



Ronnie D. Ables

July 9, 1947 - December 21, 2025

Ronnie D. Ables, 78, passed away at home surrounded by his family on December 21, 2025, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was born in Limestone County, Alabama, on July 9, 1947, to his late parents, Hazel and Fred Ables. He was a man defined by his work ethic and integrity, building his companies from the ground up through determination and perseverance. Beginning his life on a cotton farm in Alabama, he carried the values of hard work and honesty with him as he forged a lasting legacy in Kentucky—one that would be passed down for generations. In all his dealings, he was known for his fairness and straightforward nature, never willing to take advantage of others. He was generous with his family, friends, and strangers alike. Ronnie was always in a hurry to get on to the next thing. He showed his love through providing, ensuring stability, opportunity, and a solid foundation for those who came after him.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ronald “Shawn” Ables; brothers, Dewey, Calvin, and Clay Ables; and sisters, Magdalene Lovell and Annis June McKinney.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 59 years, Jean Ables; children, Greg Ables (Tammy) and Polly Gentry (David); grandchildren, Krystle Veach (Allen), Jennifer Lovewell (Nathan), Dalton Gentry, Connor Ables, Jacob Ables (Kaelynn), Payton Ables, and Emma Ables; 6 great grandchildren; sister, Linda Willoughby (Mack); brothers, Kenneth Ables (Lois), Melvin Ables (Glenda), Curtis Ables, Jimmy Ables (Annie), David Ables (Faye), Wade Ables

(Darlene), Wayne Ables (Darlyne); his close friend, Adam Alvey; and his personal caregiver, Nicole Duggins.

Ronnie's funeral services will be held at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. The visitation will take place on Sunday, December 28, 2025, from 12:00 to 8:00 PM. The funeral service will take place the following day at 11:00 AM, with cremation to follow.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks contributions be made to St. Paul School.

Cemetery Details

Cremation to Follow

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (est)

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ Patsy Bowman / Steve Bowman lit a candle in memory of Ronnie D. Ables



Patsy Bowman / Steve Bowman - December 30, 2025 at 10:11 AM

MF

“ Mike murphy and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronnie D. Ables.



Mike murphy and family - December 28, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronnie D. Ables.



December 26, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DB

“ David and Kellye Burke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronnie D. Ables.

David and Kellye Burke - December 26, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronnie D. Ables.*



December 24, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ *Janet & Joe Dooley and the Dooley family purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Ronnie D. Ables.*



Janet & Joe Dooley and the Dooley family - December 23, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Janet & Joe Dooley and the Dooley family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronnie D. Ables.*

Janet & Joe Dooley and the Dooley family - December 23, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Ronnie was a great person, treated everyone the same and a firm believer in giving back to the community.
God Bless his Family*

Dennis Barr - December 23, 2025 at 09:02 AM

PH

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family at this sad time and in days to come.



Pam Hensley - December 22, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CA

“ Ronnie was a young man playing basketball and eating White Castles in the backyard of our Anna Lane House. All of the brothers were there, and all of the wives and kids playing cards and running around. Great times! Uncle Ronnie built houses to play in and he always put in a swimming pool. I loved all my days at his and Jean's places. May he rest in peace.

Connie Ables-Rigsbee - December 22, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JB

“ Joan and John Bennesch purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronnie D. Ables.



Joan and John Bennesch - December 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM