



## Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.

October 24, 1966 - December 11, 2018

Ronald Lee Furness, Jr., 52 of Aurora, CO; formerly of Peoria, IL peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in Aurora, Colorado.

Ronald was born October 24, 1966 in Peoria, IL to Polly (Gaines) and Ronald Lee Furness, Sr. He was a graduate of Woodruff High School where he played basketball, football and ran track. Ronald, Jr., married the love of his life and childhood sweetheart, Stephanie Lynn Williams, in Peoria on June 1, 1991.

Ronald, Jr., was known by family and friends as Ronnie and his closest friends knew him as "Ron Dew". Ronnie accepted Christ at an early age as a member of Peoria Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Willie Williams, Sr. While at Friendship, Ronnie sang in the choir and was a youth usher. He was a former member of Now Faith Church in Denver, CO under the leadership of Pastor Leon Emerson for several years. Ronnie served as deacon and choir member, and was a valuable member of the Now Faith Men's Choir. He was currently a member of Restoration Christian Fellowship under the leadership of Pastor Felix Gilbert where he served as an usher before his passing. Ronnie's passion in life was driving tractor trailer trucks and spending time with his family. He was employed by Quality Electrical Distribution (QED) for several years. Ronnie was a very hard worker. Always positive and caring.

Ronnie leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted

wife for more than 27 years, Stephanie Furness of Aurora, CO; two sons, Ronterris (Sheriece) Furness of Denver, CO and She'Ron Furness of Aurora, CO; one daughter, Breanca Furness also of Aurora, CO; his parents; Ronald, Sr., and Polly Furness of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Rodney (Rhonda) Furness of Orlando, FL and Marcus (fiancé - Shondra) Furness of Peoria, IL; one sister, Mevelyn (Rashad) Corpening of Fort Worth, TX; eight grandchildren, Shay, Javion, Janai, Arlyza, Serenity, Ke'Mani, Samiah and Reign; and a host of cousins, aunts, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded by his grandparents, George, Sr., & Dorothy Furness and Caleb & Leslie Mae Gaines.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Claude Russell, Jr. Officiant will be Pastor Joseph Cherry of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Ronnie will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 29, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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*So very sorry for your loss this is a wonderful video God bless all*

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**Nancy Anderson** - November 26, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

CM

“ To Ronnie and Polly Furness and Family:  
I want you to know that You are in My Daily  
Thoughts and Prayers and May GOD Continue  
to Keep His Loving Arms Around Each  
Everyone of You Always. OMG! This is so  
touching to My heart this is one of My Heights  
Little Brothers. I have Special Memories I was their baby sitter and  
Little Ronnie and Big brother Rodney's Heights Beautican when the  
Jeri Curl came out I kept their hair together coming down to Ronnie  
and Polly's on a Saturday morning to do their Sons hair Marcus was  
to little.  
I had the pleasure to see them grow from boys to men. So today I  
want to say REST IN HEAVEN LITTLE RONNIE GOD NEEDED  
HIS ANGEL SON HOME.  
GOD BLESS! Love Always From My Heart To You All. Mrs  
Constance Faulkner (Connie McGhee)



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**Constance Faulkner(Connie McGhee)** - December 29, 2018 at 11:29 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Bynum lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.



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**Stephanie Bynum** - December 29, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. May the  
memories sustain you during this difficult time



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - December 27, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ *This is Jerry Crayton*

*Sorry for your loss. We are T our winter home in Arizona so couldn't make funeral.*

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**Jerry Crayton** - December 27, 2018 at 11:14 AM

MD

“ *Ron,  
Kathleen and I send our most heartfelt and sincere condolences to you and Polly & the entire family at this time of your loss. God bless.*

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**Michael J Dudley** - December 25, 2018 at 09:05 AM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.*



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**Dorothea Banks-Burse** - December 25, 2018 at 09:03 AM

LA

“ *May God be with the Furness Family my prayers are with you all*



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**Lisa Jones( Allen)** - December 22, 2018 at 01:41 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mr. Ronald Lee Furness Jr.*



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**Joanie Brown** - December 22, 2018 at 12:36 AM