



Ronald Alonzo Barrett

July 28, 1946 - November 1, 2025

Ronald Alonzo Barrett, age 79, passed away November 1, 2025. “Ronnie” was a beloved husband, dad, brother, uncle, friend and most especially, Papaw. Ronnie was a gifted athlete, and he shared his knowledge and enthusiasm of sports with his children, and many others, coaching baseball, basketball, football, and softball for years. Through the gift of his time, he made an impact in the lives of hundreds of children across the county, as he often provided a ride for those who otherwise would not have been able to play. He demonstrated the same work ethic as he instilled in his players. When unable to find employment in Newport, Ronnie traveled with a family construction crew working throughout Georgia and South Carolina before settling into a job in North Carolina to support his family. There, he lived out of his van for months until he secured a room to rent. Never one to complain about how hard it had been or how much he sacrificed to ensure that ends were met, Ronnie finally returned home to start his own business, repairing and building homes.

In addition to the many things he did outside the home, Ronnie was also a great cook and loved doing so anytime possible. Almost daily, Ronnie and his buddies would get together and play a round of golf, making his day a little better or oftentimes a little worse.

However, it was in 1998 when he found his calling. Of all the jobs he had, and the many things he could do, becoming a Papaw would be the thing that he excelled at above all else. He brushed hair, painted nails, helped play dress

up and Barbies, kissed away tears, and forgot the word “no.” Ronnie loved his family, but there was a shine in his eyes when he saw his granddaughters that showered them with his absolute adoration.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Conzattia (Ashley) Barrett, sisters Wilma Valentine, Charlene Camiola, Jessie Roberts, Wanda Rizzo, Nellie Brewer, and Janice Rogers, and brother, Jim Barrett.

Ronnie is survived by his wife Meschelyn, his children Traci, Ronnie (Alexis), and Victoria, and by his beloved granddaughters, Alexandra Barrett, Kyndall Barrett, Cooper Barrett, Jordan Barrett, and Julianna Barrett, each and every one, “Papaw’s girls.” He also leaves behind brothers-in-law Marlan Strickler and Ben Brewer, sisters-in-law Melanie Strickler and Joyce Barrett, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and their children, and many special friends.

As a longtime member of English Mountain Christian Church, Ronnie’s life will be celebrated there as his family receives friends on Saturday, November 8, 2025, between 2:00 and 4:00PM. The funeral service will follow.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

English Mountain Christian Church
466 Eply Rd
Newport, TN 37822

Celebration

NOV 8. 4:00 PM (ET)

English Mtn Christian Church

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Meschelyn & family,
We send deepest sympathies.
Bill & Charlotte Leibrock*

Charlotte Leibrock - November 08, 2025 at 02:31 PM

TL

“ *Meschelyn ; and Family I am so sorry to hear about Ronnie . My
thoughts are with you during this difficult time .*

Tura Lawson - November 08, 2025 at 12:37 PM

CF

“ *Craig Seal and family purchased the Beautiful in
Blue for the family of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.*



Craig Seal and family - November 08, 2025 at 10:32 AM

CF

“ *Craig Seal and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.*

Craig Seal and family - November 08, 2025 at 10:32 AM

BS

“ *Meschelyn and family, Bryce and I are so sorry for your loss. We
are praying for your family that God will comfort you during this time.
With love and sympathy. Bryce and Sherry*

Bryce and Sherry Strange - November 07, 2025 at 11:13 AM

WC

“ *Our Prayers and condolences go out to all of your family. The obituary said it perfect. We are so sorry and heart broken. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten.*

Walter, Amanda, Kaylan, and Ayla Cole - November 06, 2025 at 08:14 AM

LH

“ *Prayers!*



Louise & Jimmy Hux - November 05, 2025 at 07:28 PM

MR

“ *Milo and Sarah Reagan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.*



Milo and Sarah Reagan - November 05, 2025 at 07:10 PM

FV

“ *Meschelyn, Traci, and Victoria, I was so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. I had known him for many years. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Love and Sympathy, Faye Valentine*

Faye Valentine - November 05, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JB

“ Janice B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.

Janice B. - November 05, 2025 at 03:38 PM

BF

“ Meschelyn, Traci, Ronnie & all the family, so sorry for your loss, been around Ronnie alot at basketball games, thoughts & prayers for you all.

Brenda Fancher - November 05, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.



November 05, 2025 at 02:29 PM



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



November 05, 2025 at 09:40 AM

ST

“ Meschelyn, Traci and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Each of you are in our prayers during this sad time. We love you all.
Susan Taylor and Keith
Mary Jo Huff Taylor



Susan Taylor - November 04, 2025 at 05:50 PM

DP

“ Meschelyn and family, we're so sorry for your loss. We're holding you in our hearts!

David and Sandie Popiel

David and Sandie Popiel - November 04, 2025 at 04:11 PM



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



November 04, 2025 at 02:16 PM

AO

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



Audrey Owenby - November 04, 2025 at 11:36 AM

LD

“ Meschelyn & Family,

We are heartbroken to hear of Ronnie's passing. Bud had been expecting a visit from him. We were looking forward to seeing him as we haven't seen him in a while. We are so sorry he never made it. Please know we always considered you both as dear friends, and we will never forget Ronnie. We will keep you and your family in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days to follow. May God provide peace and comfort, as only He can.



Matthew 5:4

*With Love and Sincere Sympathy,
Bud & Linda Dawson*

Linda Dawson - November 04, 2025 at 10:20 AM

VN

*So sorry for your loss, we will continue praying for you all, much love and prayers
Ken and vera Norton*

Vera Norton - November 05, 2025 at 11:10 AM

CP

“ Courtney and Brooke Palmer purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.



Courtney and Brooke Palmer - November 04, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Alonzo Barrett.*



November 04, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *Meschelyn and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Betsy.*

Betsy Huff - November 04, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Prayers, so sorry for your loss*

John and Lisa Large Stewart - November 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM