



RONNIE KENNEDY

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PERRY -

Ronnie Dean Kennedy, 62, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 14, 2021, after a brave and courageous battle with neuroendocrine cancer. Services will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at Houston Lake Baptist Church with the Visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. and the Funeral beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Houston Lake Baptist Church, 2300 Houston Lake Road, Perry, GA 31069.

A lifelong resident of Perry, Ronnie graduated from Perry High School in 1976 and attended Macon Junior College. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and was always very humble about his service. Ronnie married the love of his life, Marilyn Warren. He accepted a position at Robins Air Force Base with Civil Service and completed the Aircraft Maintenance Technician program in the Air Force Reserve, becoming an Equipment Specialist. Ronnie was a wonderful husband to Marilyn, and became a remarkable father once their daughter, Lauren, was born. From taking her to dance practices and attending her dance recitals for sixteen years to nurturing and advising her through high school and college, Ronnie treasured his family roles. He was conscientious about being healthy and taking care of himself, enjoyed running, and often found himself participating in 5K runs. He was also an avid cyclist who was thrilled to ride lengthy journeys regularly, and was excited when he rode to the top of Brasstown Bald and back down with his nephews. Ronnie loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and savoring God's creations. In recent years, Ronnie loved spending time at his very own "cabin in the woods." He was a member of Houston Lake Baptist Church. While he served in various positions through the 40-plus years at Robins Air Force Base, Ronnie retired April 30, 2021, as an Equipment Specialist for the C-141 and C-17 aircrafts. He was very much looking forward to becoming a grandfather to be called "Pops", which he did when his grandson, James Wilder Campbell, entered the world in February 2021. Ronnie was a good, Christian man and a true Southern Gentleman who will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.



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Left to cherish the memories they made with Ronnie are his loving and devoted wife of thirty-one years, Marilyn Warren Kennedy of Perry; his daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and James Campbell of Goose Creek, SC; his grandson, James Wilder Campbell; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Donna Kennedy of Perry; his mother-in-law, Trudie Warren of Perry; his sister-in-law, Melanie Warren of Perry; his nephews, Phillip Kennedy (Diana), Matt Kennedy (Betsy), and John David Kennedy (Laura); his great-nephew, Willie Kennedy; and his great nieces, Cameron Kennedy and Finley Kennedy.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Roy Kennedy and Lura Mae Dupree Kennedy; and his father-in-law, James "Bud" Warren.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

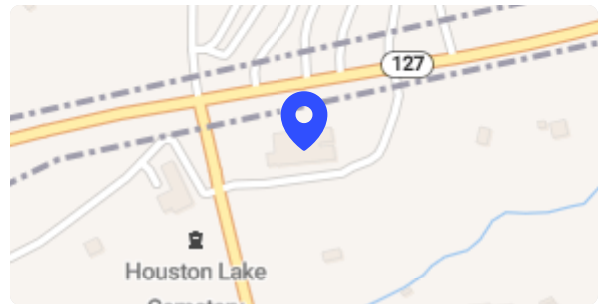


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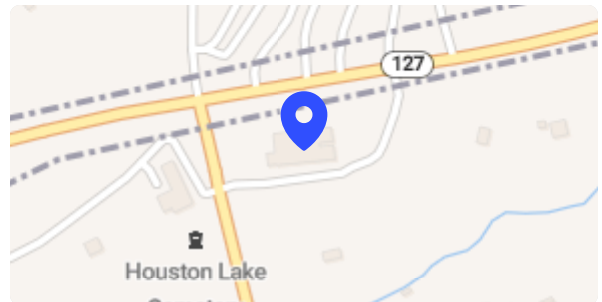
Visitation

- Thursday**, June 17, 2021
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Houston Lake Baptist Church**
2300 Highway 127 E, Perry GA 31069



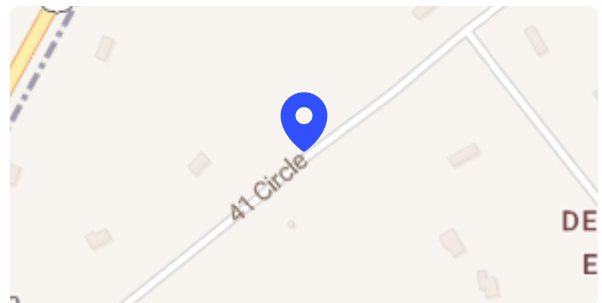
Funeral

- Thursday**, June 17, 2021
- 11:00 AM ET
- Houston Lake Baptist Church**
2300 Highway 127 E, Perry GA 31069



