



Ronald Joe "Ron" Tilton

August 22, 1943 - February 5, 2018

Obituary

Ronald Joe "Ron" Tilton, age 74, resident of Coweta went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, February 5, 2018 at his home in Coweta, OK. Ron was born on August 22, 1943 to Roy Eugene and Hazel Lorene (Poindexter) Tilton in Grandfield, OK. He attended school in Oildale, CA. Ron was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. He enlisted in the Navy on December 21, 1961 and was honorably discharged on March 31, 1966. Ron married the love of his life, Jimmie LaVerl Claunch on August 22, 1962 in Modesto, CA. He was a Pastor at a Pentecostal Holiness Church in Chowchilla, CA from 1983 to 1993. Ron was also a cement finisher for most of his life, retiring in 2002. After retiring, he decided to get in the Flea Market business. Ron was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed fishing, camping, watching TV and playing his guitar and singing. Ron also enjoyed talking with his friends and spending time with his family. He loved everyone and was committed to giving, always putting others first. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Eugene and Hazel Lorene Tilton and 5 siblings, Richard D. "Baldy" Tilton, Dixie B. "Harry" Tilton, Norman Dale Tilton, Ricky Tilton and Mary Joyce Johnson. Ron is survived by his wife of 55 years, LaVerl Tilton; 2 sons, Jeffrey Tilton and wife, Tarra and Michael Tilton; 2 sisters, Dorothy Jean Blake and Sharon Kay Vaile; 1 brother, Daniel Otto Walker; 6 grandchildren, Jennifer Truluck, Amberly Stanfield, Ronald Joe Tilton II, Hallie Maddalena, Portia Tilton and Eric Tilton; 5 great grandchildren;

and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Viewing will be from 12-8 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Services celebrating Ron's life will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home Chapel in Coweta, OK with Pastor Paul Beck officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, OK. Pallbearers are Michael Tilton, Jeffrey Tilton, Sean Arceo, Andrew Neill, Alex Neill, Ronnie Tilton II, Gary Waller and Kenneth Waller. Family and friends may share memories online at www.brownfamilyfuneralhome.com. The family of Ronald Tilton entrusted his care and services to Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home, 210 S. Broadway, Coweta, OK 74429, 918-486-5515.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Ronald Joe "Ron" Tilton, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ron Tilton. Father. Pastor. Alcoholic. Adulterer. Pedophile. Rapist. Abuser. Good riddance.*

Eric - May 13, 2018 at 07:35 PM

“Ron was described as "loving everyone, being committed to giving, and always putting others first". As being named as one of the grandchildren he is survived by (which should be more correctly written as "survived from him"), I still was not notified of his death until yesterday. I'm sure this was a simple oversight caused by the grieving that his close family was going through at the time of his passing. It should also be noted that there three of Ron's daughter's whose names were ommitted from the obituary, as well as several other grandchildren from his oldest son. Again, I'm sure this was just another grief-stricken oversight. For those of you who know of me and my brother, I wonder if it was ever noticed that there are no pictures of us on the wall past a young age. I know that as a preacher of the Gospel and a follower of Christ, it would have been important to Ron that the truth, the whole truth, be spoken at all times. Knowing that his devoted wife of 55 years is also a devoted follower of The Word, I'm sure she will be happy to correct these oversights now that some time has passed, and be humble enough to share insight into the "lost years" that has been experienced within the family. There are small thunder bolts of good memories that I can recall. There were times when the whole family was able to keep the skeletons in the closet, and the secrets swept under the rug long enough to enjoy a lively poker game. Sitting in a circle on milk crates, over-sized wooden rope spools, and various, mismatched chairs while the family's makeshift band sang old songs is a memory I hold very dear. Ron's laugh, made deep and raspy by years of smoking and drinking, would fill the room and make everyone feel welcome. The women would cook the kind of meals that were meant to stick to your ribs: buscuits, gravy, fried chicken. A family tradition was chocolate chip pancakes, with homemade syrup. I still haven't eaten that breakfast since the last time they made it for me. I also remember vividly the smell of LaVerl's perfume. I think it was called "Charlie". Everytime I walk by a woman wearing it, I think of her. She gave me my first cup of coffee. It was iced. In a blue tin cup. She promised me I wouldn't like it, and I didn't. Funny how it has become one of my favorite drinks as an adult. I remember her nails we're always painted. I

recall deep reds, and pretty neutrals. Those are the only shades I wear now, as well. I was so excited when she gave me her old make up. There was a gold lipstick that she wore over a dark red color. It was the only lipstick I've ever been able to finish without breaking or losing. I admired her in every way. I even stuck by my husband, just as she did, strong and stoic, while Ron and my own husband openly demonstrated how strongly committed they were to "caring and giving" to others (especially the pretty, gullible ones).... As long as it was convenient for them. The other memories are dark. I know of many others who will remember these shadow legacies that Ron left behind. Interesting how a preacher was able to turn so many people away from God, rather than to Him. But those of us who are survived from him are now doing God's work by caring and raising up those who have had to hide similar skeletons in thier closets. Despite having a huge role in turning me way from God for so long, I am now able to find the Holiness in the words, "me, too". I have learned an important lesson in his passing, and the family's response to it: I now know exactly where I stand in their eyes. In one sense, all I have to say is "thank God it's over". But, at the same time, what a shame that there was so much time and opportunity for some kind of closure, that at the very least would allow the family to heal from the embarrassment of the past that caused them to purposefully omit the names of children from a man's obituary. Soon you'll be there, too. Do you want to go to your death knowing that after your passing, few, if any, tears will be shed; that life will essentially go on as normal, because, honestly, in s

Portia - May 10, 2018 at 03:34 PM

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“*Ronald Joe Tilton has two living daughters as well. I know my step-mother, LaVerl, just must have forgotten to mention that: Myself and Kathryn France. He had a third daughter Noni who died a few years ago. I really hate it when an obituary leaves out too much information.*

Carolyn Tilton - May 09, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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“ I was notified through Ancestry that my dad had passed away. I am sorry we were unable to reconcile difference and I will never be able to tell him that even with his human failings, I loved him very much and wish others had not stood in our way of having a meaningful relationship. I will let his other daughter, Kathy, know he has passed. I know she was not told.

Carolyn Tilton - May 09, 2018 at 01:11 PM

JT

“ Dad

Jeff Tilton - February 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM