



Ronnie Stell

November 11, 1957 - January 6, 2018

Ronald "Ronnie" Neal Stell, age 60, of Birdtown, passed away Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018. Ronnie was married to Teresa Erwin Stell. He was born Nov. 11, 1957 in Russellville, Ark., a son of the late Bill Stell and Mary Ruth Flowers Stell of Center Ridge.

A lifelong born-again Christian, Ronnie was of the Baptist faith. He was an opportunist owning and operating several businesses in Conway County, including Ronnie Stell Trenching, Stell Farms, Stell Motors, Canebrake Properties, and various independent projects. He had a talent for basketball, helping win a state title at Nemo Vista with his brother and playing at the collegiate level at Central Baptist College, Hendrix College, and Arkansas Tech University before knee injuries removed him from the game.

His many successes in life stemmed from his hard work. He started out as a dairy farmer in Center Ridge and working his way into the owner of multiple prosperous businesses. He spent many days and nights deliberating over the decisions he made that would impact his family and the families of those he employed. Ronnie was a servant to others, providing jobs to those he could; support to kids at Nemo Vista; the shirt off his back to a friend in need; and countless other acts of selflessness throughout his life.

Ronnie did a lot for his wife and four kids. He was not one for being the center of attention. His favorite activity was spending time with the people he loved - a list of individuals that extended far beyond his family. Ronnie had a love for hunting, fishing, and collector cars. He put much of his time and energy into

his farm. He spent countless Saturday mornings with his closest friends at Koch's Body Shop. Ronnie dedicated many of his resources to building and growing the 2low Hunting Club with his family and close friends. He was a board member of the Fish Lake Club, something he looked forward to every Monday night. He loved to go to the casino with friends. Riding around with one of his many buddies was one of his favorite things. He loved a good fish fry, especially with his uncles and friends in Center Ridge. Catching up with his dad's brothers would always bring an ear-to-ear grin to his face. Ronnie also loved the Berkemeyer family, and his wife's aunts and uncles were some of his favorite people. He left a hole in the hearts of many that will never be filled.

His most beloved thing was spending time with his five grandkids, especially while checking cows on the farm, hunting, fishing, or watching them play sports. Being "G" was by far his proudest accomplishment. He was notorious for building or buying things and working on projects to better the lives of his five favorite boys: Dalton, Cayden, Parker, Corbin, and Hudson.

In addition to his wife and mother, Ronnie is survived by his children, Ashley (Jerme) Hutchins of Solgohachia, Matt Stell and Sophie LeBlanc of Nashville, Tenn., Cody (Kaitlyn) Stell of Greenbrier, and Courtney Stell of Conway; brother Randy (Diane) Stell of Springfield; grandchildren Dalton Kellar, Cayden Hutchins, Parker Stell, Corbin Stell, and Hudson Stell; sister-in-law Regina Erwin of Morrilton; nieces and nephews Candace (Justin) Brantley, Lauren (Kris) Carter, Dylan Erwin, and McKenzie Stell; various aunts, uncles, and cousins; and two great nieces.

Other than his father, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Helen Berkemeyer Ward, and brother-in-law, Ronnie Erwin.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 at the chapel at Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton with Bro. Dennis Holmes officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Center Ridge. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. Pallbearers will be Stan Koch, David Beck, Will Bartlett, Tony Johnson, Andy Freeman, and

Jamie Mallett. Honorary Pallbearers are Jermey Hutchins, Dylan Erwin, John Beck, Dennis James, Donnie Hill, Jack Knapp, Mark Stobaugh, David Andrews, Ed Hart, and various other close friends, they know who they are. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to a fund in Ronnie's honor at Petit Jean State Bank for kids' athletic programs at Nemo Vista Schools.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronnie Stell*

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“ *When I bought my Farm on Volverton Mt. in 1981 I needed A pick-up truck, Ronnie told me he just happened to have one for sale. after that purchase we began A friendship that lasted for many Years. Ronnie my friend you will be missed and never forgotten.*

Don Perkins - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.*

Linda Roberts - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Just a Fine Man, Truely a Real Success Story, God Bless His Family and R.I.P. Our Friend.*

Tommy & Diane Thompson - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers during this sad time.*

Carole Flowers Hughson - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Always thought a lot of Ronnie, admired and looked up to him. I will miss him. God bless the family.*

Clay Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BG

“ Ronnie was thought well of by my father jack, and me, he was an old friend , good guy, sorry for your loss, a big loss to all that Knew him. God bless and trust God.

Bob Gordon - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DL

“ Praying for the family

David Lucas - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

SM

“ Sympathy and comfort to the family. Prayers for understanding and comfort. God Bless each.

