



Mr. Ronnie Lee Franklin Sr.

April 18, 1964 - June 20, 2024

Mr. Ronnie Lee Franklin, Sr., 60, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 8:12 am on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home surrounded by his family.

Ronnie was born on April 18, 1964 in Scott, MS to Leon and Ludie Pearl (Jackson) Franklin. Ronnie worked as a Chef at the Mississippi governor's mansion before moving to Peoria, IL to join his family. He has worked in construction and lawncare over the years.

Ronnie accepted Christ at an early age and was a past member of New Freedom Tru Holiness Ministries. He was a collector of NFL footballs with over 18 different teams in his collection. Ronnie loved his cowboy hats and when you would see him wearing one he'd say, "This is how I roll". When asked how he was doing, his favorite response was "I'm doing tolerably well". Ronnie enjoyed spending time with his family. He also enjoyed cooking, fishing and lawncare.

Ronnie leaves to cherish his most precious memory his son, Ronnie Lee Franklin, Jr., of Peoria, IL; 7 sisters, Rosie Lee Harris of Peoria, IL, Jerutha Hill of Waukegan, IL, Dorothy Mae (Jessie) Reed of Peoria, IL, Pearline Douglas of Peoria, IL, Beatrice Franklin of Greenville, MS, Julia Cole of Hampstead, NC and Neomi (Ezekiel) Carter of Peoria, IL; 1 brother, Johnny Franklin of Peoria, IL; 1 grandchild, Rylo Lee Franklin; his girlfriend, Marnita McDonald; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters, Elnora Bell, Edna Franklin and Irene Reed; and 3 brothers, Robert Earl Franklin, Annais Bell and Leon Franklin, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Peoria Friendship M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. The host Pastor is Claude E. Russell, Jr. Rev. Jimmie Burnside, Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, will officiate and bring the eulogy.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (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. Ronnie Lee Franklin Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - July 15, 2024 at 04:03 PM

TW

“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Franklin*



Theresa Walker - July 05, 2024 at 01:37 PM

RF

“ *Rena Webster Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Franklin*



Rena Webster Horton & Family - July 02, 2024 at 06:48 AM

 John H Lee

“ *John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Franklin*



John H Lee - July 01, 2024 at 05:09 PM

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“ Diane "Ann"Franklin lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Franklin



Diane "Ann"Franklin - June 29, 2024 at 11:45 AM

MP

“ Nancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Lee Franklin Sr.



Nancy Pittman - June 26, 2024 at 02:40 AM

TB

“ Toni Brown lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Franklin



Toni Brown - June 25, 2024 at 08:34 PM

 John H Lee

“ John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Franklin



John H Lee - June 22, 2024 at 11:14 AM

EY

“ To the Franklin family my heart goes out to you all, it feels like I lost a family member as well. Praying that God gives you all the strength to endure this time of sorrow. Ronnie did not give up, he was cracking jokes, and laughing at the hospital, if you didn't know you would think anything was wrong with him. He lived his life as joyful as he could to the end.

Evelyn Young



Evelyn J Young - June 21, 2024 at 08:19 PM

LD

“ *Larry C Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Lee Franklin Sr.*



Larry c Douglas - June 21, 2024 at 04:26 PM