



Ronald Neal Allen

June 25, 1949 - December 5, 2025

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Ronald Neal Allen, 76, of Campbellsville Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on December 5, 2025. Ron was born June 25, 1949 in Glasgow, Kentucky, the son of Robert Neal Allen and Betty Lou (Pardue) Allen, who both preceded him in death. Surviving him is his devoted wife of 42 years, Carolee(Locke) Allen; five children: Rhonda King (Mike), Louisville, Kentucky; Eric Neal Allen (Dawn), Mount Sherman, Kentucky; Tyra Joseph Allen (Sarah), Louisville, Kentucky; Nate Allen (Anna), Hanover, Maryland; and Morgan Allen (Alicia Thomas-Allen), Louisville, Kentucky; eight grandchildren: Alex, Nick, Ashley, Blake, Gracie Mae, Luke, Sami and Nasson; three siblings: Steve Allen (Nancy), Diane Roddy (Mike), and Mary Lou Samuels (Terry). Also surviving are his seven nieces and nephews, Chris, Sonja, Stephanie, Michael, Lisa, Elizabeth and Sarah; and his beloved aunt, Lano Gilbert. Ron graduated from the University of Louisville with his degree in English. He enjoyed writing, delivering beautiful speeches and eulogies for others, watching athletes perform on the football fields and basketball courts, and analyzing the statistics of horseracing, and then betting on the horses based on his research. Ron served 22 years with the Louisville Fire Department, rising through the ranks with unwavering dedication and courage to become Major and ultimately to the very first Chief of Training. He was recognized and lauded as the critical designer and developer of the Louisville Fire Department training facility and associated programs, resulting in the recognition and

awards as a top fire department facility at 15th and Hill in Louisville.

Ron was also responsible for writing the programming to link the Louisville Fire Department with Emergency Services. Ron not only led with strength and discipline but also with compassion and a deep sense of duty to his community. His bravery in the face of danger was only matched by his warmth and generosity off the job, where he served as a mentor to countless young recruits, guiding them both professionally and personally. His legacy within the department will never be forgotten. Ron was also a passionate football and basketball coach and referee. For over a span of 50 years, mostly at DuPont Manual High School, St. Agnes and St. Francis schools in Louisville, he poured his heart into the players, instilling in them the values of hard work, perseverance, teamwork, and integrity. He also provided his skills to the basketball court where he helped coach his daughter's team at St. Francis of Assisi in Louisville. His leadership went beyond the fields and courts, as he touched the lives of many young men and women, helping them grow not just as athletes, but as individuals. He remained a source of wisdom and support for many, long after their time on the team. After his retirement from the fire department, Ron began working as a commercial real estate appraiser with Galloway Appraisal in Louisville. Ron and Carolee later moved from Louisville to Campbellsville where Ron began fulfilling his dream of operating a small farm, raising sheep and chickens. His life was marked by a deep sense of purpose and hard work. But perhaps Ron's most important role was as husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He created many beautiful memories with each of them, and was always present, always guiding, and always supportive. His legacy of service, leadership, and love will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A service in his memory will be held on December 11, 4:00 to 8:00 pm, at Owen Funeral Home, 9318 Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown, KY. Ron, your impact was immeasurable, your love infinite, and your legacy unbreakable. You will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.*



December 10, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *Karen Crook Carter
So sorry in loss of your precious bro Ronald,
no longer suffering, home with loved ones
gone on before him, what a handsome man in
this pic, lifting you & your family up in prayers
for peace & comfort, LU Karen & Bill 🙏💖🙏*



Karen C Carter - December 10, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TW

“ I want to express Jean's and my deepest sympathies to Carolee and family with Ron's passing. Ron and I coached against each other (and later coached together) in the Firefighters Youth Football League during the 70s and 80s. During that time, we also refereed on the same high school football crew in Southern Indiana. For years I listened to his stories of firefighter heroics and tragedies. His "cool under fire" demeanor carried over perfectly from his primary profession to his coaching and officiating. I don't ever remember him raising his voice or showing anger, and his dry sense of humor was contagious. I remember one story where his firefighter career merged into our officiating crew ... our four-man crew was driving together to some small-town high school one Friday night. On that particular night, the car in front of us had flames under the car coming out of the back of the car (where the driver could not see them). We came to a stop sign after a few minutes, and the car in front of us came to a stop. At that moment, the fire surged forward into the back seat of the car, frightening the driver from the car. We pulled our car around him, and I asked Ron if we should help him put out the fire. (Note: I have changed the actual words Ron actually said to protect younger readers.) Ron responded, "with all of our combined urine, we can't put that fire out." Ron only wanted to make sure the driver got out of the car safely and tell him we would call 911 at our first opportunity ... which we did at the next farmhouse we came to.

Terry Williams - December 10, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.



December 10, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.



December 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ Terry W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Neal Allen.

Terry W. - December 10, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Scarlett Powers purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.



Scarlett Powers - December 09, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Scarlett Powers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Neal Allen.

Scarlett Powers - December 09, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.



December 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM

WC

“ Wanda Crown cousin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Neal Allen.

Wanda Crown cousin - December 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JA

“ 1967, Ronald had a Ford Galaxie convertible. He was taking me home, he pulled over at McDonalds on Taylor Blvd to put the top up, I asked him why, he said if your daddy sees you in here with the top down he'll kick my hind end. He sang on the Crusade for Children some time before that, he sang Strangers in the Night. I thought he was a TV star. He was and will always be in my heart and on my mind. He was a good cousin. I love you and I will miss you. Until we meet again

Jan - December 09, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.



December 09, 2025 at 03:34 PM

RT

“ Roy Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Neal Allen.

Roy Turner - December 09, 2025 at 03:34 PM

BC

“ Met Ronnie at old Truck3 as firefighters, years later he was my boss at the training bureau, understanding, deliberate, hard working with limited resources. Our crew during that time felt much gratitude to work with and for such a man, I'm confident speaking for us all. Prayers he enjoyed his days farming, and for all his loved ones.

Billy Cooper - December 09, 2025 at 03:23 PM

SF

“ Steve & Nancy and Famiky purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ronald Neal Allen.



Steve & Nancy and Famiky - December 09, 2025 at 02:56 PM

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