as you go thru this cycle of life that is so difficult.

Larry and Cookie white AG4OB Larry KI\$AQC Cookie

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**larry white** - March 20 at 07:09 AM

CW

“ Ron is going to be missed on the morning Bible Study net. It was a blessing to have him on with us. I had the opportunity to meet Ron at Stans. Carroll Baker WX4Y

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**Carroll Baker WX4Y** - March 20 at 06:55 AM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Coffman



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**Michael Bates** - March 19 at 09:35 PM