



Ronald Thomas Bullard

September 21, 1935 - November 10, 2021

Ronald “Ronnie” Thomas Bullard passed away on November 10, 2021 at the age of 86. He was born on September 21, 1935 in Asheville, NC. He graduated from Cocke County High School and from the University of Tennessee Knoxville where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. After graduation, Ronnie began his long-term career of furniture manufacturing. For over sixty years, Ronnie continued to be involved in the furniture business until his death. Ronnie served in the Air Force Reserve and received a Certificate of Merit for outstanding achievement. In anticipation of the 1982 World’s Fair, Ronnie restored the Rhea Mims Hotel in downtown Newport. Ronnie enjoyed restoring antique cars.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, John Dunham, M.M. Bullard and Dorothy Dennis Bullard; his son, David Michael Bullard and his sisters, Barbara Joan Dunham and Dottie Jean Bullard Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jo “Josie” Gennoe Bullard; his son, Ronald “Tommy” Thomas Bullard, Jr of Knoxville, TN; his sister, Bettye Anne (Kent) Bullard Bewley of Greeneville, TN; his grandchildren, Amy Beth (Paul) Gardner of Cleveland, TN and Bradley “Brad” Thomas Bullard of Knoxville, TN; great granddaughters, Breonna Stacy Gardner and Bridgett Diana Gardner both of Cleveland, TN; sister-in-law Gerry Gennoe of Knoxville, TN; nieces Kandice (David) Bewley Baker of Knoxville, TN, Rollin (Cam) Wilson Conklin of Lookout Mountain, TN, Anne Wilson of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Susan Gennoe of Nashville, TN and Janet (Kurt) Gennoe Klitzner of San

Marcos, CA; special great-niece Brooke "Ava" Avalon Baker of Knoxville, TN and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 2:00 pm at Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the church or charity of your choice.

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

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Thomas Bullard*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Sheila Burnett lit a candle in memory of Ronald Thomas Bullard*



Sheila Burnett - January 08, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *We are all going to miss Ronnie. Such an entertaining and engaging personality. Our condolences to the family for your loss.*

Mickey and Julie Ellis and the staff of David M. Ellis, CPA

Mickey Ellis - November 19, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Josie and Tommy our prayers and love we're sending.*

*Tonya Thornton Moyers
Lon H Thornton III*

Tonya Moyers - November 17, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie passed away[,I worked with him years ago,he was a good person*

Wilma Webb - November 16, 2021 at 12:12 AM

PP

“*Josie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. May God bless and keep you!*”

Pauline Proffitt - November 14, 2021 at 12:57 PM

JB

“*I LOVE YOU, JOSIE, I REMEMBER THE TIMES WE STARTED OUT FROM U.T. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF YOU AND RONNIE. YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL FAMILY AND YOU AND RONNIE HAVE BEEN SO GOOD TO THE CHURCH AND THE WONDERFUL PARLOR RENOVATION THAT YOU DID WITH THE NICE FURNITURE. THANK YOU AND RONNIE AND FAMILY FOR ALWAYS BEING A WONDERFUL PART OF MY LIFE. MY MEMORIES OF THE TIMES WE HAVE SHARED TOGETHER WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME. MUCH LOVE TO YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FAMILY. JEANNE BIRDWELL*”

Jeanne Wilson Birdwell - November 14, 2021 at 12:24 PM

SB

“*I want to thank you for being my friend, when I lived in Newport , and I joyed working for you. You will be missed my friend. God Bless your family. Scott & Glesi Banks*”

Scott Banks - November 13, 2021 at 07:34 PM

BF

“*Josie, thoughts & prayers for you and your family.*”

Brenda Fancher

Brenda Fancher - November 13, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Thomas Bullard.



November 13, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Josie and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time.

Sincerely,

Terry and Kay Dover and family.

Kay Dover - November 12, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ Josie, sorry to hear about Ronnie . I have fond memories of waiting on him at the bank , he was always willing to help me when I did fund raising projects . Prayers for you & the rest of the family 🙏🙏

Liz McNabb - November 12, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Heart felt condolences to the Bullard family.
Many prayers going up.



Melanie Boutwell - November 12, 2021 at 06:47 PM

MS

“ Tommy, I'm so sorry to hear about your father's passing. My thoughts are with you and your mom.

Melanie Strickler - November 12, 2021 at 06:33 PM

SN

“ Josie, thinking of you at this time.

Shiela Wood- Navarro - November 12, 2021 at 06:29 PM

AW

“ Ronald Bullard was always so nice to me when I worked for him. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Sending Prayers for his family. He was a very kind man.

Anna Woody - November 12, 2021 at 03:55 PM

TC

“ Deepest sympathies to all.

The Cummings Family



Todd Cummings - November 12, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AB

“ Josie,
I am so sorry that Ronnie has died. The two of you were very much a part of a wonderful time in my life. My love to you and your family.
"Gently and quietly, may comfort and peace flow into your spirit."
Ann Bray

ann bray - November 12, 2021 at 12:53 PM

GF

“*Josie, you are in my thoughts & prayers.
Ginni Walker Foust*

ginni walker foust - November 12, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JG

“*Josie and Tom, I am so saddened by this news. I love you both and consider you my very dear friends and will remember the family in my prayers. My God bless and give you strength through this time of sorrow.*

J. L. and Pat Gardner - November 12, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SO

“*Josie, Tommy, Betty Anne and all the family: I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. What a huge loss to this community. There is no words to take the pain away when you lose a loved one. Please know that I pray for God's strength and comfort for all of you and the hundreds of friends and family left behind. God be with you.*



Susie O'Dell - November 12, 2021 at 09:31 AM

MC

“*We are very sorry to read about Ronnie's passing. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during the time of loss.*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Sarah Hartsell

Linda Hartsell

James Williford

Mary Chrisman - November 12, 2021 at 08:38 AM

WH

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Wendy Hogan - November 11, 2021 at 11:01 PM

ER

So very sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

Evelyn Brooks Reese - November 12, 2021 at 07:09 PM

LD

“ *Sending sincere condolences for the loss of Ronnie to all his family and loved ones. He was always humble and kind in my presence. May God grant you peace and comfort for your broken hearts now and in the days ahead. You are in our prayers.*



Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson*

Linda Dawson - November 11, 2021 at 09:24 PM

JR

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss. June Holt Russell*



June Holt Russell - November 11, 2021 at 09:21 PM

DO

“ *Josie and All:*

Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of Ronnie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - November 11, 2021 at 01:48 PM