



Ronnie Channell

November 10, 1946 - June 6, 2015

Ronnie Channell, 68, passed away June 6, 2015 at Hardy Wilson Hospital in Hazlehurst. Visitation will be 5pm-8pm Monday at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst and 1pm-2pm Tuesday at Wesson Baptist Church. Services will be 2pm Tuesday at Wesson Baptist Church with burial at Strong Hope Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

Ronnie grew up in Jackson, MS where he attended Provine High School. While there he was an outstanding athlete. He was the first person to ever receive the "All-State Award" given by the Mississippi Sportscasters Association in 1963. He also held the state record in the high hurdles for many years. He excelled in football gaining a full scholarship to Ole Miss but transferred to University of Southern Mississippi his sophomore year where he was a starting receiver for three years. While there he met and married his wife of 48 years (June 17th), Jan Owens Channell. After graduating, he coached many years until he was unable to continue because of hip problems.

Ronnie was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing with a group of friends (who he cherished) several times a week. He also loved to hunt and fish, but he especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He attended Wesson Baptist Church where he rededicated and gave his life to Christ this past October. He loved God and his family with his whole heart.

Ronnie also volunteered his time helping coach football at Wesson Attendance Center until he was unable to continue because of health problems. He dearly loved the coaches he worked with and the athletes he coached. He was passionate about helping these kids excel not only in football, but also in life. He was also a member of the Copleah County School Board where he was serving his second time as President of the Board. He truly admired and loved every member of the School Board. He enjoyed working with them. He was a loving, generous, kind, honorable husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He will be forever in our HEARTS!

He is survived by his wife Jane Owens Channell; daughter, Ronda Channell; son, Rob Channell and wife Mildred; grandchildren, Brian Channell and wife Haley and Logan Channell; brother, David Channel and wife Gloria; nephew, Austin Channell and wife Mayda; great niece, Alayna Channell; nephew, Clint Channell and wife Cindy; and great nieces, Josie Channell, Penny Channell, and Louisa Channell.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronnie Channell*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - June 08, 2015 at 12:07 PM

RR

I had the very highest respect for mr. Ronnie or coach boom boom as we always called him. I appreciate so much the time he spent coaching me and trying to lead me in the right direction as a player and as a young man. He will have forever touched my life. My deepest sympathies go out to his family. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. R.I.P. Coach

Russell Robinson - June 08, 2015 at 04:58 PM

TB

I was one of Coach Channel's first Quarterbacks at Forest Hill. I loved the guy from the start. He was extremely patient, a great teacher of the game, and made you know he was your coach, but also your friend. He taught me so much that I could never explain. I just wish I could watch film with him one more time. He was a players coach and a man's man. God just got a heck of an angel. Love you Coach.

Tim Brantley - June 08, 2015 at 08:21 PM

SC

Great coach Tim and he loved his quarterbacks!! May he rest in peace!!

stan cliburn - June 08, 2015 at 09:25 PM

SC

He loved everyone even more !!! Most of all his family !! He will be missed!! All my love and support to jan !!

stan cliburn - June 08, 2015 at 09:27 PM

MC

I will never forget the great times I had with Coach Channel as my partner in golf tournament's at Brookwood Country Club. Those were the days my friend... God's speed Coach!

Martin Cummings - June 09, 2015 at 09:25 AM



“ *Ronnie Channell*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JS

“ *Jan, Just learned of Ronnie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

Jimmy Slay

Meridian, MS

Jimmy Slay - July 02, 2015 at 04:11 PM

RW

“ Jan, Rhonda and Rob,

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss with Ronnie. I know it's been years since seeing you guys, but the memories of spending the summers growing up with Rob in Wesson are always there! As obvious by the comments on this page, Ronnie touched many people's lives during his time with us. And it is clearly obvious, many of those lives being the kids he coached. I know it's not easy to accept losing a husband/parent , but it will get better in time. I can only say that after losing our mother 8 years ago. Ronnie will always be there watching from above. We often laugh about the past and how we were raised, but especially the sacrifices made by our parents to raise us. It won't be long before you find yourself saying, "What would Ronnie say?" Ronda and Rob, be there to help your mom through these difficult times, but don't forget to often think....."What would dad say?"

Praying for you all,

*Love you guys,
Richard "Ricky" Wages
Fort Collins, Colorado*

Richard Wages - June 12, 2015 at 03:19 PM

DC

“ *Ronnie Channell was a great guy, outstanding football player and friend. We lost touch in recent years as most with families do, but he will always be one of my lasting friends. Jan is also a lovely lady who I admire and consider a friend. My prayers go out to the family.*
Donnie Caughman

Donnie Caughman - June 11, 2015 at 04:18 PM

JG

“ I am sadden to hear of Ronnie's passing. We were friends throughout our school years. Grew up together, played ball together in his backyard on McDowell Road, and were at Southern Miss together. He was a good friend and I will miss him. Jim Gallaspy

Jim Gallaspy - June 09, 2015 at 04:26 PM

HJ

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Ronnie. He was a fantastic friend, classmate during the good ole days growing up and at Provine. He was a dear friend. We grew up together and played ball together. All of us as Provine Classmates are so sad to hear this news. May God comfort you all today and in the days ahead. Ronnie was always a great guy.

Harold Johnson - June 09, 2015 at 03:17 PM



Vanessa Bennett

“ Praying for y'all



Vanessa Bennett - June 08, 2015 at 11:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronnie Channell.



June 08, 2015 at 05:26 PM

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Russell Robinson - June 08, 2015 at 05:16 PM

JC

“ I'll always remember the great times we had together. The wedding with Jan, Ronnie, Rooster and others was especially a great memory. Ronnie will be missed. So sorry I can't be there in person but Ronnie and the family are very much in my thoughts. Love,
Jerry Carlisle

Jerry Carlisle - June 08, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CS

“ I am so saddened and heartbroken to hear of the passing of Coach Channell. He was a fantastic Coach, teacher & mentor at Forest Hill High school. He was a dear friend to my husband and father-in-law. They all played golf together in Wesson. My heartfelt prayers go out to you; Mrs. Jan, and to the family during this most difficult time. May God comfort you all today and in the days ahead.



Cyndee Sanville - June 08, 2015 at 12:17 PM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - June 08, 2015 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ *Jan, it was so sad to hear about Ronnie. He and I were the best of friends at Provine and Ole Miss. I was a groomsman in your wedding. My prayers are for you, your children, and all of your family during this very difficult time. For those of us who know The Lord as our Savior, we WILL be with Ronnie again in Heaven. May God's grace and His love be felt by you and all of your family.*
Charlie & Jo Ann Brooks, Hot Springs, AR

Charles L. Brooks - June 08, 2015 at 11:22 AM

 Vicki Warren

“ *RIP Coach! You were always a delight to all who knew you. Remember all the tootsie pops while you were trying to quit smoking. Lol. God bless you Ms Jan as you go through these hard times. I'm here for you. Love you. Vicki Warren*

Vicki Warren - June 08, 2015 at 11:07 AM

TM

“ Coach Channell you were a mentor to many young student athletes. Your steady hand especially your patience in finding that teachable moment contributed greatly to making young boys into young men. We will never forget your patience and the fact you were never an “In-The-Face-Style-Coach.” You always showed grace and love to a bunch of boys who required guidance and leadership. Thank you for the hundreds who benefited from your leadership and kind hearted approach to coaching. v/r Terry Miller



Terry Miller - June 08, 2015 at 10:20 AM