



## Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins

October 24, 1955 - March 15, 2020

Ripley, MS - Mr. Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins, 64, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2020, at his home in Ripley, MS. He was born on October, 24, 1955, to Jody Lawrence and Flossie Elone Pool Hopkins in Benton County, Mississippi. Ronnie was a Funeral Director and a Licensed Embalmer, receiving his degree from Gupton - Jones College of Funeral Service in Decatur, GA. He worked in the States of Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee as a Trade Embalmer, he worked for several funeral homes in the area, McBride Funeral Home, where Ronnie did his apprenticeship, Shackelford Funeral Home, McMillan Funeral Home, Browning Funeral Home, Holly Springs Funeral Home, Magnolia Funeral Home and Memphis Funeral Home . He was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Ripley, MS. Memorial Service will be at 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at McBride Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jack Bennett officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 12:00 Noon until service time at 1:00 PM in McBride Funeral Home.

Ronnie is survived by two brothers: Donny Ray Hopkins of Ripley, MS, and Bobby Gene Hopkins of Selmer, TN.

Preceded in death by his parents; and one infant brother: James Tate Hopkins  
Expressions of sympathy for the Hopkins family may be sent to [www.mcbridefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
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mbrideripley@gmail.com  
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## Memorial Service

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## Cemetery Details

MAR 18 (CT)

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery  
3710 CR 500  
Ripley, MS 38663

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Scott Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins*



**Scott Shepherd** - November 07, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *I have not seen Ron for many years but thought of him a lot. I worked with Ron in Memphis and he taught me a lot. When I decided to attend Mortuary School at Gupton-Jones in Atlanta, GA he got me a job there at the same place he worked as a student. Ron was a good man, I thought the world of him and enjoyed our talks. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, wish we had stayed in touch more. He will be missed forever by many.*

**Scott Shepherd** - November 07, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Ron Hopkins taught me how to Embalm in 1992 during a year that He and I worked together at Memphis Funeral Home. We remained friends since that time! He was my friend and I will miss him! One time 20 years after we both worked together in Memphis Ronnie sent me 100.00 one Christmas and said "Bubba get you Steak Merry Christmas Ron"*

**Johnny Brown** - January 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JW

“ I just found out that "Fiddling Ron" had died. I am so sorry I didn't know until yesterday. I would have most certainty had come to his service. I did my practice embalming under Ron at Memphis Funeral Home. We spent many an hour at the place on Union just he and I. He was so good to me, and a good teacher and friend. I still use a lot he taught me. I will cherish our time working together, and our dinners at Po Folks(his favorite at that time). He called me "Bubba and I called him "Fiddling Ron or Mr. Ron. he was a true professinal and friend. I hate I just heard about this. We talked on the phone some, and i saw him on Terry Gentry's funeral. God speed Fiddling Ron, and thank you for everything.

Jason Wilcox  
Wilcox Funeral Home  
Carthage, Ms

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Jason Wilcox - August 08, 2020 at 06:38 PM

KA

“ Kathy Adameit lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins



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Kathy Adameit - July 15, 2020 at 06:18 PM

PS

“ When I knew Ronnie in the 70's, he did not drive. Many times I would pick him up to go play music. If I was bringing my wife, Ronnie would lean between the seats, and tell us about some new song he learned. He was gentleman, to be sure.

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Peter L. Smith - March 24, 2020 at 11:10 AM

RC

“ Ronnie L.. Crum lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins



Ronnie L.. Crum - March 19, 2020 at 09:59 AM

RC

*Ronnie was such a dear friend.He always made you laugh. He was one of our best customers at Crum's Café and always left a big tip for the girls. Ronnie you maybe gone but you will live in our HEARTS for ever. Until we meet again, God Bless You!!!!*

Ronnie L.. Crum - March 19, 2020 at 10:14 AM

TH

“ Tharen Haley lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins



Tharen Haley - March 18, 2020 at 10:36 AM

RB

“ So sorry not to be able to visit family at this time of grief! Ronnie was a beautiful soul that meant so much to me and our Caviness family. It's ironic that those he has helped so much are unable to gather and celebrate his going home. Praying for you all. Hopefully we can gather soon!

*Love and Respect,  
Rhonda Caviness Bailey*



Rhonda Bailey - March 17, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins.*



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March 17, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gray "Ronnie" Hopkins*



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**Lois Watson** - March 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *It's been years since I've seen uncle Ronnie. He was a sweet and talented man. Sad to hear this news.*

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**Yolonda** - March 17, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Heaven's orchestra has a new lead violinist. And I can imagine, that Ron is teaching all the violinist to play fiddle, I bet he has the blue grass kicking, up there. Rest in the arms of God, my friend! You will be missed by all of us that knew you and loved you.*

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**Jim Bell** - March 17, 2020 at 05:32 AM

WG

*Ron was a true friend. Could eat more than anyone I have ever known. Loved to be among friends. Did not care a lot for strangers. My brother and I used to cook for his birthday party every year. His menu was what everybody wanted to eat and plenty of it. Invited all his close friends which were many. Was disappointed if you didn't show up. Rest In Peace Ron.*

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**walter Gentry** - March 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM

SN

*Ronnie was the first Kenny Baker type fiddle player I ever saw. He played "Denver Belle" the first time I ever heard it played. I thought that was the most beautiful tune I had ever heard. I still think that. I have thought of Ronnie a thousand times since that day. He told me the story on the fiddle he was playing, the one with the piece missing from the back side. I would guess that he made the same impression on everyone that met him for the first time as he did me. My sympathy to his family and his friends.*

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**Steve Norwood** - March 24, 2020 at 08:06 PM