



## Ronnie "Ron" Ray Smith

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Ronnie Ray Smith, 75, of Tyler, Texas, passed away on June 25, 2025.

Born on May 10, 1950, in Jacksonville, Texas, Ron was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was known for his sharp wit, unforgettable storytelling, his starched overalls, and love for his horse farm.

Ron dedicated much of his professional life to Campbell Soup Company, where he served as a Regional Sales Manager. Among his many achievements, he proudly created and named one of the company's iconic products, PizzOs!

In retirement, Ron found joy in the simple things — playing cards with friends, working on his farm, riding horses, and, most of all, spending quality time with his grandchildren, who adored their "Papa."

Ron is survived by his devoted wife, Cindy Smith; children, Julie Franklin, Melissa Braswell and husband Jason, and Philip Smith and wife Tara; grandchildren, Camille Franklin, Rett Franklin, Charlotte Franklin, Raegan Smith, Cameron Smith, Camden Braswell, and Piper Braswell; sister, Karen

Kerr and husband Brooks; brother, Jerry Smith; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members who cherished him.

He is preceded in death by his loving parents, Eathel Louise Smith and Jack Leonard Marcus Smith.

Pallbearers include Andrew Kerr, Marcus Kerr, Chad Smith, Clint Smith, Matthew Peer, and John Mark Rogers.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas on Tuesday, July 01, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Visitation to be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow immediately at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Ron's legacy will live on in the laughter of his grandchildren, the stories passed down through generations, and the countless lives he touched along the way.

# Cemetery Details

## Walnut Grove Cemetery

11037 FM 344  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronnie "Ron" Ray Smith



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 05:12 PM

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“ Rusk County SSA- Henderson, TX purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronnie "Ron" Ray Smith.



Rusk County SSA- Henderson, TX - June 30, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Team Transportation purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ronnie "Ron" Ray Smith.*



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**Team Transportation** - June 30, 2025 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Cindy*  
*So sorry to see that Ronnie has passed away. I was in school with Ronnie all the way from elementary through high school. Me and Julie always enjoyed volunteering at the soup kitchen with you and Ronnie. Condolences to you and your entire family*

*Julie and Robert Hahn*  
*Dallas*

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**Robert Hahn** - June 27, 2025 at 05:21 PM