



RONALD FRANKLIN TEW

December 25, 2024

Ronald Franklin Tew (Ronnie), 75, of Alliance Alabama passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family and friends on Dec 25th after a courageous fight with ALS.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his parents Loyd and Kathryn Tew. Ronnie is survived by his wife of 37 years, Lynn, his daughters, Jodie Wallace (Bucky), Katie Sakmar (Jes). Grandchildren Laurance Thompson (Ashley), Brody Wallace, Wesley Wallace, and Mia Sakmar. Great Grandchildren Liam, Emma, and Hattie Thompson. Brother Lowell Tew (Charlie, Scott, Keith). As well as many extended family and close friends who will mourn his loss.

Ronnie was a 1967 graduate of McAdory High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in the Vietnam War as a Jet Engine Mechanic where he was a Sergeant, before he was honorably discharged in 1973. Ronnie was an avid environmentalist and worked as an Environmental Specialist for Drummond Coal Company and an Environmental Health Officer for the Jefferson County Department of Health. Ronnie was a key contributor in the organization of the Valley Creek Cleanup and in bringing the Renew our Rivers Campaign to his community. He received multiple awards for his work in keeping the roadways and waterways free of litter

including the Alabama PALS Governors Award in 2019, the "Coca Cola Don't Drop it On Alabama Award" in 2022 and the 2023 Alabama PALS Spring Clean up Award.

If he wasn't cleaning a road or waterway, Ronnie was spending time with his family and friends. He loved to make others laugh and he found great joy in helping others too. He was fondly named "the Mayor" of his neighborhood and could often be found riding his golf cart and checking on his neighbors. He was an incredibly selfless and kind man with a heart for others.

To honor Ronnie's wishes, there will be no funeral service. We invite you to privately celebrate Ronnie's memory in your own ways. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alabama ALS Association. A scattering of ashes will be organized at a later date. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

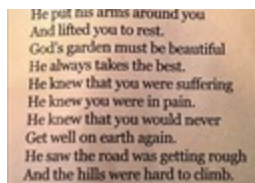
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“ I want to show thanks to Ronnie, he wasn't just a friend he was family. I feel like I lost a piece of my soul when he passed away. He was the most encouraging, kind, compassionate, caring person I knew, and now that he's gone the world lost its light in my eyes. I'm Tim howles grandson and I know how close Ronnie and him were and how if he ever needed a gun on his shoulder or money, Ronnie was always there to lend a helping hand. He was more than a friend, he was family.

Haiden Lowery - December 02, 2025 at 04:17 PM

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He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.

Kathy Howle - February 08, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ Always a smile when I will think of you. I will Miss your laughter and kind personality forever. ☹️



Kathy Howle - February 07, 2025 at 02:49 PM

BB

“ Rest in Peace Ronnie 🙏❤️🙏

betsy blatchley - December 31, 2024 at 01:20 AM

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“ I want to express my sincere sympathy to all of Ronnie's family. I went to school with him 7th grade at Greenwood Jr. High through graduation at McAdory High. He was a good friend & classmate. Life took us in different directions after that and I regret that I didn't get to spent any significant time with him, especially the last few years. I didn't realize he had ALS. My prayers are for all of you during this difficult time of your life. Sincerely, Terry Haynes.

Terry Haynes - December 30, 2024 at 08:34 PM

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“ kathy howle lit a candle in memory of RONALD TEW



kathy howle - December 30, 2024 at 07:19 PM

DP

“ Ronnie was my friend ill always remember.

Donald I parker - December 30, 2024 at 06:32 AM

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“ Beverly Payne (Vicknair) lit a candle in memory of RONALD TEW



Beverly Payne (Vicknair) - December 30, 2024 at 04:08 AM

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“ Beverly Payne (Vicknair) sent a virtual gift in memory of RONALD TEW



Beverly Payne (Vicknair) - December 30, 2024 at 04:06 AM

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“ RIP Ronnie, You will be missed. Prayers for the family in this sad time. 🙏🙏🙏

Beverly Payne (Vicknair) - December 30, 2024 at 04:04 AM