



James Ronald "Ronnie" Cobb

July 30, 1948 - April 7, 2012

James Ronald ("Ronnie") Cobb, age 63, of Kingston, went to be with the Lord Saturday, April 7, 2012 at UT Medical Center of Knoxville. He was of the Presbyterian faith, a graduate of Oak Ridge High School, studied electrical engineering at UT, served in the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier Ranger during the Vietnam War, and retired from TVA as an Instrument Mechanic Foreman. Throughout his life he enjoyed boating, fishing, movies, and lapidary. He was a loving, devoted father, and his family and friends will miss him greatly. Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, George Hiram Cobb; mother, Pearle (Stewart) Sise; brother, Billy Roger Cobb; and nephew, Byron Barker.

Ronnie is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Joe Griffith of Kingston; sister, Dorothy Barker; grandchildren, Joseph and Shelby Griffith; nieces and nephew, Sherold Kaib, Jennifer Bennett, Rose Anders, and James Barker; great-nieces and -nephew, Tara Gilbreath, Christie Ragle, and Max Barr.

Funeral 8pm Thursday April 12, 2012 in the Kyker Chapel. Burial 10am Friday at Lenoir City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8pm Thursday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Tribute Wall

PF

“ Ashley, Joe and family: I am deeply sorrowed by the loss of Ronnie, I worked with him many years and enjoyed the time I knew him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Phil

Phil Clark - Kingston, TN - Friend of the family - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ashley and Joe and the rest of the family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve Rose - Kingston, TN - Friend of the Family - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We will never forget your friendship and the good times we had together. What a special guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Especially Ashley and Joe. We áre here for you. Will will see you Ronnie at the Lords right hand. Luv u Lots

T J and Sharon Barnes - Harriman, TN - special friends - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ It is with a heavy heart that offer my deepest condolences to you and your family. The sudden and tragic loss of " Lightning " leaves me with few words.I am so very sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. My loving memories keep him close in your hearts as you struggle through the hard days ahead. Much love, Ronnie. RIP my friend.

Sandy Baskeyfield - Oliver Springs, TN - friend - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *I just wanted you to know that I am thinking about you. May the love of those around you and the love of God, comfort you through the days ahead.*

Love, Diedre

*4736 Chester Harris Road
Woodlawn, TN 37191*

Diedre Nation Coleman - Clarksville, TN - friend - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ God made one and only Ronnie Cobb. I'll remember him for teaching me how to fish brushpiles for crappie, how to run and trailer a motorboat, and how to set up and maintain freshwater aquaria; for feeding chickadees out of his hand, calling turkeys out of my woods, and being a meticulous observer of wildlife. He loved his vegetable garden, the peonies from the yard of a departed great aunt, the walnut tree he grew from a nut, the grown-up live Christmas trees in his front yard (which he bought for several Christmases after Ashley was born), each and every earthworm in his yard, and he especially loved his yard birds, fed them lavishly for years. For several years he kept a 100 gallon aquarium filled with non-game lake fish. Many of us here will remember Tubbo, the second largest bluegill in the universe, minnow- and wax-worm-fed to the size of an outfielder's mitt. And my stepcat, Charlie, who came to the house in a July monsoon rain, at age 10 or 12 weeks, a tiny drowned cotton blob. As Ronnie was busy swearing up and down that said tiny drowned cotton blob would NOT come in the house, opposing womanly forces brought the blob inside, and Ronnie and Charlie were inseparable friends for the next 15 or so years. He grew the world's strongest catnip -- scientifically tested by Charlie and all of my cats. The world's best steak and pot roast chef has gone home to God, and to his brother Billy, his mom and dad and stepdad, aunts, uncles, nephew, and cousins, and dear friends; and to Charlie, Fat Fred, and all his other furred and feathered friends who crossed over before him.

Liz Singley - Kingston, TN - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Ashely, I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you all during this troubling time.

Melva (Sissy) Boyd - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *We will really miss Ronnie. He was a good neighbor and always willing to help out if he could.*

Victoria & Sam Cox - Kingston, TN - neighbor - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *So sad to hear this ...*

Sharon Way - Kingston , TN - Friend - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM