



## Ronald L. Rutledge

February 2, 1950 - October 26, 2025

Ronald Leslie Rutledge was born on February 2, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan to Oprial Jones and Clinton Montgomery, Sr. He was the second of Oprial's five children. Ronald was raised in Detroit and Royal Oak Township, Michigan. He attended Detroit and Oak Park public schools. From an early age he had a love for classic cars, enjoyed swimming, roller-skating, and dancing. As a young man, Ronald showed a drive to survive and be self-sufficient. He was known as an easy going, hard worker and loyal friend to many. Ronald graduated from Oak Park High School in 1968 and was employed by General Motors (GM) at the Pontiac Manufacturing Plant. He married Shirley Reed and from this union two sons Ronald K. Rutledge and Michael L. Rutledge were born. Ronald served active duty in the Army from 1971 to 1973, and in the Army Reserves until 1977. He also attended Oakland Community College and studied photography.

In 1977, Ronald married Stephanie Dawson and from this union one daughter, Andrea M. (Rutledge) Walton was born. In addition to being employed by GM, Ronald was an entrepreneur and owned several businesses. His businesses included

landscaping, retail clothing store, video arcade, property rentals, and limousine

service. He later worked for Oakland County Water Resources and retired in 2012.

During his retirement years, Ronald stayed active. He became an excellent ballroom dancer, devoted time to his family, and was always willing to lend a helping

hand to others. Ronald was a believer in Jesus Christ and enjoyed attending church

services. In 2020, Ronald was diagnosed with severe Alzheimer's, and though he

faced many challenges as a result, he lived a serene life still enjoying listening to R&B

jams, dancing, walking, and visiting with family and friends.

On October 26, 2025, Ronald made his peaceful transition to be with the Lord. To celebrate his life and legacy, he leaves his children: Ronald, Micheal, and Andrea;

grandchildren: LaLesa, Niaja, Ronald, Bleu, Jaron, Sandra, Michael, and Xavier; his

beloved great-grandchildren, surviving siblings, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives,

and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association in honor and memory of Ronald at the following website:

<https://www.alz.org/>



# Previous Events

## Family Hour

NOV 15. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 702-5367  
info@kempfh.com  
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

NOV 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Repast

NOV 15. 4:30 PM (ET)

Tapestry Banquet Hall  
24580 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

MILTON REMBERT SR. - November 15, 2025 at 06:16 PM

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“ Thank you Uncle Ronnie for being an excellent mentor in my life and also to others. Being around you showed me the value of business and family morals. You will always and forever be in heart. I Love you Uncle Ronnie❤️

William P. Bolden (PEANUTT) - November 15, 2025 at 12:28 PM

GT

“ Gwen and Marc Thompson-Smith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.



Gwen and Marc Thompson-Smith - November 14, 2025 at 07:56 AM

KM

“ Kristin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald L. Rutledge.

Kristin M. - November 14, 2025 at 07:18 AM

CD

“ Carolyn Dixon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.



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**Carolyn Dixon** - November 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM

GS

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss



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**Gwen and Marc Smith** - November 12, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.



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November 11, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MP

“ I want to remember Ronald as very nice and with a generous personality. He will be truly missed, take your rest in Heaven.

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**Mildred Protho** - November 11, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.*



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November 10, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.*



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November 09, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Mildred Protho purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.*



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**Mildred Protho** - November 09, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ *Karen Fields planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald L. Rutledge.*

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**Karen Fields** - November 08, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KF

“ Karen Fields purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald L. Rutledge.



Karen Fields - November 08, 2025 at 09:00 PM

CS

“ Cheryl S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald L. Rutledge.

Cheryl S. - November 06, 2025 at 04:34 PM

PS

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Rutledge Family 🙏. May Ronald Rest in Heaven and May God give Comfort and Strength to his children and grandchildren. Best Family Man Ever 💕💕

Pat Schmalzried - November 03, 2025 at 03:03 PM

PS

Love you from Cousin Pat and Kyron 💕🙏💕

Pat Schmalzried - November 03, 2025 at 03:52 PM

CM

“ I remember when he met me and his brother Alvin at pool hall and watching them talking stuff and laughing and having fun

Cornelius Roy Montgomery - October 31, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JB

“ *Juanita Barnes lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. Rutledge*



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**Juanita Barnes** - October 30, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JB

*Dear Family, So sad to hear of the passing of such a kind, generous and loving man Ronald Rutledge! He was such a good person and a gentle soul always helping others and he would do anything he could to help a friend! He was a wonderful and devoted father to Andrea and he loved his baby girl! He will be sorely missed! My sincere condolences to his daughter Andrea and Stephanie and the rest of the family!! ❤️ May he rest in peace!! I am here for you no matter what you need just ask!! Much love and respect! ❤️*

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**Juanita Barnes** - October 30, 2025 at 07:44 PM

CP

“ *Sending love and praying for the Walton, Rutledge, and Dawson family.*

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**Charla Pinkston** - October 30, 2025 at 04:31 PM

AD

“ *It has always been a great time to know Ronnie, due to his dancing, and being a limo driver. We always enjoyed having you come over during the holidays. My condolences to your family. May you rest in peace. Your Sister in Law, Angie Dawson*

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**Angela Dawson** - October 30, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ Our Family has so many fond memories of Ronnie. We sincerely send our condolences to the family. May he forever stay in our hearts. RIH Ronnie. Love Always Tiny and Lynn Laster, Sureme and Sakari Laster Bey.

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**Lynn Laster** - October 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM

HF

“ WE GREW UP TOGEATHER IN ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP BACK IN THE 1950 RON AND I HAD A LIMO BUSINESS AND GAME ARCADE  
SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MAY HE RIP

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**HAROLD GLEN FORD** - October 29, 2025 at 12:12 AM

DB

*Sending prayers of strength, comfort and healing to the family.*

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**Dr. Robbie Burnett** - October 29, 2025 at 07:37 AM