



## Ronald Ivey

March 21, 1951 - February 27, 2019

A come-and-go visitation and reception will be from 5-7pm on Monday, March 4th at Crawford Family Funeral Service, Edmond.

A service celebrating Ron's life will be at 11am on Tuesday, March 5th at Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Edmond.

Ron was born in Enid, Oklahoma, on March 21st, 1951 to Cecil and Betty Ivey. A middle child, Ron's older brother was Charles Ivey (deceased) and his younger sister is Cecilia Ivey Runnels. Musical from a young age, he played the trumpet in the high school band and later became the drum major of the Enid High School Marching Band. During his time as the drum major, he met and fell in love with the blue-eyed band queen, Susan Jane Fitzgerald. They became high school sweethearts and continued to date into college when both attended the University of Oklahoma. After OU, Ron traveled to Hawaii, learned to surf and lived there for a short time. Luckily, Susan was able to convince him to come back to Oklahoma. In 1974, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Enid, OK, these two sweethearts married and honeymooned in Big Meadows National Park near South Fork, Colorado. They had two sons, Ronald "Ron Jr." born in 1978 and James "Jimmy" Ivey born in 1981.

Learning from his maternal grandfather John Laforge, Ron discovered his gifts of craftsmanship and woodworking. He worked as a trim carpenter building homes first in Enid and then later when he and Susan moved to Edmond in 1980. In 1986, Ron decided to shift careers and become a real estate agent. He loved serving clients and enjoyed working with his colleagues at Remax, Keller Williams and Churchill Brown. A few of these co-workers became fishing and hunting buddies and close friends. Later, he had the joy of working with his wife Susan as she transitioned from a forty-year career as a public school teacher to partner with him in his real estate business. In 2006, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Edmond Board of Realtors for helping many Edmond families find their dream homes. Ron was an avid fly-fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman. He shared these passions with his two sons on many trips to South Fork, Colorado, where they often vacationed. He loved training bird dogs and walking the landscapes of

Oklahoma on bird-hunting trips with his sons and friends. Given his lifelong connection to homebuilding and real estate, he enjoyed serving on the Edmond Board of Realtors committee for Habitat for Humanity and helping the disadvantaged find their homes. Over the years, Ron was an active member of churches in both Enid and Edmond and spent his final years as a member of Henderson Hills Baptist Church (HHBC). He loved attending HHBC community groups with Susan and participating in the men's bible studies. Susan and the family are deeply indebted to HHBC staff and their community groups for caring for Ron and his family during his illness. Ron will be remembered as a man that loved God, his family, his friends and his local community.

Ron is survived by his wife Susan Ivey of Edmond, Oklahoma; his son Ron Jr. and wife Kathryn Ivey of Paris, France; his son Jimmy, wife Megan Ivey, and his granddaughter Penelope of Edmond, Oklahoma. He is also survived by his sister Cecilia and her husband Robert Runnels of Enid, Oklahoma. He is predeceased by his father Cecil Ivey (2000), his mother Betty (2010), both of Enid, Oklahoma and his brother Charles Ivey (2009) of Kansas, City, Missouri.

The memorial service will occur on Tuesday March 5th at 11:00AM at Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, officiated by Pastor Rob Hunt. A reception will be hosted by Crawford Family Funeral Service on Monday evening, March 4th from 5:00-7:00PM. Crawford Funeral Service will manage all arrangements. For more information please call 405-340-2333.

If you would like to make a donation in Ron's name, please donate to Ministries of Jesus at Henderson Hills Baptist Church: 1200 East I-35 Frontage Rd. Edmond, OK 73034.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Crawford Family Funeral Centers** - March 04, 2019 at 06:07 PM

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“ Dear Susan, I was so sorry to hear of Ron's illness and passing. I've thought of you during the years remembering what a sweet, loving friend, wife and mom you've always been. I know Ron's passing has broken yours and your sons' hearts, but remembering God's promises will give comfort and peace.  
Love always.  
Jane Neece

**Jane Neece** - March 20, 2019 at 10:30 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald Ivey.



March 04, 2019 at 09:39 PM

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“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Ivey.



March 04, 2019 at 05:03 PM

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“ 113 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Crawford Family Funeral Centers** - March 04, 2019 at 04:53 PM

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



March 04, 2019 at 02:22 PM

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“ Susan, You and I met while your husband was in rehab at the same place as my dad. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Hugs to you, and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

**Cheryl Shook** - March 04, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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



March 04, 2019 at 11:47 AM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Ivey.



