



Ronny James Hissom

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Mr. Ronny James Hissom, 68 of Goshen, AR passed away Thursday, March 10, 2005 in Fayetteville, AR. He was born November 8, 1936 in Lyons, Kansas to Robert Everet and Beulah Woods Hissom.

He was owner of Circle H Farm in Goshen, and was self employed in oil and gas exploration. He was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and was a member of Sigma Chi, Shikar Safari Club, Fayetteville-Springdale Elks Lodge, Knights Templar, and Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Ronny had many varied interests. Chief among these was his passion for auto racing. He was a driver for the 1965 12 Hours of Sebring winning Chaparral Racing team and later became part owner of Chaparral's Indy 500 winning teams. Ronny was a four goal polo player and a founding member of the Midland Polo Club. He was an avid world traveler and hunter extraordinaire who made frequent trips to the Dark Continent for his beloved big game safaris.

He is survived by one son, Robert Davis Hissom and wife Andrea of London, England, four daughters; Tamra Hissom Budd and husband Keith of Houston, TX, Caroline Hissom Wallace and husband David, Julia Ann Hissom, Alexandra Carson Hissom all of Fayetteville, AR, six grandchildren; Nicholas Robert Hissom, Alexander Victor Ronny Hissom, Cooper Hissom Budd, Aria Ann Hissom Franek, Gunnar Middleton Hissom Franek, Honor Elizabeth Wallace. He was a loving father to his children and a caring husband to many.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, March 17, 2005 at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, AR with Reverend Steven K. Pulliam officiating. Entombment will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville, AR.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



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JF

Joyce Jones (Friend) posted:

So long Hiss. Too bad you had to add a continental kit to your Lincoln to equal the length of my Cadillac coupe' while we were Sigs together. The Elvis Presley concert we attended followed by my night in the Wichita Falls jail (drunk/disorderly - they said) nearly cost me a medical career. What a time it was in America! I always remembered you with a warm spot in my heart. In hoc, BPL

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FW

Frankie Andrews And Family (Friend And Cattle Worker) posted:

It has been great working cattle for and with Ronny for the last 15 years or so. We will send our prayers to all of his family in this time of your loss. If I can do anything to help Robert or any of you all please call. Ronny will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May the LORD be with all of you in your sorrow. SINCERELY FRANKIE ANDREWS AND FAMILY

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KT

Kirk Taylor posted:

God bless you Ronnie!

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BF

Bobbie & Henry Shaw (Friends) posted:

Our thoughts are with you. Will always remember the good times, and the all the good laughs.....we'll miss him !

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SB

Stephanie Stevens (Friend Of Tami & Keith Budd) posted:

As close friends of the Budds, we wanted to extend our deepest sympathy to the entire Hissom family. You all have been in our prayers over the last few weeks and will continue as time goes on. We want Tami to know that if there is anything she needs, that we are always there for her. Much love to all!

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PF

Peter Courtney (Friend) posted:

Ronny was one of a kind- a gentle giant with a great sense of humor and a loving heart. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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AA

Art Donnelly (Acquaintance) posted:

Our prayers are with you. We are sorry for your loss.

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FR

(Friend) posted:

To the Hissom Family:We will all miss Ronny. He was a good friend to my dad, Cy Maloney and they both are in our thoughts. They had many laughs together in this life and I'm sure they will in the next.God Bless us all. It's never easy.

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RF

Randall Gibson (Friend) posted:

SINCERE CONDOLANCES TO THE FAMILY OF MY OLDEST RACING BUDDY. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED.

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BF

Bill And Nancy Milner (Friends) posted:

Lavern and I are waiting at the Samoa Club. It's your round and we're getting tired of waiting! You were always our favorite Military School Cadet. We have already started missing you. We also have a freshly laundered fake ID waiting at the Dean's office. We've been friends since 1952 until 2005,and you said it wouldn't last.I'd appreciate hearing from one of your family members. Have them give me a call. Your friend, Frank

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BM

Bill & Sue Marshall posted:

What a geat guy!

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GR

Geoff Brown (Friend Of Ronny's Son Robert) posted:

Robert Andrea and family,we would like to express our deepest sympathies.Geoff and Chrissie Brown and family.

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MO

Mark Ong posted:

Hissom Family,It was a pleasure knowing Ronny. We will always remember his smile and friendly demeanor. Another memory will include seeing him enjoy each and every moment while he was at a race.Meanwhile, we are praying for the Hissom family. We pray that each of you will remember "special events or moments" that you shared with him. May those beautiful memories help you get through this difficult time and give you peace in the future.Sincerely,Ong Family

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NF

Nancy And Richard Gibson (Friend) posted:

We were so sad to learn of Ronny's death. He will never be forgotten herein Midland because we all fondly remember his wonderful sense of humor and exchange "Ronny stories."We will miss him and are thinking of all of you. Sorry we can't be there for the service.Fondly,Nancy and Richard Gibson

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WA

William Holt Jowell (Acquaintance) posted:

Many years ago, Ronny and I had some great times together in Dallas and Midland. His laughter was infectious and his stories were always punctuated with his great smile.I shall never forget how proud he was when he could "pre-board". Not because of his silver hair, but because he was a new father.Ronny was always fun!My sympathy to his family.

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EM

Elizabeth Merckle (Widow Of First Cousin Wheeler Don Merckle) posted:

Sorry to hear about Ronny's death. Seems the men in the Hissom/Merckle family don't live to be old, old men. Make God's peace bless you during this very difficult time. Liz Merckle

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CR

Carson And Karen Smith (Relation) posted:

The most fond memories of Ronny and his mother at bygone family reunions.....Celebrations in spirit, the laughter and witty words recalled for those of us who remain.