Cemetery Details

- Perry Memorial Gardens**
2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069





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PS

Phil And Sandy Smith posted:

Marilyn and family, We are so sorry for your loss of Ronnie. Such a wonderful life well lived! Just wish he could have had more time to enjoy his grandson and son-in-law, as well as all the other members of his family! Please let us know if we can be of help to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Phil and Sandy Smith

June 22 at 4:36 PM

CC

Cindy Collier posted:

Marilyn and Lauren, I just heard about Ronnie's passing. I was so sad to hear. He was such a good gentle soul. Hugs to both of you. I pray that our Father will hold you close and give you comfort.

June 20 at 5:11 PM

MK

Marilyn Kennedy shared 8 photos to the **Ronnie Kennedy Memorial Video** album.



June 15 at 11:06 AM

EV

Elaine Griffin-Varnadoe posted:

My Thoughts and Prayers are with his Family and Friends.

June 17 at 5:19 PM

AL

Al And Andrea Lasseter posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy for Ronnie's passing. All of the Warren/Kennedy family are in our prayers for strength and grace.

June 17 at 12:21 PM

AP

Amelia Posey lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.



June 17 at 7:18 AM



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Jane Schoch lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.

I worked with Ronnie in C17. He was the kindest, and most gracious person. We had a lot of good laughter and fun while working! He was always willing to help and would go out of his way to do so! He will be missed, but so glad that I have the hope of seeing him again! Praying for the family as you grieve your loss.



June 17 at 5:36 AM



Joe Alligood posted:

Any one who knew this Ronnie had a friend with a spirit for life always enjoyed being around him when we had a mission to do...a wonderful family man and my prayers are with him and his family at the time in there lives.....and may out Lord always bless this family!!

June 16 at 10:45 PM



Chuck Pollard posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie. I met Ronnie while we both worked in the C-17 SSM. Ronnie had such a gentle spirit and a great sense of humor. I truly enjoyed the time I worked with him. We often met for lunch after we retired from Robins and went to work as support contractors. He always spoke so fondly of his family. Ronnie was just a great guy. You will be missed my friend!

June 16 at 5:12 PM



Amelia Posey June 17 at 6:43 AM

Marilyn, so sorry to hear about Ronnie. He is no longer in pain, but will be missed by many. Thinking of you and your family. Praying. Amelia Posey



Randy Thigpen posted:

Ronnie was a friend with such a kind spirit. I worked with Ronnie for many years and always enjoyed our discussions about our experiences in maintenance and then all the work we did together in the SPO. We will all miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God's love provide peace and comfort during this difficult time. Randy Thigpen

June 16 at 1:01 PM

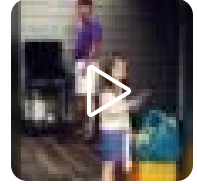


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Watson-Hunt Funeral Home shared a video to the **Ronnie Kennedy Memorial Video** album.



June 16 at 12:52 PM



Jim Moody June 17 at 7:43 AM

I worked with Ronnie in the C-17 squadron. He was such a nice guy; he never spoke an unkind word about anyone. He was fun to be around; he made you feel good. He will be missed, but i look forward to seeing him again in Heaven.



Vicky Alexander June 16 at 5:52 PM

We are praying that God will give you & your family peace, comfort, and courage to face the days ahead. May the loving memories of Him forever be in your heart. Our deepest sympathies. Ralph & Vicky



Phillip Jones June 16 at 5:01 PM

Ronnie was my high school friend. I later found out he was a cousin of mine also. I watched the video and so many memories came back too me. I remember his Jeep Comanche. My thoughts and prayers to his wife, daughter, brother and the rest of his family. Ronnie, my friend you are free from pain and home with your Heavenly Father. You are missed.



Keith Lockerman lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.



June 16 at 12:40 PM



Melissa Booth posted:

To the family, I'm heartbroken to hear about Ronnie's passing. Reading through all the comments captured Ronnie's character and much more. Worked with Ronnie in the C-17 Program Office for many years and I can attest he was a southern gentleman with a gentle soul and had a sweet sense of humor. Ronnie will be truly missed. Praying for the family and friends, may God comfort and give you peace. Rest well my friend.

June 16 at 12:08 PM



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Irvin Mack posted:

So sorry for your loss, I met Ron when I can to work on the Base in 04 he was my first Supervisor, praying for the family

June 16 at 11:57 AM



Sara Pottenger posted:

Marilyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.

June 16 at 11:45 AM



Debra Grimes Hutchings posted:

Marilyn and Family, My thoughts and prayers go to each one of you. It's been a long time since I've seen him but he was a dear friend to Mike and I. Ronnie always made me smile and he and Mike could talk about cars for hours but that was years ago. I'm sure they both will continue their talks in heaven. Hold tight to your loving memories. Debra Grimes Hutchings

June 16 at 10:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the KENNEDY family.



June 16 at 8:11 AM



Daren Harvill posted:

I'm so glad I was able to know Ronnie. He was a good friend and always had a positive outlook. I really enjoyed talking to him about cars and hunting. He will be missed. To the family I pray for peace and comfort in the coming days. I pray God provides the strength you'll need to get through these hard times.

June 16 at 8:06 AM



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Scott Reu posted:

Ronnie was one of the first to welcome me to the Program Office, and always was willing to help anyone around him. I'll miss you, Sir... Godspeed

June 16 at 7:56 AM



Kevin Torres posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord bring you strength and peace. Ronnie made a great contribution to the C-17 program. He will be greatly missed.

June 16 at 7:55 AM



Jay Stephens lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.



June 16 at 7:27 AM



Jay Stephens June 16 at 7:31 AM

Best of friends growing up, he will be missed.



Kimberley Stanley posted:

To the family of Mr. Ronnie, I extend my sincere condolences for your loss. He was such a nice person to me. Benitra Scott & I looked forward to our daily talks with him and others in the break room at work during lunch or if we happened to catch him on a walk. That was thing I hated about working from home when Covid happened. I missed our fellowship. He will be truly missed by C-17. We will keep you all lifted in prayer for the days, weeks, and months to come!

June 16 at 7:14 AM



Shellisa Houston Martin posted:

Mrs. Trudy and family, I am so sorry to hear of your precious loss. Heaven has gained another Angel and he is resting now. I am praying for your family for peace and comfort for the days ahead.

June 16 at 4:43 AM



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CI

Connie Irwin posted:

Always a long time friend, Ronnie was a huntsman with my now late Father, Dennis "Pete" Stubbs. Many stories told there and TRUELY a very humble man. Marilyn, a long time friend and classmate in many adventures past. Marilyn and family, my prayers are going up for God's Wings to hold you comfort you and give you much needed rest and Peace. Blessings to you and all. Sincerely,
Connie Irwin

June 15 at 6:47 PM

DF

Denise Fortenberry posted:

Marilyn, Lauren and Trudy. We were so sad to hear of Ronnie's passing. Having just lost my mom I know how hard it is to lose a parent and I can't imagine losing your life partner. He was so kind and sweet sitting behind us when you all were at Heritage Baptist. I know he's in Heaven rejoicing with our Lord. I'm just sorry you had to lose him so soon. Love and prayers, Bill and Denise Fortenberry

June 15 at 6:00 PM

SS

Saralyn Mcdowell Smith lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.

Marilyn & Family, I am just heartbroken to hear of Ronnie's passing. I remember first meeting Ronnie many years ago when we both worked at Kellwood in the last early 80's. He was so kind and always smiling each time I ever ran into him at the plant. I enjoyed catching back up with him at our Westfield class dinner meetings and he sure did love you girl, it was written all over his face each time I ever saw y'all together. I pray that God will give you, Lauren and your sweet family the much needed strength to face the difficult days ahead. Hold onto your storybook of precious memories and think of them daily. Please know that I am here for you if you need me for anything. Love, Hugs and Prayers for you all. ❤️🙏

June 15 at 5:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Love's Embrace Roses – White to the KENNEDY family.

June 15 at 4:41 PM





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PB

Pamela Brown posted:

Marilyn and family, May God give you strength and peace during this difficult time. Pam Watson Brown

June 15 at 2:55 PM

PJ

Phillip Jones posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was my best friend in high school. I thought of him often.

June 15 at 2:51 PM

SB

Sheryl Burnett posted:

it was a pleasure to work with Ronnie all these years. He was my buddy, my wingman, my friend. He was a great person with a beautiful spirit. Fun loving and always ready to give a hand to all. Loved my all that knew him. Marilyn, my heart goes out to you. He will be missed. Praying for you and your family.

