



Ronald Lee Prince

February 4, 1936 - May 9, 2022

Funeral Services for Ronald Lee Prince, 86, of Longview, Texas, will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, May 16, 2022, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Longview, with Bishop Johansen conducting. Interment to follow at Enoch Cemetery. The family will receive friends 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Sunday, May 15, 2022, at McWhorter Funeral Home, Gilmer.

Ronald was born February 4, 1936, to Muncie Pat and Minnie Leota Byers Prince in Gilmer, Texas and passed from this life May 9, 2022.

Ronald proudly served our country as a Navy lieutenant, pilot and flight instructor. He flew as a commercial airline pilot starting with Braniff International Airlines, Piedmont Airlines and later U.S. Airways for over 20 years before his retirement.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Sharon Prince, Paul Allen Prince (Belinda), Suzanne Prince Warren (Darby), David Jonathan Prince, and Jennifer Prince Brinkman (Blake); sisters, Carol Ward, Jeannie Lindsay, Linda Shipp, Joan Haws, and Lana Prince; grandchildren, Blake Phillips, Dana Phillips, Tristan Prince, Halyley Smith, Rachel Pratt, Meagan McConnell, Amber McConnell, Hannah Bishop, and Faith Brinkman; great grandchildren, Denver Sanchez, Jackson Sanchez, Addison Money, Josie Pratt, Charlee Bishop, and Owen Bishop.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Muncie Pat and Minnie Leota Prince; his wife, Barbara Jean Prince in 2014; and his brother, Don Prince. Please visit Ronald's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to

leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Enoch Cemetery

FM 49
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
Gilmer, TX 75645
(903) 734-7070
info@mcwhorterfh.com
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Longview
1700 Blueridge Pkwy
Longview, TX 75604

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Prince family, I'm so sorry to hear about Ron's passing. My name is Jack Taylor and not long ago I found out that we were distant cousins. Ron's great-grandmother "Minerva Jane" and my great-grandfather "William Taylor" were siblings. If it wasn't for Ron's love of family and his book on the Prince family I would never have learned about our great-great-grandfather "Hiram Taylor". I wish we could've met Ron in person instead of just through e-mails. My thoughts and prayers are for the whole family. No doubt he will be missed.

Jack Taylor

Jack Taylor - May 29, 2022 at 11:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ronald Prince Funeral Service



McWhorter Funeral Home - May 21, 2022 at 06:36 PM

GJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about my favorite cousin Ron's passing. Although our ages were not close and we lived in different parts of Texas, I enjoyed the few times that we talked about the Prince family. I am so thankful that he spend countless hours researching and composing the book on Zachariah Prince and Descendants. It was a passion of his. He once told me that one reason that he got interested in flying, was due to seeing my Dad's model airplanes through a window of a shed when my Dad was still living at home. Another reason was that he saw the movie "30 Seconds Over Tokyo", where Van Johnson was a fighter pilot during World War II. Ron was very impressed with the character in the movie. I had happened to also see that movie when Ron told me the story. My Dad had a pilots license, and I have a helicopter pilots license - so to some extent it runs in the family. Even though I did not spend much time with Ron, I will miss talking to him and always thought that he was a really nice and good man. The last time we saw each other was during the reunion of the Prince cousins (grand children of Edward Lee Prince and Annie Prince in Gladewater. I extend my condolences to all of his family - he will be missed by all who knew him.

Gorman (Bill) Prince, Jr.

Gorman Prince Jr. - May 16, 2022 at 11:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Prince.



May 16, 2022 at 09:02 AM

JS

“ *My sincere condolences to all family . Mr Prince was a real good and friendly man who loved and took care of his grandchildren. My condolence especially to Linda and Joan his sisters. Wonderful man and I know you will miss him greatly.*

God bless

James W Sawyer

James W Sawyer - May 15, 2022 at 01:38 PM

DP

“ *Ronald was a great cousin ! I always enjoyed his stories about his flying experiences. I will always remember that he was the pilot who flew the Spring Hill Band to Florida in which my son was one member of the band.*

Dixie Posey - May 14, 2022 at 10:57 AM

LP

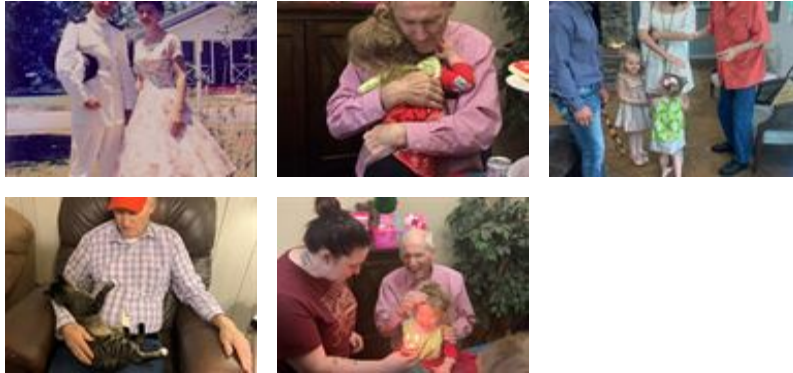
“ *Lonnie and Dixie Posey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Lee Prince.*



Lonnie and Dixie Posey - May 14, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ 402 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - May 13, 2022 at 05:35 PM

LR

“ Love, Angela, Kelley, Alena, and Russell purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Ronald Lee Prince.



Love, Angela, Kelley, Alena, and Russell - May 13, 2022 at 03:31 PM

LS

“ Love, Sister purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Ronald Lee Prince.



Love, Sister - May 13, 2022 at 03:03 PM

CH

“ *Christina lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Prince*



Christina - May 13, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Prince.*



May 13, 2022 at 08:40 AM

DP

“ *The best man I have ever known. He was such a father figure for my boys and I. We will never forget our beautiful grandfather.*



Dana Phillips - May 13, 2022 at 08:36 AM

CF

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



COLLEEN FIELDS - May 12, 2022 at 07:59 AM

BM

“ *Ron was a true gentleman aviator who was a joy to fly with. May he Rest In Peace as his memory lives with all of us that flew with him.*

Capt. Bill McKee

Bill McKee - May 12, 2022 at 05:51 AM

SP

Dear Capt. McKee,

Thank you for your kind words about my father and for sharing your positive memory of him!

*Sharon Prince
Ron's daughter*

Sharon Prince - May 12, 2022 at 09:15 PM

CF

“ *Deepest sympathies
Piedmont Silver Eagles*

Colleen Fields - May 11, 2022 at 07:49 PM

SP

Thank you, Ms. Fields!

Sharon Prince - May 12, 2022 at 09:18 PM

JS

“ Meeting Lt. Ron Prince as my aerodynamics and navigation instructor in Navy Pensacola as a young student aviator, is eternally etched in my memory. He was always the consummate gentleman. What a joy it was to fly with him at Braniff International. His face seemed to never change, but radiated with life that seemed so full of contentment. He left an impressionable mark on humanity that few can emulate. God speed, dear Ron.

Jim Speight

Jim Speight - May 11, 2022 at 05:24 PM

SP

Thank you for your kind comments, Mr. Speight! Our family truly appreciates them!

Sharon Prince - May 12, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ Ron was one of the best people I ever knew, just a fantastic person. RIP Ron till I see you one day when I pass on as we all do..

Dick Curtis

Richard Curtis - May 11, 2022 at 05:18 PM

SP

Thank you so much, Mr. Curtis!

Sharon Prince - May 12, 2022 at 09:22 PM



Sharon,

I am a cousin of your father. I recently drove to Princeton Alabama, and met with one of our cousins, Edly Prince and saw in the Jackson County Court house that your father also researched his Prince line. I would love to get in contact with you to share the information I have found about our line. I am Cheryl Crosswell and my email is xwelltoo@cox.net. My phone number is 918.808.9087. Please contact me so I can meet you.

Cheryl

Cheryl Crosswell - October 07, 2023 at 07:20 PM