



## Ronald Crews

May 4, 1947 - October 22, 2022

Ronald Marion Crews was born on May 4, 1947 to Marion Ralph Crews and Velma Gentry Crews in Garden City, Kansas. Ron had two younger brothers, Steven and Gary Crews. The family lived in several communities including Seminole, Carney and Chandler. He graduated in 1965 from Chandler High School, Chandler, Oklahoma. Ron was an excellent athlete at Carney and Chandler where he proved he was a stellar baseball player. Years later he would pass on his love for sports and his athletic abilities to his two daughters and two grandchildren.

Some of Ron's most favorite memories were growing up and spending time with his Crews grandparents on their Bowlegs farm. He cherished the times in his early childhood when he spent his summers with his them on their farm. He frequently spoke of his time with his grandparents and those days being some of his most favorite.

In the fall of 1965 Ron attended classes at OSU. He was drafted into the United States Army on October 9, 1966. He served his country for 3 years which included two tours of VietNam. During the second tour he was wounded so severely that he wasn't expected to live. For his heroic actions Ron was awarded the Purple Heart, 3 Bronze Stars, The Combat Infantryman Badge and the Vietnamese Cross of Valor. On October 21, 2022 Sgt. Ron Crews was recognized and honored by the state of

Oklahoma for his courage, bravery and dedication to serving his country. After Ron's military service, he began working at the Oklahoma City Post Office and was later transferred to the Chandler Post office.

Ron married Gaitha Griffith on June 17, 1972 in Henryetta, Oklahoma and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They had two daughters, Christie and Julie.

One of Ron's most important decisions in his life was accepting the Lord as his Savior in March of 1972. In 1975 he surrendered to preach the gospel and to lead people to accept the Lord as their personal Savior. He successfully pastored First Baptist Church, Tryon, OK, Morning Star Baptist Church in Meeker. Oakview Baptist Church in Madill, OK and Southside Baptist Church in Okmulgee, OK. After retiring from the full-time ministry, Ron continued preaching and guided many pastorless churches to find their next pastor until his health began to decline.

He loved being outdoors whether it was fishing, boating, hunting, attending OU football and softball games, grandkids' activities, doing carpentry work or mechanic work, and traveling!

Ron cherished all of his family and friends. Some of his unforgettable characteristics....He greeted everyone with his infectious smile, kind words, his sense of humor, his caring spirit, his enormous repertoire of stories and he NEVER met a stranger!

On October 22, 2022, Ron went to be with his Lord with his loving family by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Velma Crews, his mother-in-law Anita Griffith, grandparents Isaac and Adela Crews and Samuel

and Mary Etta Gentry, his brother-in-law Jim Prince, and nieces Angel Prince Jones and Carrie Ann Crews.

He is survived by his wife Gaitha, daughters Christie Crews Lollar/ Mark and Julie Crews Deal/Brandon, grandson Cade Matthew Kimzey, granddaughter Ashleigh Renee' Crews, Brianna Lollar Nichols/Troy, Alyssa Lollar Rostetter/Dalton, Ashleigh Lollar and grandson Cade Matthew Kimzey, brother Steven Crews/wife Judy, brother Gary Crews/Debbie, sister-in-law Nita Prince, nephews Steve Crews/Lori, Gary Lynn Crews/Candace, Monty Prince/Jenny, nieces Jennifer Crews Henry/Erik, Amy Crews Hoover/Shawn, great-nephews Austin Petit, Austin Hoover, Gage Crews, Denver Prince, Zachary Prince and Jaxon Prince, great-nieces Morgan Hoover and Hope Crews, plus a host of other relatives and dear friends.

A Celebration of Ron's Life will be Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Canyon Road Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. All are welcome to join the family as they honor him and celebrate the incredible legacy that he leaves...Faith, Family, Freedom. There will be a reception to follow the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

Chandler, OK

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Canyon Road Baptist Church  
8550 S 49th W. Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74131

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Crews*



**Rogers Funeral Home** - November 03, 2022 at 10:47 AM

AM

*Such a great tribute. Honored to know him and blessed to know his family. Truly a beautiful family he gave the world.*

**Andrew Merritt** - November 06, 2022 at 08:07 AM

PS

*Also very honored to know Ron. Knew him for many decades, served with him in Vietnam. I remember when Ron was wounded. We were on some of the same teams in the Ranger unit. Sad day to see his obit, i did not know. Wish I would have spent more time with him after the service. What a great guy, RIP Ron. Phil Sweeney Lima, Ohio*

**Phil Sweeney** - December 23, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.*



November 06, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Rogers Funeral Home** - November 03, 2022 at 10:43 AM

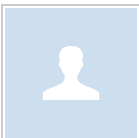


“ *Peggy and Steve Tipton purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ronald Crews.*



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**Peggy and Steve Tipton** - November 02, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.*



