



## Ronald "Ronnie" D. Walters

August 22, 1938 - January 3, 2012

Ronald "Ronnie" Dean Walters, son of the late Joseph H. and Georgia Grace (Fancher) Walters, was born August 22, 1938 in Waynesville, Missouri. He grew up mostly in the Crocker, Missouri area and attended school.

On July 13, 1961, Ronnie was united in marriage to the girl of his dreams, Peggy DeWitt. They were married in Miami, Oklahoma and they shared many wonderful memories together. They just recently celebrated 50 years of marriage together. Ronnie and Peggy were blessed with two children, Richard and Sandra.

Ronnie was a jack of all trades. He was a hardworking man and was privileged to own and operate several businesses. He owned and operated AAA Trans and two different Union 76 gas stations in Florida. He worked for a time as a diesel mechanic on Fort Leonard Wood and drove a ready mix truck. The one position that he was most proud of was working for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department for 20 years. He became a deputy and at the time of his retirement in 2001, he was Chief Deputy under J.T. Roberts.

In his spare time, Ronnie was a member of the Cave State Cruisers Car Club for 20 years. He loved traveling in his fifth wheel camper and spending the winters in South Texas with Peggy. He was a member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 AF & AM for 42 years, Scottish Rite of Joplin for 40 years and Abou Ben Ahem Shrine Temple for 40 years.

In 2011, Ronnie made a very important decision in his life. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized. This decision made a big impact on his life and up until the day before he passed away, he was witnessing and telling his testimony. He was a member of Westside Baptist Church and loved his church family.

Ronnie went home to be his Lord at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in his home after a courageous battle with cancer, having attained the age of 73 years, 4 months and 12 days.

Ronnie will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his wife Peggy of the home; two children: Richard Walters (Karen) of Dallas, TX and Sandra Taylor (Jim) of Colorado Springs, CO; one sister: Shirley Erxleben (Sonny) of Sunrise Beach, MO; one brother: Terry Walters (Shirley) of Rocky Mount, MO; five grandchildren: Amanda Forbes, Pamela Taylor (Corey), Patricia Martz, Justin Walters and Zack Walters; four great grandchildren: Gabe, Lily, Kyle and Dezi; other relatives and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph H. Walters, Jr. and two nephews, Larry Walters and Joseph Walters III.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2011 in the Westside Baptist Church of Waynesville with Rev. Lindell Shelden and Rev. John Shaw officiating. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "Far Side Bank of Jordan" and "Amazing Grace". The song "Twelfth of Never" was played. Serving as escorts were J.T. Robert, Jim Sheffield, Johnny Taylor, Bill DeWitt, Kenny Foster and Phil Robinson. Serving as honorary escorts were Terry Walters, Mike Walters, Dave DeWitt, Tracy Storie and Bob Fisher.

Burial followed in the Crocker Memorial Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Service**                      11:00AM

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Westside Baptist Church

801 Historic 66 West, Waynesville, MO, US

# Comments

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“ Peggy and family,  
You have been in my thoughts and prayers,I pray that you will have peace that at least you know Ronnie is suffering no more.  
We will always remember coming down for the big car show,what a great time we had!!  
In my thoughts and prayers  
Marcia Goff

**Marcia Goff** - January 09, 2012 at 08:58 PM

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“ peggy, i will miss ronnie more than you imagine. we had a lot of both good and bad times together especially when we worked together and when he worked for me. i could always depend on him and didnt have to worry about if it would be done right. he was a good friend to me and all others. he, jack and i did a lot of things together. i will keep you in my prayers.

**j.t. roberts** - January 08, 2012 at 05:54 PM

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“ Peggy, so sorry to hear of the loss of Ronnie. I am so sorry I was unable to be at the services, I had to work. I was so glad to see both of you this summer. Love you.  
Candice

**Candice Armstrong** - January 08, 2012 at 03:31 PM

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“ Peggy and family I send my deepest sympathy to you all. My favorite memory of cousin Ronnie is playing in the creek at Grandma & Grandpa Fancher's house outside Crocker. Remember all the good times. Ronnie is at home and in a much better place.

**Gracie Taylor** - January 08, 2012 at 01:11 AM

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“ Hello Peggy,  
I am so sorry to hear of Ronnie 's passing. Take care and if you need anything Im not hard to find. Lol the police always know where i am. God bless.  
joAnn

**JoAnn Morrison** - January 07, 2012 at 08:43 PM

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“ Peggy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time in your life. Always remember the great times we had talking about classic cars and the Waynesville car show we attended. Always remember no one can ever take the memories away you have together. Its a gift you can always treasure and keep close to your heart as I know Ronnie will always be.

**Stan, Tracy and Courtney Stapleton** - January 07, 2012 at 07:58 PM

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“ I hope you have found peace, and eternal rest...

