



## Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin

February 15, 1953 - August 28, 2016

Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin passed away Aug. 28, 2016, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philex Lorrley Baldwin, sister, Sharon Phillips, and brother, Felix Lorrley Baldwin, Jr.

Ronnie was born Feb. 15, 1953 in Stockton, California, moving to Wynne, AR at a very young age. He was a dedicated law enforcement professional having thirty years of serving his community with integrity, honesty, and fairness. He was a proven leader. Ronnie started his career as an Auxiliary Officer for the City of Wynne. He rose through the ranks eventually reaching Lieutenant over the Criminal Justice Division. In 1995 he served as Chief of Police for the city of Brinkley, AR. Ronnie was elected to the office of Cross County Sheriff/Tax Collector in 1998.

After serving five terms as Cross County Sheriff, Ronnie retired from the office Dec. 31, 2008. During his tenure as sheriff, Ronnie served as President of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association as well as serving on the Board of Directors of the National Sheriffs' Association. He represented the office of Sheriff on many state and national committees. In 2012 he became Executive Director of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association, his dream job, what he always wanted to do. Ronnie was elected as an alderman to the Wynne City Council in 2009 where he served until present. He was an active member of the St. Peter's

Catholic Church and as well as being a member of the Parish Council since 2010.

Ronnie was highly respected, a Christian gentleman. He was a mentor to and loved by many. He loved his family and was a proud Dad, Papaw, and Boppy. He was his wife's rock.

Survivors are his wife, Martha Ann Gahr Baldwin, mother, Margean Lone Baldwin, children, Ronald Gene "Bo" Baldwin, Jr. (Leigh Ann), Barry Baldwin, Brittany Rodgers (Bryan), grandchildren, Taylor and Hunter Baldwin, Ty Baldwin, Cannon and Gunner Rodgers, and one great granddaughter, Bryleigh.

Suggested Memorials to Arkansas Children's Hospital, 1 Children's Way, Little Rock, AR 72202, or St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1695 Falls Blvd, Wynne, AR 72396.

Rosary for Ronnie will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church beginning at 6 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2016.

A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church beginning at 9:30 AM on Friday, September 2, 2016.

A Funeral Mass will held at St. Peter's Catholic Church beginning at 11 AM on Friday, September 2, 2016.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

St Peters Catholic Church  
1695 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396-4099  
(870) 238-2613

## Memorial services

SEP 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

St Peters Catholic Church  
1695 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396-4099  
(870) 238-2613

## Funeral Mass

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Peters Catholic Church  
1695 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396-4099  
(870) 238-2613

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Our prayers are with you. Ronnie was a good man and a good police officer. He was always just and fair with the people with whom he dealt.

*Jerry & Mona Dallas*

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**Jerry & Mona Dallas** - September 02, 2016 at 04:01 PM

DL

“ Sheriff, You were one that made me the Law Enforcement Officer I am. I am very proud to say that I knew You. You were a Great Man and a Great Leader!! You will be missed both in the Law Enforcement World and the everyday world. Heaven gained a Hero in You!! Fly High!!

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**David Layman** - September 02, 2016 at 02:01 PM

DB

“ Martha...I hold you and your family in my prayers, may God send you some semblance of comfort. My husband and myself had the pleasure of becoming friends with Ronnie through the Association of Arkansas Counties Conference many years ago and that friendship continued to this day. He was such a wonderful, caring gentleman and will be missed by so many. Prayers today and in the coming days.

*Diann Ballard  
Jackson County Assessor*

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**Diann Ballard** - September 02, 2016 at 07:59 AM

VA

“ Ronnie was one of the "good guys". I know he is already looking for somebody to help in Heaven. All my thoughts & prayers are with you during this period in your lives. May God give you peace.



Vicki & Gene Hendrix, Mena, AR - September 02, 2016 at 07:50 AM

CD

“ Always met me with a smile, Ronnie will be missed by all of us. Ronnie was a great leader for the sheriff association. Praying for you in your loss. Judge Charles Dallas

Charles Dallas - September 02, 2016 at 07:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin.



September 01, 2016 at 04:25 PM

LC

“ Martha Dale and I are so very sorry for your loss. I pray that God will wrap his arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers for you and all of the family. Dale & Lisa Carter

Lisa Carter - September 01, 2016 at 11:09 AM

DR

“ *Doug & Cindy Rushing lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin*



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**Doug & Cindy Rushing** - September 01, 2016 at 10:48 AM

CA

“ *Baldwin family, We are so sorry for your loss, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Your friends at CartiNlr*



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**CartiNlr** - September 01, 2016 at 08:20 AM

DH

“ *Ronnie Baldwin was a fine gentleman, outstanding Sheriff and even more outstanding leader of the Arkansas Sheriff's Association. It was a privilege to know him and we all will miss him. Prayers and condolences to Martha and the entire Baldwin family. Sheriff Doc & Debbie Holladay*

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**Doc Holladay** - September 01, 2016 at 08:10 AM

LR

“ *Lynn Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin*



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**lynn rogers** - September 01, 2016 at 07:38 AM

PM

“ Martha - so sorry to learn of your loss. You and Ronnie are both special and he will be missed by so many. My love and prayers for you and your family. I am in Ohio so not able to attend services but will be thinking of you.

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**Paulette Myers** - August 31, 2016 at 08:39 PM

SJ

“ Sheila And Donnie Jones lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin



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**Sheila and Donnie Jones** - August 31, 2016 at 06:04 PM

SK

“ Sheriff Sandy Horton and the Sheriffs of Kansas purchased the Health Nut Basket for the family of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin.



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**Sheriff Sandy Horton and the Sheriffs of Kansas** - August 31, 2016 at 04:07 PM

SH

“ All of us with the Kansas Sheriffs Association were saddened to hear of Sheriff Ronnie Baldwin's passing. Ronnie and I met each other when we were both still Sheriffs and immediately became friends. That friendship continued as we both became the Executive Directors of our State's Sheriffs Association. Martha, you and your family have our deepest condolences.

*Sheriff Sandy Horton, Retired*

*Executive Director*

*Kansas Sheriffs Association*

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**Sandy Horton** - August 31, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DT

“ Danny And Angela Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin



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**Danny and Angela Taylor** - August 31, 2016 at 02:37 PM

PC

“ I knew Ronnie for many years he was a great person and will surely be missed.

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**Paul Chapman** - August 31, 2016 at 02:07 PM

PK

“ Ron you will be missed. Always enjoyed the many years we worked together.

*Preston Koelling*

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**Preston Koelling** - August 31, 2016 at 07:44 AM

MB

“ Martha, I know it is very hard, have faith and know Ronnie is in a better place and pain free. Ronnie was a hell of a guy and would help anyone a LAW ENFORCEMENT equaled by very few. I am proud to call him my friend. Mike Bachand.

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**mike bachand** - August 31, 2016 at 06:53 AM

KF

“ Kathy (Penna) Ford lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin



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**Kathy (Penna) Ford** - August 30, 2016 at 01:33 PM

EB

“ Eldridge Brawner lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin



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**Eldridge Brawner** - August 30, 2016 at 01:28 PM

DG

“ Ronnie Baldwin was a Great Man & Very Kind to others. He was & will always be a jewel of Cross County Arkansas. Love, Thoughts, & Prayers go out to Martha Baldwin & Family.



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**David & Ruth Grigsby** - August 30, 2016 at 08:43 AM

SH

“ Sandra Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Baldwin



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**Sandra Hall** - August 30, 2016 at 08:36 AM

SH

“ Have always loved Ronnie!! We worked  
together back in the day!! He has always  
been a good man and a hard working man. I  
pray for you and family to be comforted by the  
arms of God surrounding you; Love you  
Martha Ann and will keep you in my prayers. Mike and Sandra Hall



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**Sandra Hall** - August 30, 2016 at 08:35 AM

RL

“ Ron and me are so sorry for your loss.. Our prayers are going up for  
your family.. Ronnie was a very good man and had always been  
kind.. He will surly be missed  
Ron and Rhonda Lamb

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**Rhonda Lamb** - August 30, 2016 at 01:26 AM

RH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ronnie I've known him most of my life.he  
was a good person

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**RD Head** - August 29, 2016 at 08:54 PM

JY

“ *Ronnie will be missed by so many. You are all in our prayers. Jerry and Sheila Parsley Young, Maumelle*

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**Jerry and Sheila Young** - August 29, 2016 at 05:29 PM

VO

“ *Hi Martha, our sincere condolences to you. Our prayers are with you. Ronnie will be greatly missed.*

*Virginia and Steve Orick*

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**Virginia McGuire Orick** - August 29, 2016 at 04:29 PM

DF

“ *Martha so very sorry to hear about Ronnie. He was always so very kind and helpful to us while we lived in Wynne. He especially meant a lot to our son Dustin who wanted to be in law enforcement with Ronnie but God had other plans. U will be in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Debbie Fuzzell** - August 29, 2016 at 03:59 PM

DA

*Ronnie was a damn good law enforcement officer and friend, I am glad that I had the privilege to work with him with many criminal and narcotics cases over the years, go rest on that mountain my friend. Take care of your self Martha.*

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**Dale Arnold** - August 30, 2016 at 06:59 AM

BH

*We just learned of Ronnie passing. Nancy and Rob and I are in shock. He was a good man. A friend to the Horne family. We will miss him. Martha call us and do take care. With all our love Buford.*

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**Buford Horne** - August 30, 2016 at 04:54 PM

RS

*Martha, my sincere condolences to you and family; Ronnie and I were kids together and I knew him from little league and the old town swimming pool during the sixties. A good guy to have on your side. Rest in Peace.*

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**R. Dennis Scanlan** - August 31, 2016 at 05:41 AM

PC

*Baldwin Family, I had the pleasure of working with Ronnie when I worked in mental health. Ronnie was very kind and a great professional to work with. My heart goes out to the family, he will be missed.*

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**Pam Christie** - September 01, 2016 at 07:10 PM