



## Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Frank Horsley

January 10, 1943 - May 3, 2025

Ronald "Ronnie" Frank Horsley of Waco passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on Saturday May 3rd 2025, at the age of 82. Ronnie was born in Newnan, Georgia on January 10, 1943 to the late Elder Floyd and Clarice Horsley.

The family soon moved to the Buncombe community, where Floyd was from. Ronnie had three great loves... Buncombe, music and most of all, his family. He was a devoted husband and father and would do anything for his girls. He met his wife, Billie Ray in 9th grade at West Haralson School and they were married at the age of 18.

Ronnie and his wife played country music for decades, opening up for many famous country artists when they would come to the West GA area. They recorded in Nashville twice; one album was produced by Harold Shedd.

Ronnie was very athletic and loved all sports, especially golf, bowling and baseball.

Ronnie was an avid dog lover and spent many days in the yard with his dogs, especially his beloved Lady and Copper.

Later in life, he took up oil painting and created scenic, landscape portraits. Several were on display at The Warren Sewell Library in the 90's. Many of his paintings were of the mountains he remembered seeing while living in Tacoma, Washington while he served in the US Army.

Ronnie was a Vietnam Veteran, and served in the 129th Main Support Company, as a Spec-5, taking him all over Vietnam on many dangerous

operations.

He returned home to Buncombe in 1968, where he resided for the rest of his life.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Elder Floyd and Clarice Horsley and his only brother, Donald "Donnie" Horsley.

Ronald is survived by his wife of 63 years, Billie Ray Horsley, daughters, Susan and Mark Pitts and Carmen and Kevin Robinson.

Grandchildren, Logan Brown, Dakota, Justin and Brandon. Pitts, Matthew Robinson, Katy McGinnis, Kolton Robinson and Ashley Hawkins.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church in Waco, Georgia. Elder Tommy Patterson will officiate and Bro. Sammy Robinson offer a eulogy. Music will be rendered by Jimmy Baggett and Rod Lipham. Pallbearers will be Kent Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Dakota Pitts, Robert Gore, Corwin Gore, and Craig Patterson. Honorary pallbearers are Jimmy Baggett and Rod Lipham. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Prior to the services on Tuesday, the family will receive friends at the church from 12:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

# Cemetery Details

## Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

1055 Old Hwy 100  
Waco, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1055 Old Hwy 100  
Waco, GA

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

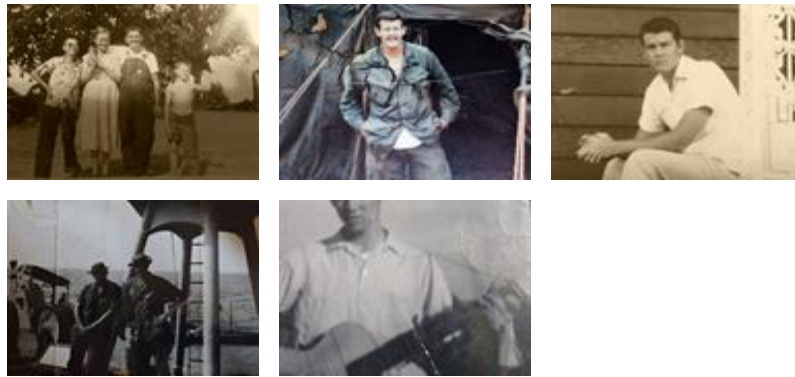
SG

“ I am so sorry to hear this I graduated with Ronnie and Billie Ray. My father and Mr. Floyd Horsley were friends and great WHHS basketball supporters. My heart goes out to their family and friends. May God bless and comfort you. Serdalia Garner Green

serdalia green - May 06, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rainwater Funeral Home - May 06, 2025 at 09:38 AM

DC

“ I remember Ronnie and Billie Ray from the very time I ever sang in public as a teenager and they were so kind to me. My thoughts and prayers are with Billie Ray and family. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.



Dottie Grizzard Cavender - May 05, 2025 at 09:24 PM

WD

“ Our Prayer's and Thoughts are with you all..So Sorry May God Give You Comfort and Peace! He was my brother's age & we all went to Buncombe School & then to West Haralson! He will be missed!



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**William & Naomi Dobbs-Bell** - May 05, 2025 at 03:53 PM

TC

“ The staff at Tanner Hospice Care offer our deepest condolences during this difficult time. Thank you for entrusting us with caring for your loved one.

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**Tanner Hospice Care** - May 05, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DL

“ So so sorry to hear this I graduated with Ronnie and Billy Ray and became their neighbors in 1979 Time passed so quickly Always fond memories of them both My heart goes out to Billy Ray and their family

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**Don Lively** - May 05, 2025 at 06:46 AM