Carole T. Walters

**Carole Walters** - January 07, 2012 at 10:32 AM

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“ My prayers go out to Peggy and the family on the loss of Ronnie.. He was my favorite "coffee buddy" at the Citgo/BP station many many mornings over the years... I will miss him.

**Ellen Neffgen** - January 06, 2012 at 10:55 PM

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“ You have my sympathy and prayers at the loss of your special loved one. May God give you strength in the coming days and know always you have friends to turn to in need.  
Love to you  
Marty

**Marty Gann** - January 06, 2012 at 07:04 PM

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“ Peggy- Janet and I are so sorry for your loss. Our community was so blessed and fortunate to have Ronnie in our lives. God Bless you and your family.

Michael and Janet Dunbar - January 06, 2012 at 03:32 PM

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“ R.I.P. Ronnie...

john franklin - January 06, 2012 at 11:45 AM

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“ Peggy,

We are so very sorry to learn of the passing of Ronnie. There were many things I remember about Ronnie but there are two that stand out most prominently in my mind. First, I remember him for his love of his Dodge truck. Secondly, and most importantly, I know that he passed from this world having made it a better place because of his life's accomplishments. Our thoughts and condolences are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Brian K. Harrell and Family - January 06, 2012 at 10:17 AM

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“ Peggy,

We were so sad to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was such a good friend to my father and when I was growing up he would always be so nice to me whenever I would see him.

Jamie and Lauren Strohl

Jamie and Lauren Strohl - January 06, 2012 at 09:17 AM

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“ Peggy, I send you all my love and thoughts during this terrible time. I always thought you and Ronnie were such a love story, never without the other. I think the world of you both and am sad that this has happened. Ronnie will be remembered well by all who knew him.

Luge Hardman - January 05, 2012 at 11:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Peggy at this sad time. Wish I could be there for you. Just know Ronnie is at peace. We have shared wonderful times together. What we hold in memory is ours to keep forever.

**Carol French** - January 05, 2012 at 09:03 PM

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“ Dear Peggy,  
Deborah and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of Ronnie. We will be praying for you and your family. May God wrap his arms around you and your heart.

**Steve and Deborah Lynch** - January 05, 2012 at 06:17 PM

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“ Dearest Peggy:

The deepest condolences go out to you for you and your family's loss. May the blessings of friends and family comfort you in your loss.

**Yvonna Bays** - January 05, 2012 at 05:30 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss of a great man. He did a lot for Pulaski County and will be remembered for years to come. God be with you all in this time of sorrow.  
Dex & Karen

**Dex Boorum** - January 05, 2012 at 05:25 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Peggy at this sad time. Wish I could be there for you. Just know Ronnie is at peace. We have shared wonderful times with you and Ronnie. Remember - what we hold in memory is our to keep forever. Carol French

**Carol French** - January 05, 2012 at 04:22 PM

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“ Peggy, Bless your heart sweetie, may God grant you peace and consolation during this time of deep loss.

**Marvin & Laura Richardson** - January 05, 2012 at 12:13 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. It will get easier as time passes I know because I am in your shoe's. Rember meomeries are good to reflect on. May God comfort you in this great time of loss.

**Tonya Ellzey** - January 05, 2012 at 11:51 AM

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“ peggy and family:so sorry to hear of ronnie,s passing .my heartfelt prayers are withyou.ronnie was a great person and i have known him a long time ,he will be missed.

**norma smith[bench mo.]** - January 05, 2012 at 11:26 AM

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“ Peggy, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out for you & your family.

**Ray & Helen Fleischer** - January 05, 2012 at 11:22 AM

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“ Peggy, Our love & prayers to you & your family, Love you & Ronnie, he was such a nice kind person, I will never forget him at the courthouse. Take care.

**Audrey Ellis** - January 05, 2012 at 10:43 AM

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“ Peggy,  
My deepest sympathies to you. Ronnie was always great to me and i loved is humor and the kindness he and you always showed me .I will miss him greatly. If I can do anything for you just ask. You are in our prayers.  
Love,  
Dennis & Joy Hicks

**Dennis Hicks** - January 05, 2012 at 09:42 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Ronnie is with our Lord Saviour and at complete contentment and pease. I'm a friend of Doliena. I was with her alot of the time that we made the trips to Columbia for her dad.

Sincerely,

Lyn Nette & Pat Turner

**Lyn Nette Turner** - January 05, 2012 at 09:23 AM

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“ Peggy, May God give you strength through this time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Bill and Sue Anderson** - January 05, 2012 at 08:07 AM

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“ God Bless the family and a special Blessing for Peggy.