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November 02, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.*



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October 31, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.*



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October 29, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Dear Gaitha and family, sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers. Ron touched many lives including ours. I'm sure Dorothy and Ken will be enjoying their reunion with Ron. Donna and Terry Titsworth*

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**Donna Titsworth** - October 28, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Ronald Crews*



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**Zandra Christy** - October 27, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MF

*You were so special*

Mary Jo Linn - Jack Linn family - October 28, 2022 at 11:11 AM

JM

“ I am glad that God gave me an opportunity to meet Ron. He was very friendly and a man of God. I remember playing football at our base camp at Lai Khe . I always wanted Ron on my side because he was hard to tackle. May the Lord Bless his family and give them peace. James and Andria Moss, Fayetteville, Ga

James E Moss - October 26, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ I have experienced many things in my life and some of those experiences will be with me forever. 1968 in Vietnam we walked the jungle together, we escaped death more than once, we cried and laughed. Those memories will never be forgotten. I will miss the times we have had since those days so long ago, but I will walk with you again, brother.

Greg Bennett - October 26, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.



October 26, 2022 at 02:21 PM

AH

“ Gaitha, Christie and Julie sending my love and prayers for you all and the rest of the family. Ron will be missed. Thank you for the great memories growing up at Southside Baptist Church.

Aimee Hamon - October 25, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ We have known Ron and Gaitha for over 50 years and although we weren't running around type friends a deep friendship was always there. I so respected Ron for his service to our Lord and our Country. There was nothing fake about Ron, he lived what he said he was. Our love and prayers are with you. Heaven is certainly sounding sweeter all the time.

Dave Morrow - October 25, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.



October 25, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Crews.



October 25, 2022 at 03:53 PM

AF

“ I have been truly blessed to have known Ron. He will be truly missed. Prayers for you and the rest of your family. Love you guys.

alan fillmore - October 25, 2022 at 03:06 PM

MS

“ Ron was a true hero and a true friend. I never saw him without a smile on his face and a kind word from his mouth. God got “one of the best” when he called Ron home. He will be truly missed and loved by all who knew him !!! 🙏💙🙏 !!!

Marilyn Mileham Schweizer - October 25, 2022 at 02:46 PM

MF

“ My prayers for you Gaitha, the girls and family. Ron was a beautiful person, always smiling and willing to do whatever was needed of him. I know he will be missed but never ever forgotten.



Marilyn Jackson and family - October 25, 2022 at 01:05 PM

EK

“ Gaitha, I don't know if I have ever met a man with such courage and positive forward thinking. He helped me out so many times when I needed advice and he helped us tremendously at Berean. I consider him one of my true friends, and I'll miss knowing he was only a call away. But I'll leave you with this, Ron must have arrived at heaven "like a calf looking at a new gate" a gold one.

ed Knowles - October 25, 2022 at 01:00 PM

MH

“ *Marlyn Hamon-Harris lit a candle in memory of Ronald Crews*



Marlyn Hamon-Harris - October 25, 2022 at 11:17 AM

DS

“ *Gaitha, Prayers for all*



D'Ann (Marshall) Simons - October 25, 2022 at 10:18 AM

PM

“ *I met Ronnie twice. In 1984 he came to see my Dad, Larry Miller, when my grandfather Miller passed away. Then in 2020 when Dad passed away. I had heard my Dads side of the story how he and Ronnie had crossed paths when they were in Vietnam. Dad was part of the unit that rescued Ronnie's unit after an ambush. I always was amazed how to guys from Chandler, Oklahoma could wind up seeing one another in a perilous situation all the way around the world. When Ronnie came to my Dads funeral he told me the other side of the story detailing what he went through before Dads unit got there. I'm thankful they made it home and got to live a long productive life. My prayers go out to his family.*

Pat Miller - October 24, 2022 at 10:28 PM

SH

*Proud to have been Ron's friend. Such a sweet man. Always had good things to say about everyone. He will certainly be missed. Sherrie*

Sherrie Potts Hight - October 25, 2022 at 03:36 PM



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“ *Gaitha, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family will remain in our prayers, asking the Lord to bring you comfort and peace.*



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**Susi Kelch** - October 23, 2022 at 10:09 AM

DA

“ To the family (Gaitha, Julie and Christie) our hearts and prayers are with you all. Ronnie was truly a great American and patriot! I’m so happy that he was aware of his sign designation ceremony and reception on Friday, prior to his passing to heaven, no doubt. I have good high school memories of Ronnie, especially in Dan Scheer’s science class.

*RIP my friend, “Your work down here is done”*

*Danny Alsip*

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**Danny Alsip** - October 23, 2022 at 09:10 AM

GT

“ Ron will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to Gaitha, Christy, and Julie. Love you all!



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**Gerald Thompson** - October 22, 2022 at 10:37 AM