March 04, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Ivey.



March 04, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ Was in total shock when I heard Ron had passed away. My love and sympathy goes to Susan, Cecilia and his sons and family. Our Class of 1970 has suffered a loss and are keeping all in our prayers.

**Cathy Anderson** - March 03, 2019 at 10:08 PM

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“ So many from the Class of 1970 thinking of you and your family. Comfort and peace during the coming days and weeks.

**Sharon Von Schrlitz** - March 03, 2019 at 08:24 PM

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“ Great memories of many quail and pheasant hunting trips with Ron. A great hunting partner and a good shot. A very fine Realtor, too - Brent Purdy

**Brent Purdy** - March 03, 2019 at 05:08 PM

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“ Today I am saddened to learn this news of Ron’s passing. I never knew he was sick so I’m especially sad I didn’t get to let him know I thought so highly of him. He was such a great guy who always greeted me and others with a smile and sweetness. He was a true professional who was honest, dependable and of the highest character. My best to his family and closer friends. Kay Ayers

**Kay Ayers** - March 03, 2019 at 03:19 PM

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“ I remember Ron and Susan. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I hope he didn't suffer very much.

My prayers for Susan and their Family.

**Theresa Gehay Holsten** - March 03, 2019 at 02:03 PM

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“ With love and sympathy from you classmates of Enid High Class of 1970. We cannot express how sorry we are for your family and friends. Linda Gillham Gau

**Linda Gillham Gau** - March 03, 2019 at 02:02 PM

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“ Ron was the son of my father's best friend, Cecil. I spent a lot of time growing up with this lovely family. I am just heart broken for this loss and am sending all my love to Susan, Cecelia and all of Ron's family...

**Denise Daniels Morris** - March 03, 2019 at 01:49 PM

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“ With love and sympathy, John & Kimberly Hart purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ronald Ivey.



**With love and sympathy, John & Kimberly Hart** - March 03, 2019 at 01:39 PM

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“ So Sorry to hear of Ron's passing.  
Thoughts and prayers  
Jim Barnard

**Jim Barnard** - March 03, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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“ Ron was a great friend of mine that I spent many hours with both hunting and fishing plus our business relationship a great husband and dad with a wonderful family I will miss him greatly. Perry Whitson

**Perry Whitson** - March 02, 2019 at 10:54 PM

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“ I never met Mr. Ivey in person, but I know his son Ron to be one of the finest people I've ever met--and that reflects beautifully on his father, who must have been a great man to raise such a magnificent son.



**Eric Harr** - March 02, 2019 at 09:52 PM

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“ Laura McCracken lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ivey



**Laura McCracken** - March 02, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ Susan

Rick and I and the boys are so sad to hear this news. Ron is remembered as s kind soccer dad.

I, like you look forward to the day we meet Ron again in Heaven.

In Christ

Linda Scott.

**Linda Scott** - March 02, 2019 at 08:28 PM

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“ Truly a gentleman & professional

Ron will be missed

Prayers to his family

**Jody Hale** - March 02, 2019 at 05:48 PM

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“ I always enjoyed talking to Ron when we were in the workroom together at Keller Williams Central. He was such a gentle and sweet man, always had a kind and encouraging word for me. My prayers for comfort and peace go out to you, Susan, and to the extended family. -Susan Hernández

**Susan Hernandez** - March 02, 2019 at 05:33 PM

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“ Ron was a gracious, considerate man. Working with him at KW, he always had time to answer a question or help when you got stuck on something. So kind and humble. I am so glad to have had the opportunity to know and work with him. He will be missed.

**Donna Rotan** - March 02, 2019 at 04:52 PM

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“ Ron was always a delightful and friendly man during the years we worked together at KW and even after. RIP Ron - the Roses Todd and Heidi

**Heidi Rose** - March 02, 2019 at 04:05 PM

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“ I will always have fond memories of the times Ron would call or come up to the school to visit or pick up Susan. He was always so friendly! Hugs & prayers for the Ivey family.

**Cheryl Byford** - March 01, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Jan (LaForge) & Larry Daily purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Ronald Ivey.



**Jan (LaForge) & Larry Daily** - March 01, 2019 at 11:15 AM