



Ronnie Martin

October 5, 1943 - May 8, 2024

James Ronald Martin, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away in Centerville, Tennessee on May 8, 2024, at the age of 80. Ronnie was born to the late James and Willie Martin, in Hardeman County on October 5, 1943.

Born in a small town Ronnie's humble beginnings instilled a deep appreciation for family values. After returning home from Vietnam, Ronnie married his sweetheart Donna Bates on April 19, 1969. Together they raised two boys and built the life they loved. After retirement from Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Ronnie enjoyed pursuing his passions of leadership and dedication to his community.

He was elected mayor of Centerville for one term and served a number of years, as an Alderman for the Town of Centerville. Beyond his political roles he served on numerous boards and committees, including the 911 Board, the airport committee, and as a member of the Masonic Lodge. Ronnie was also a devoted member of the Centerville Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie is preceded in death by his sister Pamela Rusch.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 55 years, Donna Martin, of Centerville, Tennessee, son Brett (Heather) Martin, of Centerville, Tennessee,

son Cory (Nicole) Martin of Centerville, Tennessee, sister Joy (David) Deming of Jackson, Tennessee, grandchildren Jake (Camryn) Martin, Case Martin, Finn Martin, Madison, Jackson, Kennadi and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ronnie found joy in the little things and cherished every moment with his family. He had a passion for performance and old hot rods that was passed down to his sons. His cornbread and dressing was the cornerstone of every holiday dinner. Ronnie always had fresh coffee brewed and you were always greeted with the warmth of his smile as he watched you walk in from the carport. His kindness and generosity extended beyond his immediate family, touching the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Masonic Service

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WS

“ Donna, I can not even find the words to tell you how very sorry I am to see Ronnies has passed away. As always, you are sent my bet healing thoughts and you are in my prayers to find that peace that passes all understanding .

Wanda Stone - May 26, 2024 at 11:34 AM

DO

Thank you so much, Sweet Wanda! He is certainly missed! Our family appreciates your sweet note!

Donnaartin - June 03, 2024 at 02:13 AM

SW

“ No words to describe the sinking feeling as I read his obituary in the Times. I wish I had known and I would have been there for the family. I loved that man. I always looked forward to him pestering me when I cut his hair for so many years. Ronnie, Donna and boys are like my family. I am so very saddened and I pray God will cover the entire family giving them the strength and comfort they will need to get through this. My heart and love goes out to the family.

sheryl Mccaleb Waugh - May 13, 2024 at 03:02 PM

DO

Thank you so much, Sheryl!! All of us love you so much! Pray for us, Sheryl, please 🙏

Donna - May 21, 2024 at 01:10 AM

KF

“ *Kilpatrick Family lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Kilpatrick Family - May 12, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Sandi Westover - May 11, 2024 at 07:18 PM

JE

“ *Donna, Brett, Cory and Family,*

*Our Love and Sympathy in your time of loss.
Ronnie touched many lives for good and will
be missed.*

*Blessings for Comfort,
Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod*



Johnnie Elrod - May 11, 2024 at 09:08 AM

DM

*Thank you so much, Johnnie!!! He enjoyed doing business with you,
and cherished your friendship.
Both of us love you dearly!
With love, Donna*

Donna Martin - May 13, 2024 at 11:49 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Connie Bowen - May 10, 2024 at 09:52 PM

JB

“ *Jume Bowen lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Jume bowen - May 10, 2024 at 08:07 PM

CB

“ *Carmela Brown lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Carmela Brown - May 10, 2024 at 05:37 PM

DO

Thank you, Carmela!

Donna - May 21, 2024 at 01:14 AM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for comfort during these difficult times! 🙏🙏



Laura DeLong - May 10, 2024 at 05:03 PM

DO

Thank you for your sweet message, Laura. Our friends have been so sweet to us.
I love you, Donna ❤️

Donna - May 21, 2024 at 01:18 AM

GC

“ Ronnie and Donna both are precious people with beautiful family. Deepest condolences to all the family. Love you Donna



Glenda Coates - May 10, 2024 at 04:29 PM

DM

Thank you so much, Glenda. Please keep praying for us! I appreciate your sweet words.
Love, Donna & family
I love you, too!!

Donna Martin - June 09, 2024 at 04:44 PM

CS

“Charlotte Staggs lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Charlotte Staggs - May 10, 2024 at 01:39 PM

WB

“Wayne/Lisa Baker lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Wayne/Lisa Baker - May 10, 2024 at 01:22 PM

EB

“Hugs and prayers to you. Love you all.



