



## Ronnie L. Banks

April 15, 1946 - March 19, 2018

Ronnie L. Banks age 71, Hamilton, died Monday, March 19, 2018 at Hospice of Hamilton. He was born in Williamsburg, Virginia April 15, 1946, the son of Andrew and Jewel (Smith) Banks. Ronnie attended New Miami High School and after graduating in 1964, he attended one year at Miami University before he was drafted into the U.S. Army serving one active tour in Vietnam. On March 26, 1966 he married his high school sweetheart Judith Kallick in New Miami. After returning from Vietnam he began his 36-year run at Armco/AK Steel where he worked across many areas including the coke plant, blast furnace, maintenance crew and eventually ended his career after retirement fighting passionately for employee benefits serving as Chairmen of the VEBA Board for eight years. When not working double shifts, Ronnie enjoyed coaching his sons' baseball teams in the Hanover-Marshall little league or coaching soccer in the SAY program. He enjoyed golfing, playing softball and most of all had a green thumb and was an avid gardener. When not in the garden Ronnie could be found at the bowling lanes looking for his next 700 series and perfect 300 game, of which he proudly had accomplished on two different occasions. Ronnie was also dedicated to the promotion of local agriculture where he and wife Judy ran the Arts & Crafts Hall at the Butler Country Fair for over thirty years. He was a hard worker and didn't know a stranger his entire life. Ronnie is survived by his wife, Judy Banks; his sons; Jeff (Donna Ponder) Banks, West Chester, David (Holly) Banks, Columbus, and Darin (Beth) Banks, Prairie Village, Kansas; and two grandchildren; Ava

and Cate Banks. He was preceded in death by his mother Jewel (Smith) Banks in 2004, father Andrew Banks (2011) and Sister Sandy Banks (2017). Ronnie was also survived by many extended family members who cared for and loved him deeply including his brothers and sisters; Charlene (Tribby) Banks, Doug and Jane (Baumann) Banks, Jerry and Kathy (Bolser) Banks, Connie (Hubbard) Banks, Debbie Banks and Marilyn & Jeff Singleton; brothers-in-law, Jim (JoAnn) Kallick and George Kallick and sister-in-law, Betty Sloneker. Funeral Services will be held at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N. W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45013 on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Steve Botts officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Flat Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, March 23, 2018 at Weigel Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Hospice of Hamilton or the Parkinson's Foundation. Online condolences are available at [www.weigelfuneralhome.com](http://www.weigelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Flat Cemetery

4426 Morganthaler Rd  
Hamilton, OH 45011

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 23.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home  
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
(513) 892-1524  
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

**MAR 24.** 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Weigel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronnie L. Banks*



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**Weigel Funeral Home** - March 22, 2018 at 08:57 PM

BB

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Brian Bruzda** - March 24, 2018 at 11:25 AM

BB

*So I knew Ronnie in his capacity as Chairman on the Middletown Works VEBA. On this particular day several years ago Ronnie was recognized by his fellow trustees for his leadership and his tireless efforts to secure health benefits for so many folks that worked at AK Steel. It was a special day for Ronnie and Judy, and for those of us who got an opportunity to work Ronnie and the VEBA.*

*He was a good-hearted and kind man who understood what was right, and was willing to stand up fight for it. I know Ronnie's wonderful legacy will live on through Brian, Michael, and Roger, all three of whom serve the VEBA as trustees representing the retirees and their families.*

*Brian*

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**Brian Bruzda** - March 24, 2018 at 12:34 PM

VH

“ Judy, Jeff, David & Darren and all of Ronnie's brothers & sisters - we were so saddened to hear of Ronnie's passing. Ronnie was such a dear friend and we will miss him greatly. Still, the many memories I have of growing up together with Ronnie will always bring a smile to my face - of our days as 'students' at New Miami junior and senior high, having dinner at the Bank's house with all of the kids, the many ball games (baseball, football, basketball) and post-game drives through Frisch's and double dates. I hope he told you the story of the Beatle's wig on the basketball, a feeble comedy attempt on our part to simulate 'dates' while driving around Frisch's and downtown Hamilton one Saturday night. The years afterwards included being in the US Army, visits to FT Knox and Ft Sill and hearing of his wedding, followed by the births of Jeff, David and Darren of which he was so happy and proud. No one could have had a better friend, sharing the many ups and downs of adolescent and adult life.

*Vic & Michie*

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Victor Hesselbrock - March 23, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronnie L. Banks .



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March 23, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Weigel Funeral Home** - March 22, 2018 at 07:37 PM

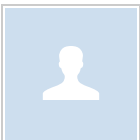


“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Ronnie L. Banks* .



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March 22, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of *Ronnie L. Banks* .



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March 22, 2018 at 10:18 AM

AJ

“ I appreciate all Ronnie did to serve his country and neighbors. Enjoyed his smile and company on the golf course, Butler Co fair and wherever I saw him. My sympathy to Judy and the family. Acie Johnston

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**Acie Johnston** - March 22, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronnie L. Banks .



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March 22, 2018 at 09:45 AM

TF

“ The Riegler and Ragan Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ronnie L. Banks .



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**The Riegler and Ragan Family** - March 21, 2018 at 08:16 PM

MS

“ Prayers coming your way. God bless the Banks family during this time.

*Jim and Marcia Schenck*

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**Marcia Schenck** - March 21, 2018 at 08:10 PM

TJ

“ *Bowled wit Ronnie for over 20 years. You couldn't meet a nicer guy. Praying for the family!* ”

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**Tim Diefenbacher Jr** - March 21, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DB

*So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all!*

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**Dottie Baxter** - March 22, 2018 at 05:40 AM