



Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs

October 20, 1947 - August 3, 2023

Memorial services for Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs, 75, of Tyler, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, with Rev. Andy Fauss officiating.

Ronnie passed away Thursday, August 3, 2023 in Tyler. He was born October 20, 1947 in Tyler, TX. He attended Tyler High School and received his Cosmetology license from Barrow Beauty School at age 16. He would go on to teach at that school.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. He began his career as a hair stylist in July 1966. In 1973, Ronnie opened his first hair salon, Ronnie's Hair-um, which he owned and operated until he retired in 2022.

He attended Rise Baptist Church in Tyler.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, Clayton KeIT Riggs and mother, Audrey Ernestine Riggs.

He is survived by his daughter, Jeradee Riggs Zips; son-in-law, Craig D. Zips of Tyler; son, Clay Riggs and daughter-in-law, Liz Cace Riggs, of Tyler; grandchildren, Caden Walker Zips, Carleigh Quinn Zips and Cale Campbell

Zips; former wife, Janice Lawless; brother, Donald Riggs and wife, Rebecca Riggs, of Tyler; niece, Gwen Riggs; nephew, Dennis Riggs and wife Anais Riggs; and their children, Max and Arthur.

Ronnie was an avid poker player and also enjoyed playing 42 and backgammon, or just about any game that would give him an opportunity to spend time with friends and family. Ronnie spent a lot of his free time working on his farm in Starrville, Texas, which he was very proud of. Family was always Ronnie's top priority, and his grandchildren were his pride and joy. He was their number one babysitter as they were growing up and Ronnie was always available to spend time with them, whether he had plans or not. His customers will remember Ronnie for his storytelling. Ronnie never met a stranger, and he will always be remembered for his kind-hearted and fun-loving nature.

A private burial will be held at Barber Cemetery in Starrville, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Doug Allgood, Bob Bozick, Mike Cooper, Abraham Eastman, Gary Easterling, Sam Fields, Dr. Jerry Mazurek, Keith Miller, Larry Odom and Sam Roosth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas (4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701).

Cemetery Details

Barber Cemetery

Winona, TX 75792

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs



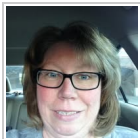
Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 12, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Jeradee & Clay my heart breaks for you...Ronnie had a good heart and was loved by many...he will be greatly missed...I always loved to hear him talk about his kids and grand kids...he was definitely a proud dad and grandpa...you and your family are in my prayers... and he was the only one who could ever cut my hair right...❤️
Natalie Kirkley

Natalie Kirkley - August 12, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs.*



August 10, 2023 at 08:49 PM



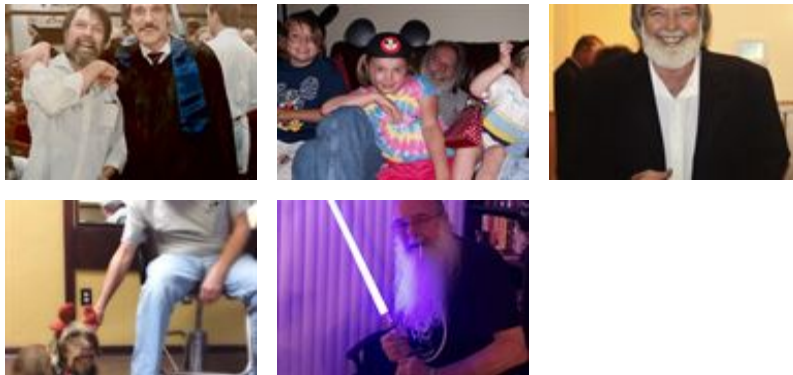
“ *Jan Curry lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs*



Jan Curry - August 09, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *93 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2023 at 02:49 PM

WC

“ Wayne, Genia, Christy and Craig Coffey. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs.

Wayne, Genia, Christy and Craig Coffey. - August 09, 2023 at 12:39 PM

WC

“ Wayne, Genia, Christy and Craig Coffey. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs.



Wayne, Genia, Christy and Craig Coffey. - August 09, 2023 at 12:39 PM

DD

“ Donna Dargewich lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs



Donna Dargewich - August 09, 2023 at 09:54 AM

RM

“ Rosa M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs.

Rosa M. - August 08, 2023 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Rosa M. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Riggs.*



Rosa M. - August 08, 2023 at 01:55 PM

RM

“ *I have so many memories of Ronnie. Beginning with his time in VietNam. We exchanged taped conversations while he was there. Lots of parties through the years. He went down the sand dunes in Monohans on a cardboard sled with my 2 yr old daughter in his lap. He and Janice were my 'go tos' after my husband died. I will always be grateful for the two of them. Great friends! Such good stories! A great loss.*

Rosa McDaniel - August 08, 2023 at 01:44 PM

LF

“ *So many memories of Ronnie, I wouldn't know where to start. Loved him, love his family . Praying for you all. Liz and Roy Flora & Family*

Liz Flora - August 07, 2023 at 11:45 AM

PL

Ronnie: I wasn't ready for this. We will all miss you, but I'll always remember you and the laughs we shared and the encouragement you gave me too. I'll see you again! Pat P.

Pat Lassalle/Pilgrim - August 09, 2023 at 03:54 PM

BE

I will never forget the kindness and care Ronnie showed to my whole family. His smile and sense of humor made everyone comfortable and at ease with him. He will be missed and my sincere sympathy goes to his family. He once told me that he had no customers, just friends....and that he was. I was shocked to hear the news of his passing.... Barbara Elliott

Barbara Elliott - August 12, 2023 at 07:16 PM