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RF

Roger & Linda Graham (Friend) posted:

You all are in our prayers. God Bless, Roger & Linda Graham

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MA

Marion Lindley Goudeau (Acquaintance) posted:

Tami...I was sad to hear of the passing of your father. What a wonderful man he was, he was always guaranteed to put a smile on not just my face but, those whom he came in contact with! He made the world a brighter place! My heartfelt sympathies to you and your family! Love, Marion

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CN

Cathy Green Johnson (Neighbor) posted:

I am so sad to hear Ronnie passed away. I admired him so much.

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JT

Jolie, Don, Hannah & Vivian Sumbera (Friend Of Tami) posted:

We did not know Ronny personally but we know that he was a wonderful father to Tami and that she loved him dearly. Our hearts go out to Tami and her family.

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GA

Glenn & Louan Rogers (Acquaintance) posted:

We fondly remember Ronny as a generous and wonderful neighbor on Churchill Way in Saddle club. He will be missed! Hello to Nancy and Kelly.

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BC

Brad Carter posted:

He was one of the greatest friends that I have ever had. May heaven celebrate Ronny's entrance. Brad Carter

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JF

Jay A. Martens (Former Ranch Foreman Of Circle Farms) posted:

My first job after college, about 1967, was ranch foreman for Circle H farms. It was a real learning experience for me and I particularly enjoyed my time spent with Ronny and Mr. and Mrs. Hissom. My condolences to the family. Jay Martens Granbury, TX

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KF

Ken Zoller (Friend) posted:

It was my pleasure to know Ronny and to spend many memorable times with him, such as bass fishing in Mexico and whitewing dove hunting on the Rio Grande. He was one of the most entertaining guys I've ever known, always making himself the brunt of his own hilarious stories. He was truly one of a kind. I will miss him greatly and offer my sincerest condolences to his family.

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CF

Cindy Harp (Friend) posted:

He was a perfect gentleman, I've never met anyone like him, and never will.

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FD

Family Of Helen B. Durell (Widow Of Clarence Durell) posted:

Deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to your beloved family.

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SF

Suzanne Scism Hildebrand (Friend) posted:

I send my sincere sympathy to Ron's family. We were friends a very long time ago in Midland and had some wonderful times together. I had hoped to see him again some time. Again, my thoughts are with you.

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OF

Otis Ruffin (Old Employee/Friend) posted:

Ronny was a great man and will be missed by all. He was the force behind my first "real" racing job and a great inspiration. I took from him the will to work hard, do things right, kick everybody's a__ on the race track and have fun doing it... It also didn't hurt to have a hot young "shoe" like Robert behind the wheel. It was very clear he made Ronny proud. Hang in there everyone. He lived a great life and is in a better place now. Sincerely, Otis Ruffin

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EF

Earle M. Craig, Jr. (Friend) posted:

I send my heartfelt condolences to all of Ronny's family.

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GT

George Thomas posted:

Ronny made life fun just to be around him. I'll miss him.

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CA

Clem And Betty George (Acquaintance) posted:

You will be sincerely missed, especially your humor. Much Love, Betty and Clem

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DF

Debbie Maher Harold (Friend Of All The Family) posted:

We always all had such great times together, whether at polo or the Indy 500, anywhere. Willie always enjoyed hanging with Ronny at the Tiki Bar and checkin' out the babes. He will be sorely missed.

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JA

Joan Perry (Acquaintance) posted:

Ronny was my first client when I went out on my own 27 years ago. He was always very kind to me personally and supportive in my career. For that, I will always be grateful.

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GF

Glenn Wright (Friend) posted:

Ronnie and I grew up together starting in Jr. High and then on to OU as Sigma Chi's . Very sorry to hear of his passing. Did not keep very good touch with each other in later yrs. which I regret. My sincere smypathies to the family.

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HF

Heidi Higgins Evans (Friend) posted:

RONNY WAS SO MUCH FUN TO BE AROUND. HE LOVED LIFE AND LOVED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I REMEMBER SO MANY GREAT TIMES AND LAUGHS. HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY ALL. MY LOVE TO ALL OF YOU, HEIDI

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LF

Louis Buffington (Friend) posted:

I express deepest sympathy for all of the family.I came to meet Ronnie through my sister and brother-in-law,"Mike Rains, and Starla Rains whom managed the circle H ranch for Ronnie, for several years.He was a sharring caring man whom will be thought of and missed by all who knew him.again deepest sympathy to all who loved Ronnie as, Dad, Spouse, Friend, and Acquaintance alike.sincerely; wesley williams.

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RB

Ron & Mary Ruth Davis (Friend Of Tami & Keith Budd) posted:

Tami,Mary Ruth & I would like to express our sympathies and are lifting you and your family up in our prayers.

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PR

Patty Roberts posted:

My thoughts are with you.

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DT

Dana Theriot posted:

I am a friend of Tamra and would like to extend my thoughts and prayer for Tamra and all of her family. There are no words to let someone know that it will be easy as time goes by. What words that do come to mind are, I care about you Tamra and I will always be a phone call way when you need.

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JS

Johanna And Matthew Brown (Friend Of Tami's) posted:

I have such great memories of meeting Tami's dad Ronny while living in Houston. What a wonderful man. I know he will be missed. You all are in my thoughts! Johanna

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SA

Shonnie Gilbreath (Acuaintance) posted:

Ronnie was always so good to us. He was such a good person with a big heart and a wonderful sense of humor.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronny by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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