Smith - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

PJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Pat and Betty Jackson - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

TJ

“ I am so sadden to here about my good friend passing. I'm offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and heard of Ronnie passing from my daughter. Ronnie and I were classmates and friends for many years thereafter. He was a good man that left before it was time. We will miss you Ronnie and my thoughts and prayers are with Teresa, MS Mary Stell, Randy and all the family. Ronnie touched many lives over the years and will forever be in our hearts. Travis Jones and family

Travis Jones - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DM

“ Teresa, I will always be thankful for your and Ronnie's support and generosity after my Ronny died May you and your family find peace in knowing that he was not only loved by his family but also many others. With love, Debra (Debbie) Jones Moore

Debra Moore - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Danny and Dianne Charton

Danny and Dianne Charton - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

PM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ronnie's passing. I've known him all my life and loved him like a brother.my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Pam Adams Mabry - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

AL

“ We send our warmest regards to you, Matt and Sophie, and our wish for peace for you during this difficult time. With Love, AnnMarie LeBlanc and Doug Neitzel

AnnMarie LeBlanc - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DM

“ Know you are in our prayers. May he rest in the peace of our loving Father.

Dc Steve and Barbara Mallett - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

CR

“ I'm so sad to hear of Ronnie's passing. The Stell brothers played basketball for my dad, Said Thomas, in the mid 1970's, at Central Baptist College. He was a very nice person, and very good ball player. My condolences and prayers for comfort to the whole family.

Cindi Rankin - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

PC

“ Mary Ruth, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your son.

Phyllis Maulding Campbell - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathy. Prayers to the family.

Raymond & Terry McCoy - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BJ

“ Sending prayers to the family

Becky Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

AA

“ Teresa i am so sorry for you and your families loss. Know that ypu are in my thoughts and prayers!

Amber Adams - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BS

“ We are so sorry for your great loss. May the God of all comfort carry you through the difficult days ahead, giving you a peace that passes all understanding. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Bro. Warren & Leta Carr Stroud - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BB

“ back in the day when I lived with my grandpa, Charlie McCoy in bird town. I went to school at Nemo for several years, i met Ronnie in first grade and know him all these years. I am glad to have known him, he was a good Friend and he will be missed. i was so glad to be able to come and see him at the school reunoin this last year.

Billy Joe Burr - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

JJ

“ Ronnie was a good man. He made us all proud.

James Jackson - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

SF

“ Rest in peace my cousin, but even more, my friend. You will and are missed forever.

stan flowers - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DR

“ May God be with you all during this sorrowful time. We are so sorry for this great loss and your broken hearts.

Danny & Mary Rasmussen - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

KD

“ I was Matt's college roommate and am proud to say I'm still a close friend. I was fortunate enough to spend time with Ronnie several times over the years, including two trips to Center Ridge. I'd imagine not many people that aren't from Center Ridge can say they've been there more than once, so I consider myself lucky. I love laughing and cutting up more than anything in the world and I can tell you that those two weekends in Center Ridge are among my most cherished and revisited memories. I'll never forget the laughs around the fire, the visits at Drury, or, best of all, my one and only "Squirrel Camp". Cheers to a truly special man and the truly special friends and family that man surrounded himself with. My love, gratitude, and condolences are with you all.

Kenny DeForest - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

TV

“ Matt, Courtney, and Cody Throughout the years I have watched you grow into the wonderful adults that you are now. I have seen the influence that your father has brought to your lives. You have been blessed by him. Remember his love as you continue on your journeys.

Tresa Virden - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

PR

“ Teresa, we are so sorry for your loss. We have been thinking & praying for you & your family. Wish we could make it up there to give you a big hug. Love you ,Billy & Pam

Pam Rice - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dianna Murphy - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

S)

“ My thoughts and prayers with you all during this difficult time. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to visit with Ronnie at the high school reunion this past summer. He was a great person with a great smile and will be missed by many.

Sharlene Mourot (Lucas) - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

LW

“ I still have difficulty with the reality that Ronnie is gone. The bigger than life guy!! Ronnie was a wonderful friend to our family. My Dad (Albert Bartlett) thought of you as a second son My Big Son. He loved you so. I pray that you are reunited in a beautiful place. Hunting and fishing and of course telling story after story... no words can provide comfort to your family and many friends at this time. You have given so very much back to your community and school. Just like when you won the state title all these years ago. May you Rest In Peace! You will never be forgotten!

Linda Bartlett Williams - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DP

“ To Ronnies wife & Ms Mary Ruth, Randy & all the Stell family I want to give you all my heart felt love, thoughts & prayers in your time of loss, I remember moving to AR starting school @ Nemo, Ms Stell was mine Ronnies & Randy teacher. All threw high school, college & years afterwards. When ever I did see Ronnies it was nice to catch up a little about the good old days! Ronnies Gone but never forgotten, u will forever be missed.

Deborah Paatterson-English - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Steve & Jamie Brown NLR,AR

Steve Brown - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BH

“ I knew Ronnie from High Basketball ball, those are great memories. Plumerville versus Nemo Vista. I later got to know him better through business associations and our admiration of each other grew. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family. Bill Hayes

Bill Hayes - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DH

“ Ronnie was a good man, I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Dale (Aday Fertilizer)

dale hargett - June 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ Ronnie Stell

January 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences from the Cody Bridgeman family

January 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM