



## Ronnie Black

May 21, 1948 - January 13, 2019

Ronnie Reve Black was born May 21, 1948, in Bakersfield, California, to Andrew L. Black, Jr., and Dollie A. Ornder. He died Sunday, January 13, 2019, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 70 years. Ronnie was reared and educated in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Will Rogers High School Class of 1966. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He returned stateside and continued his education at Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa earning his commercial pilots license. He attended Rogers State University in Claremore, Oklahoma, for two years before completing his education at the University of Tulsa where he received his bachelor's degree in elementary education. Ronnie was married September 19, 1980, in Claremore to Carol Sue McLain. He and Carol have been faithful members of First Baptist Church in Collinsville, Oklahoma. Ronnie began his working career with Bigheart Pipeline Corporation, then with Amoco Corporation, then retired as an inspector with American Airlines. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge. He loved to fly and even gave flying lessons on the side and was a member of the Quiet Birdmen. He also loved the outdoors whether it be taking a ride on his motorcycle, spending time on the boat, or going traveling to different destinations. He always enjoyed a good roller coaster ride when he got the chance. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 38 years; Carol, of the home

Daughter and son-in-law; Emily and Jason Hamilton, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Two grandsons; Brayden Hamilton and Ashton Hamilton

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2019, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 18, 2019, at the Collinsville First Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Prock officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Joe Moore, Pat Chrisos, Red Bartholomew, Chuck Stephenson, Richard Dinelli, and Carroll Hamar. Committal service and interment will follow at Osage Gardens Cemetery in Skiatook, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Ronnie's memory to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery

Funeral Service of Owasso.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Fund

JAN 13 (CT)

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Service

JAN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Collinsville  
1301 W. Main St.  
Collinsville, OK 74021

# Tribute Wall

VT

“ I was looking for service information for someone else and saw this. Ronnie taught me to fly at Harvey Young Airport in the early 1970s. I was 14 years old but Ronnie had all the faith in the world I could pilot my dad's Cessna 150. And I had all of the faith in the world in Ronnie--anyone who could land a plane on a sand bar in the Arkansas River in an emergency had to be the best pilot ever in my eyes! The first time I took off from the left seat Ronnie opened the door and yelled "woman pilot, look out!" not long after we left the ground. He wanted to teach me to never be affected by unexpected events; to keep my cool if fear surfaced, and he did it in an effective and humorous way. I always wondered where he ended up and it is no surprise to me to learn that he became a teacher; he was a natural! I'm sure many people were blessed by his life. My condolences and prayers go out to his family and others close to him. Thank you for the memories, Ronnie, I will always remember that smile and laugh! ~Vana (Hert) Taylor

Vana Taylor - January 26, 2019 at 06:55 AM

DM

“ Enjoyed being in Air Explorer Scouts, Squadron 2 with Ronnie. He enjoyed everything from campouts/work details at the Zinc Scout ranch, to flying the squadron's 1946 Taylorcraft airplane. Even though Ronnie was just 4 years older, I always looked up to him as a role model--and he was a great one. I know he had a positive impact on many more lives than he ever realized.

Doug Cox M.D.

Doug Cox M.D. - January 21, 2019 at 08:16 PM

LF

“ Larry Trusty family, Gayla, Amy, Kim and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronnie Black.



Larry Trusty family, Gayla, Amy, Kim and family - January 17, 2019 at 05:45 PM

GT

“ I will never forget when Larry told Ronnie that he was going to be a dad and from the time on he started calling him dad . He also always referred to Larry as his little brother. Ronnie was a long time friend of our family and will never be forgotten. I remember ever time Ronnie would come to the house he would park out by the hangar and if Bailey was at our house she would always say "There's papa's friend!" Rest in peace Ronnie I am sure you and Larry are already talking planes!

Love and Prayers to the family,  
Gayla Trusty

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**Gayla Trusty** - January 17, 2019 at 05:37 PM

RB

Ronnie was my best friend cousin. I remember walking to the airport in Tulsa with him and going up in the tower with the tower watchman and watching the planes take off. He was just beginning to learn to become a pilot. I knew he was so smart for a young man of 14 yrs. I loved him very much. He carried the middle name of my Dad and his uncle, Reve Bates. I did get in trouble at the age of 5 for walking 2 blocks to the railroad tracks and climbing in the coal car. I got a good whipping. Not sure if he got into trouble. He was 8 at the time! Sweet memories!

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**Rejeana Valle Bates** - August 24, 2021 at 12:43 PM

BG

“ Bob Gordon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronnie Black.



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**Bob Gordon** - January 17, 2019 at 12:32 PM

PS

“ Long time Buddy's, grew up together after they moved back to Tulsa. We were airport bums and hung out all the time at Tulsa International and knew just about everybody that worked there. Our other hang out, after Ron got his driver's license, was Harvey Young Airport, knew everyone there as well even Mr. Young. Spent time in the Air Explorers squadron 2 meeting at American Airlines on Thursday evenings. Though we didn't see one another a lot in later life we were best of friends. To many memories to remember. Soar on my friend,

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**Phil Stephens** - January 16, 2019 at 07:05 PM

PS

“ *Phil Stephens lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Black*



Phil Stephens - January 16, 2019 at 06:51 PM

SB

“ *A neat memory of Ronnie was when he played the part of an angel in a Christmas Dinner Theater at 1st Baptist Church in Collinsville. He was a rather unique angel. He had on a black leather jacket, angel wings, and a big deep gruff voice.*

*Of course I have many memories, because he was my cousin-in-law. A fun, fun guy.*

*Sandy Bingham.*

Sandy Bingham - January 16, 2019 at 05:01 PM

YW

“ *Carol, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. My prayers are with you.*

*With deepest sympathy, Yvette Whatley*

Yvette Whatley - January 16, 2019 at 02:37 PM

MR

“ *Mark+Sandra Rohrs lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Black*



Mark+Sandra Rohrs - January 16, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronnie Black.*



January 15, 2019 at 11:18 PM

DS

“ *RON WAS SUCH A FUN GUY AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. SO SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING. WE WILL KEEP HIS FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS...DOROTHY AND FAMILY*



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**Dorothy E Smith** - January 15, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronnie Black.*



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January 15, 2019 at 12:13 PM