Erin Baird - May 10, 2024 at 01:15 PM

CM

“Carolyn Moss lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Carolyn Moss - May 10, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DW

“ Prayers and love to Donna, Brett, Cory and their families. Ronnie will be missed. Dorinda Wilson

Dorinda Wilson - May 10, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TS

“ Tj And Celina Slavinski lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Tj and Celina Slavinski - May 10, 2024 at 10:17 AM

CB

“ Cindy Bailey lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Cindy Bailey - May 10, 2024 at 09:18 AM

PA

“ Pat Adcox lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Pat Adcox - May 10, 2024 at 08:50 AM

Sarah
Hinson

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Sarah Hinson - May 10, 2024 at 08:09 AM

SC

“ Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Sheila Chance - May 09, 2024 at 10:37 PM

MS

“ Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Melinda Sullivan - May 09, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Joyce Mayberry - May 09, 2024 at 08:04 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Cheeva McClearen - May 09, 2024 at 06:26 PM

RR

“ *Sending up prayers for the family during this difficult time. Ronnie was a great person and will be deeply missed by all.
With love, Nicky & Robin Rochelle*



Robin Rochelle - May 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Vicky Beagle - May 09, 2024 at 03:41 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronnie Martin*



MICHAEL BATES - May 09, 2024 at 03:41 PM

PM

“ Peggy & Jim May lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Peggy & Jim May - May 09, 2024 at 02:57 PM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Cheeva McClearen - May 09, 2024 at 02:38 PM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory
of Ronnie Martin



Roy & Sharon McCoy - May 09, 2024 at 02:36 PM

JF

“ Jessica Smith Fleet lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Martin



Jessica Smith Fleet - May 09, 2024 at 02:34 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Breece sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Kathy Breece - May 09, 2024 at 11:52 AM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Ronald Gammons - May 09, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ *Our condolences and prayers for Donna and the boys!*



Jewell Prince - May 09, 2024 at 09:22 AM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Brenda Isbell - May 09, 2024 at 09:18 AM

RR

“ *Ray Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Ray Ragsdale - May 09, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ *David Spears lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



David Spears - May 09, 2024 at 08:35 AM

SA

“ *Steve Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Steve Atkinson - May 09, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Steve Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Steve Atkinson - May 09, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“ James Arthur (Tank) And Dana Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - May 09, 2024 at 06:59 AM



“ Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - May 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ Christy Wells lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Christy Wells - May 08, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronnie Martin



Janet Wright - May 08, 2024 at 09:05 PM

BV

“ Bobby And Valerie lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Bobby and Valerie - May 08, 2024 at 09:01 PM

SR

“ You were a great brother-in-law, our hearts are broken. We will miss you so much. Prayers for Donna, Brett, Cory and their families 📿🙏



Sharon Rochelle - May 08, 2024 at 08:47 PM

RB

“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Randall-Sandra Barber - May 08, 2024 at 08:16 PM

SA

“ Steve Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Steve Atkinson - May 08, 2024 at 08:12 PM

SA

“ *He was a good man. He definitely love his family.* ”



Steve Atkinson - May 08, 2024 at 08:11 PM

MS

“ *MELISSA SHELTON lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin* ”



MELISSA SHELTON - May 08, 2024 at 07:42 PM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin* ”



Stanley & Judy Gordon - May 08, 2024 at 07:36 PM

RS

“ *We both so sorry of the death of a father ,husband & he will be missed.* ”

Regina & Martha Shelton - May 08, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DM

Thank you Regina & Martha.

Donna Martin - June 28, 2024 at 10:46 PM

RH

“ *We are thinking of u.*

Ruby & Rex Horner - May 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronnie Martin*



MICHAEL BATES - May 08, 2024 at 06:39 PM

MH

“ *Melinda Hickman lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Melinda Hickman - May 08, 2024 at 06:17 PM

KW

“ *Keith And Gwen Wright lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin*



Keith and Gwen Wright - May 08, 2024 at 06:16 PM

GR

“ Greg And Dianna Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Greg and Dianna Rochelle - May 08, 2024 at 06:11 PM

KB

“ Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Karen Bowen - May 08, 2024 at 06:01 PM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



Roy & Sharon McCoy - May 08, 2024 at 05:26 PM

JG

“ John & Wanda Givens lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



John & Wanda Givens - May 08, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ George & Linda Chessor lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Martin



George & Linda Chessor - May 08, 2024 at 04:34 PM