



Ronald Herman Helms

July 15, 1955 - January 5, 2024

Cap. (Ret). Ronald Herman Helms, known by friends and family as "Ronnie or Ron", age 68, of Newnan, passed away Friday, January 5, 2024, at Sacred Journey Hospice after a very difficult six-month fight with cancer. He was born July 15, 1955, in Thomaston, GA to the late Herman Basil Helms Jr and Betty Laura Waldrop Hobbs.

Ron grew up in Newnan, GA and was a 1973 graduate of Newnan High School. He was a proud graduate of The University of West Georgia with a nursing degree. He joined the United States Air Force in August 1979, where he served his country for 33 years. In the Fall of 1993, he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgins Lymphoma. He fought a valiant fight with cancer that covered several years with the support of the Newnan community with him being treated at the Dana Farber Clinic in Boston which resulted in its remission. While in the service he was part of the Office of Special Investigations and was a part of the Vice President security detail as well as a loadmaster. Being loadmaster was his favorite job in the Air Force. He served in Desert Storm as well as the Iraqi Freedom war. He retired in 2012. When he retired, he was in charge of the Yellow Ribbon Program for the Southeast assisting military members transitioning between deployments. He was a very proud military veteran.

Survivors include (in his words) his beautiful bride/pretty wife, Elizabeth Volz

Helms; Favoritist Oldest Daughter Paula Helms; Favoritist young Daughter, Laura Helms Hunter; son, Martin Volz; Grandsons Dustin Ray Hunter Jr, Trystin Scott Hunter, Nova Wayne Volz. Sisters Linda Walden, Brenda Helms Turner (Johnny). Nephew Shane Gann and Niece Whitney Toth. As well as many other loved family members. Family was very important to him. He was so very proud of his wife, daughters and Grandsons and enjoyed any time that he could spend with them.

Ron enjoyed traveling and working around his home with his Wife. He was also very proud of his woodworking skills having made several pieces for family members. He also had a love for old cars.

The funeral service honoring the life Ron lived is Friday, January 12, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at Georgia National Cemetery In Canton GA with Chaplain Donald Bridges officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Ron's memory to either the American Cancer Society, online at www.donate.cancer.org or to your favorite veteran organization.

Condolences may be made to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory
38 Jackson St.
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 2:30 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Herman Helms*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 09, 2024 at 09:08 AM



Kenneth Curry

My deepest condolences to Ron's family. Ron and I were Loadmasters in the 756th and we flew many missions together around the world. We had some great times. It was an honor to have known him and he will be missed.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry - January 10, 2024 at 08:25 PM

JH

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your family's loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*



Jamie Hixson - January 09, 2024 at 07:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Herman Helms.*



January 08, 2024 at 10:06 PM



“ *Paula, Our family is praying over yours as you celebrate and grieve your father.*

Tiffany Grier - January 08, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. My husband and I knew Ron many years ago and always knew him to be a honest and loving person. We will keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time. - Barbara Hiestand*

Barbara Hiestand - January 08, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lisa...(LOWES) lit a candle in memory of Ronald Herman Helms*



Lisa...(LOWES) - January 08, 2024 at 02:14 PM

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“ I met Ron is the AFOSI. He assisted me on a few of my cases. He was always very professional and we became very good friends. When Ron was on the DC area he always spent time at my house and was the perfect guest. When I was down in GA he always put me up at his house and had me over for family BBQ's. Ron was a true friend and I will always have warm memories of lifting a pint of Guinness together. Rest well my friend. May God hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again.

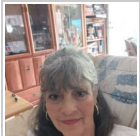
Capt (Ret) Robert E. HoLland "Dutch" - January 07, 2024 at 01:05 PM

GP

“ Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch lit a candle in memory of Ronald Herman Helms



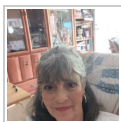
Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch - January 07, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Shirley Borders lit a candle in memory of Ronald Herman Helms



Shirley Borders - January 07, 2024 at 09:41 AM



Prayers for the family and friends.

Shirley Borders - January 07, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Ron's family. I was one of Ron's Instructor's when he joined the AF Reserve as a Loadmaster. As serious as he was toward his upgrade training, that is how funny he was during our time off in crew rest. His stories would keep the crew in stitches which was often a welcome distraction after long duty days. Ron and I flew a trip to South America with an active-duty crew and they were in such a rush to check in to the hotel in Rio, they left Ron and I to care of the passengers and make sure they knew when we would pick them up in 2 or 3 days. Ron and I entered the hotel and asked for our rooms and were told the crew had checked in and all rooms were taken. We looked at the registry and saw they had a Presidential Suite and Ambassador's Suite, both taking up the entire top floor of the hotel. We asked if anyone was in those rooms and asked to be given those rooms. We invited the crew up to our room for a cold beer and the pilot in command asked us to pack our bags as this room was obviously meant for him. Ron let him know, in no uncertain terms, that they abandoned us and it was too bad he didn't get these nice rooms. He then told him to relax or he would call security on him. Most everyone who flew with Ron will have a funny story to tell.

Rest in peace, my friend. I'm so glad I got to see you and chat at Plug's memorial service.

Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever.

Paul Stoehr - January 06, 2024 at 08:53 PM

SY

“ My heart and prayers to Paula, Linda and Family. Ronnie was a good man and very proud of each of you. God's peace and comfort to you. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager Family

SheriffMike Yeager - January 06, 2024 at 08:27 PM

RB

“ *Praying for Ron's family.*



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - January 06, 2024 at 08:16 PM



“ *I served in the Air Force with Capt Helms (Ron) when we both worked in the ARFC Yellow Ribbon Program. I am glad to have had him as a friend, even if our politics didn't always align. I know he was always immensely proud of his children and his (now) wife, Liz. He will be missed.*

Lance Williams - January 06, 2024 at 07:47 PM