June 15 at 2:15 PM

SH

Sharonda posted:

If you didn't know him you missed out on a great man!! He loved to have fun, crack jokes and even drive Ferrari's...or was it a Lambo??? He was a gentle man, full of compassion, love and respect for others. He loved going out to the cabin and had big plans of how he would spend his days in retirement there. He was a proud papa and an even prouder grandpa. To see the smile on his face when he talked about his grandbaby would warm anyone's heart. I can't say enough how much he will be missed. Ronnie, rest well my friend. I'm sure Mr. Ernest and Lamar have welcomed you into the pearly gates.

June 15 at 1:04 PM



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DJ

Dorothy H Jones lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.



June 15 at 12:47 PM

GB

Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah June 15 at 5:26 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah

DJ

Dorothy H Jones June 15 at 12:49 PM

Ronnie was a wonderful man and an asset to our family. He will be sorely missed, but by his testimony and the fruits of his life, we know where he is.

BT

Bob Thompson posted:

RIP my friend. It was an honor serving and working with you. To family and friends: May the many fond memories you created and shared with Ronnie bring lots of smiles to reflect on, joy to your heart and much comfort within.

June 15 at 12:16 PM

EC

Evelyn Mcdowell Castleberry lit a candle in honor of RONNIE.

So sorry for your loss. I remember Ronnie from high school. Such a nice person. God bless you all.

June 15 at 12:04 PM



RS

Robert And Patsy Spainhour posted:

David Roy and Kennedy Family, sorry about Ronnie getting sick and having to leave so young. It's hard to lose a brother or any family member so unexpectedly. Praying you will find comfort and peace through our God during this time.

June 15 at 11:19 AM

TN

Tricia Nelson posted:

Marilyn, I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family and give you peace.

June 15 at 11:06 AM



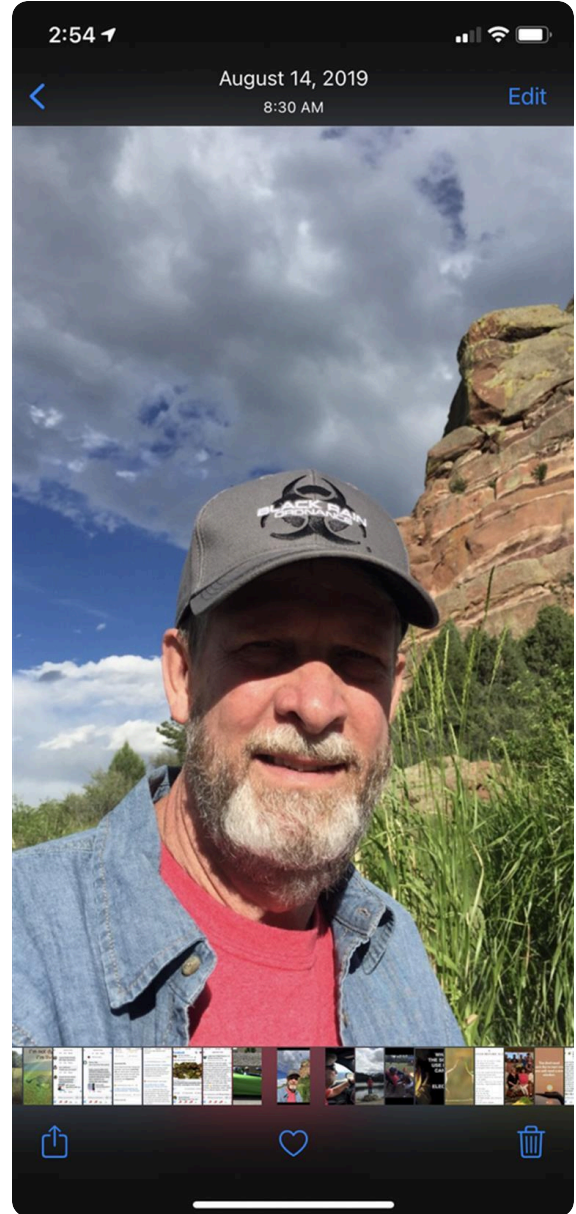
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June 20 at 3:24 AM





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Ronnie & David Houston Lake



Ronnie & David Kayaking



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring RONNIE by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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