



Ronnie R. Gulley

August 10, 1937 - October 4, 2021

Ronnie Ray Gulley was called to his heavenly home on October 4, 2021.

He was born August 10, 1937, to Elmer and Demovah Gulley, who preceded him in death along with a brother, Darrell.

He is survived by a son, Michael Gulley (Tricia) of Cincinnatti, Ohio; a daughter, Sheryl Brenningmeyer (Dennis) of Goreville, Illinois; four grandchildren, Jennifer Albracht (Derek) of Waterloo, Illinois, Katie Galvin (Josh) of Cincinnatti, Ohio, Adam Brenningmeyer (Rachel) of Goreville, Illinois and Aaron Brenningmeyer (Mary) of Carbondale, Illinois; and six great-grandchildren.

He attended high school in Ullin, Illinois and after graduating went to work for the Florsheim Shoe factory in Anna, Illinois. After it closed its doors, he transferred to the factory in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to finish out his 43 years of making shoes. On May 22, 1959, he married the love of his life, Doris Schnaare, in Wetaug, Illinois and it was there that they built a beautiful life of 62 Years. Their house was always welcoming to anyone who entered and love was always shown along with a hug.

Ronnie had two passions that were very evident, his love for music and especially his love for ministry. He ministered at the Church of Christ at Wetaug, Illinois for many years, as well as filling in at various churches in

Southern Illinois. In 2007, he became minister at Park Street Church of Christ in Metropolis, Illinois up until 2019 when his health wouldn't allow it. He loved spreading the Good News of the Gospel and God's love to those he came in contact with. Singing was his other passion and we're sure he's in Heaven leading the angels in singing praises to God. One song he was always asked to sing at the area-wide singing was "God's Family," and that's where he was most at home, with God's Family. Ronnie also loved singing Country Music and was in several bands over the years that played at nursing homes, festivals, ice cream socials, and homecomings. Also, every Friday night you would find him playing music at an area jam session with anyone who wanted to participate.

Ronnie loved life and he and Doris were always on the go. They truly loved being with people. Ronnie also had a love of baseball and was an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan and he also coached his sons khoury league team for many years. Ronnie will be deeply missed by his family and his friends. Visitation will be held at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Robert Cheek Memorial Community Center. Envelopes will be available and accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Christian Chapel Cemetery

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Ullin
420 Ullin Ave.
Ullin, IL 62992
(866) 592-7246
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Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronnie R. Gulley*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I am so glad that Ronnie & Doris got to come to Arizona and visit me a few years ago. I got to take them to Sedona and the Grand Canyon for a beautiful trip to see some our beautiful Arizona. Wish they could have stayed longer. But sure enjoyed them while they were here. Sue*

Sue Gulley - October 09, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *I played a lot of music with Ronnie years ago at Goreville and also recorded him. Ronnie was an excellent singer and musician and a great guy. I was so saddened when I saw this. Prayers are out to his family.*

Greg Lambert

Greg Lambert - October 08, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *What a blessing he was to all singers and musicians. So sorry for your loss. Your families will be in my thoughts and prayers. I will not be able to attend as I am quarantined.*

Sue Steers - October 06, 2021 at 11:53 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Carol & Randy George - October 06, 2021 at 01:55 PM

DC

“ You could usually find Ronnie at any area-wide gospel singing leading hymns of faith as no one else could. Many know that he was also an excellent Country and Western singer who sang at the barn in Metropolis (for those who don't know, it was a barn, not a bar). My wife and I went there often on Saturday night to hear Ronnie and others sing. I suggested to Ronnie that Phillip Rainwater, a local preacher, be allowed to sing a few sets with Ronnie's group. Ronnie was naturally a little apprehensive because many wannabees, bless their hearts, cannot carry a tune in a bucket. Reluctantly Ronnie decided to give this wannabee a chance. He was visibly impressed when Phillip began singing Freddie Fender's "Before the Next Tear Drop Falls." When Phillip sang the Spanish portion of the song without missing a beat, Ronnie, jokingly, walked up, looked around at Phillip's mouth as if checking to make sure the words were coming out of Phillip's mouth. Very seldom had I seen Ronnie speechless, but I will remember that one time. Ronnie, save me a place at the table; when it's God's time, I'll join you.

DON CAMPELL - October 06, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SG

“ Condolences to the family. So sad to hear this. I will always remember him as being a kind person. Both him and his sweet wife and wonderful children.

Sharon Goines - October 05, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Ronnie R. Gulley.*



October 05, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronnie R. Gulley.*



October 05, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ronnie R. Gulley.*



October 05, 2021 at 11:15 AM