**Paul Stickley** - January 05, 2012 at 08:02 AM

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“ Peggy, my deepest sympathies go out to your during this most difficult period in your life. You are family to me and I love you & Ronnie and I hope you can find some comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering and is with his Lord. You know I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

**Sheila Debo** - January 05, 2012 at 12:27 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Peggy and family. Ronnie lived a good long life, he was a sweet man, and I'm sure you have wonderful memories to cherish. I pray that his love for Jesus gives you the most comfort at this time while you are working through your grief. We all know he's resting with his Savior tonight and we can look forward to seeing him again in Heaven someday. I'm sorry he had to suffer, but he's not in pain now. Praise God for that blessed hope! Our prayers are for the Lord to comfort and sustain you as you cope with your loss. May you be embraced by the loving arms of Jesus and may He fill you with grace and mercy. I'm sorry Bill and I have other commitments on Saturday and we'll be out of town Friday. We hope to see you on Sunday, though, and we'll be continuing to pray for you all. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Annette Catts - January 04, 2012 at 11:52 PM

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“ May God comfort you all in this time of sorrow and may your happy memories bring you peace in the days to come. More to look forward to heaven for knowing the ones we love are there waiting.

Pam Burgess Seda - January 04, 2012 at 11:41 PM

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“ Dear Grandma,  
My condolences to you and Pammy! Take care of yourself. I don't get out your way too much but when I do I will drop in for a visit. Kiss Kiss!

janet phillips - January 04, 2012 at 11:13 PM

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“ Dear Peggy & family  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. Terry has fond memories of going down there camping and fishing with Ronnie. We sure enjoyed talking with you and Ronnie everytime you would come up to visit. We enjoyed going out and looking at your camper and having Ronnie show us what the newer styles offered. We will miss him.  
Love, Terry, Tasha, Kiowa & Kayla

Terry & Tasha Harrell - January 04, 2012 at 09:52 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Just remember he is pain free and watching over you.

**Albert and Jamie Crews** - January 04, 2012 at 09:30 PM

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“ Our family is so sorry for your loss. We have many fond memories of him. I Know he will be missed by you and all of us. Our prayers are with you now and always. Liz & family

**Elizabeth Harrell** - January 04, 2012 at 08:54 PM

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“ Peggy, may the Lord be with you and your family. I wish we could be there for you at this time of need. Ronnie is with the Lord now and in better hands.

**Bill & Jean O'Dell** - January 04, 2012 at 08:51 PM

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“ Dear Sister Words can't express what I am feeling. I love you both, I am so glad that I got to spend time with him at the first week in Dec. SO sorry that I can't be there now but my heart and thoughts are. I love you Linda

**Linda DeWitt** - January 04, 2012 at 08:41 PM

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“ Peggy & Family: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Ronnie was a fine man and will be greatly missed by all of us.

**Frank Livingston** - January 04, 2012 at 08:40 PM

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“ Peggy, Sending you our love and prayers. We were privileged to have had Ronnie in our lives.

**Bill & Wanda Swenson** - January 04, 2012 at 08:13 PM

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“ Peggy you and your family have our deepest sympathy, know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love you.

**Dawnmarie and Thomas Cecora** - January 04, 2012 at 07:18 PM

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“ Dear. dear Peggy, You know how sorry we are to lose Ronnie. We felt so lost when you pulled out to go home, and we look at your spot and think of you every day! We will grive with you and pray for you everday! We have so many good memories of the good times we have had here in South Texas these past years, and were so excited to have you next to us again this year. I can still Paul Ronnie on the "stump" solving all the problems of the world.We will see you when we get home but know you are in our thoughts everyday. Millie & "Shug"

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**Paul and Millie** - January 04, 2012 at 07:01 PM

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“ Yesterday when Ronnie closed his eyes for the last time here on Earth, he immediately opened them and found himself at Jesus' feet. What a Blessing. Mrs. Peggy my heart aches for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. I love you, Wendy

**Wendy Whynot** - January 04, 2012 at 06:05 PM

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“ Journey forever with GOD!

**Lohman Landreth** - January 04, 2012 at 05:33 PM

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“ Peggy Our prayers are with you and your family and friends. Ronnie had found Jesus and will sing with the angels. I know of your strength in Christ and have know doubt you will overcome your loss. With Love in Christ name May God Bless you.  
Becky and Maynard

**Maynard and Becky** - January 04, 2012 at 04:52 PM



“ Peggy & all,

Sorry to hear of your loss.  
May God comfort and bless all of you.

Sincerely,

**Mary (Mrs. Joe) Morgan** - January 04, 2012 at 04:43 PM

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“ Walters Family,

I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. Ronnie was always a friendly person one of whom I thought alot of. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**Pamela Cox** - January 04, 2012 at 04:28 PM

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“ Peggy, You have our thoughts and prayers. Love to you and your family.  
Janis and Chuck

**Janis Thompson** - January 04, 2012 at 04:25 PM

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“ Peggy, you and your family have our deepest sympathy for your loss. Ronnie was a good friend, even if we haven't see you guys in several years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Keith and Linda

**Keith Hankins** - January 04, 2012 at 04:21 PM