



Mr. Ronald Byrd

May 4, 1963 - August 12, 2025

BYRD, Mr. Ronald - Age 62, passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Lavigne House, Burton, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, August 21, 2025 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:00 AM Thursday. Mr. Byrd will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday. Ronald Byrd, known as "The R", was born in Flint, Michigan on May 4, 1963, to Joe Wille and Rose Lena Byrd. Ronnie grew up in the Westwood Heights School District, where he attended Hamady elementary, middle, and graduated in 1981 from Hamady High School. He played basketball up until the 10th grade where he had to decide whether he wanted to continue boxing or play basketball. Ronnie chose boxing. Moving through the ranks, Ronnie became one of Flint's most heralded amateur boxers. He was in five National Boxing Tournaments and took three titles. He was runner-up in the Junior Olympics, the P.A.L. Invitational Tournament in New Mexico and went to Squaw Valley, California to seek membership on the U.S. Olympic Team.

Ronnie won the National Police Boxing Tournament in Bridgeport, Connecticut and won the State Golden Glove Championships and APO State Title, where he advanced to the National quarterfinals in both tournaments. Ronnie won a Gold Medal in the National Sports Festival and beat two opponents in his first National P.A.L. outing. One record that stands out among his great

achievements are 87 wins and 7 losses in his senior record. Mayor Rutherford and Flint Chief Max Durbin awarded Ronnie a certificate proclaiming Wednesday, July 18, as Ronald Byrd Day in the City of Flint along with a key to the city.

From 1982-1990, Ronnie boxed professional as a super feather weight (126), yielding a 10-1-1 record. His boxing career was cut short by a car accident which slowly deteriorated his health.

In 2008, Ronnie was the fourth family member (Joe, Joe Edward, Laurie) to be inducted into the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame. Until Ronnie began having neurological problems, he was very instrumental in his daughter Kashonda's life. Many people, whether they knew Ronnie or not, would often see him throughout the city with his daughter in hand. He was so proud of Kashonda and would take her everywhere he went. When his grandson Jamari was born, Ronnie was there loving and supporting him as well. Ronnie leaves to cherish is only child Kashona (Ray) Scott, and grandson Jamari Thigpen. His siblings, Charles (Phyllis) Young II, Joe, Timmy (Linda), Laurie, Lula, Tracy, Patrick, and Chris. His paternal uncle, Archie Byrd, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Eddie and Cora Byrd; maternal grandparents: Alfred and Juanita Mayfield; parents: Joe Willie and Rose Lena Byrd, nephew Kyle Kelly, and niece Lillie Rose Luster.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 20. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

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Funeral Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - August 21, 2025 at 08:12 AM

SO

Rest well cousin! I know your father met you at the gates!

SANAI OBannonel - August 21, 2025 at 11:13 AM

AC

Rest up my brother a true friend and to my Brothers and sister from another and his daughter I am praying with you for strength and understanding love you all Abbey Carradine

Abbey Carradine - August 21, 2025 at 11:21 AM

ZS

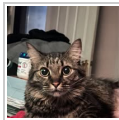
One of my first friends at Hamady the short time there

Zachary Smith - August 21, 2025 at 09:49 PM

VZ

Beautiful Tracy. May God grant Ronnie eternal life and may his memory be eternal. ❤️🙏🌹

victoria zerka - August 22, 2025 at 12:36 AM



My condolences to the Byrd family. Ronnie was such a great and positive person and neighbor. I will miss his big bright and beautiful smile. RIP. Paulette Vickers-James

Paulette James - August 22, 2025 at 06:36 AM

KE

I remember Ronald Byrd from the amateur boxing tournaments I always looked up to him as one of my idols he was a very good boxer and nice guy

Kenny - February 11 at 10:14 PM

FW

“*Sorry for your loss. I use to watch Ronald jog just about everyday in the neighborhood. Always had a smile, speak to everyone. He will be missed.*”



Felicia West - September 14, 2025 at 06:29 PM

CL

“*Colleen Liggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*”



Colleen Liggins - September 07, 2025 at 02:26 PM

MW

“*Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*”



Monique Williams - August 23, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DN

“ DuWan Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



DuWan Nelson - August 23, 2025 at 09:42 AM

ST

“ Sha'Lona Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ronald Byrd



Sha'Lona Thomas - August 22, 2025 at 07:49 AM

WJ

“ Willie McKay Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Willie McKay Jr. - August 21, 2025 at 02:16 PM

SL

“ Sheila Lomax lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Sheila Lomax - August 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

BB

“ Great guy, used to sell fresh produce at his resident, one of my best customers! rest up Big Ron!



Bobby Blake - August 21, 2025 at 08:24 AM

CT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Ronnie I am praying for and with you and his daughter RIH Ronnie



Cynthia Turner - August 21, 2025 at 07:28 AM

DJ

“ Debra Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Debra Jackson - August 20, 2025 at 07:13 PM

FR

“ Frances Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Frances Robertson - August 20, 2025 at 06:10 PM

EF

“ Ellen Durnan and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Ronald Byrd.



Ellen Durnan and family - August 20, 2025 at 11:48 AM

EF

“ Ellen Durnan and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ronald Byrd.

Ellen Durnan and family - August 20, 2025 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ I'll always have fond memories of Ronald. He would always take the time to show me what I was doing right or wrong when I was at the gym. When I found out my cousin was his cousin too it was like he accepted me as a cousin. Condolences to the family

Theodore R Files - August 20, 2025 at 11:23 AM

DG

A really cool dude

Darin Gilbert - August 20, 2025 at 05:26 PM

LP

“ Leroy and Brenda Purifoy lit a candle in memory of Ronald Byrd



Leroy and Brenda Purifoy - August 19, 2025 at 04:54 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Mr Ronald Byrd, my condolences to the family.*

Rudolph Wheaton, DDS - August 19, 2025 at 01:09 PM

CC

“ *Clayton Conerly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Clayton Conerly - August 19, 2025 at 09:03 AM

SW

“ *Sonia Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Sonia Walker - August 19, 2025 at 01:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald Byrd.*



August 18, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Ronald Byrd.*

August 18, 2025 at 08:28 PM

SJ

“ In memory of you, Ronnie.
SJ



SJ - August 18, 2025 at 06:35 PM

SJ

“ To The BYRD FAM':
Ronnie was such a delightful person. Loved seeing him bcus I knew
when I did, his daughter was gne be somewhere around! That
SMILE, 🙌
PRAY'n w/o Ceasing for U' ALL. 🙏❤️

Sharon Jackson - August 18, 2025 at 06:34 PM

AP

“ Anthony C Pittman lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Ronald Byrd



Anthony C Pittman - August 18, 2025 at 02:39 PM

NO

“ Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ronald Byrd



Narotha Ogden - August 18, 2025 at 03:55 AM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Christine Brown - August 17, 2025 at 06:43 PM

RH

“ *Robert Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Robert Harris - August 17, 2025 at 04:56 PM

EP

“ *Erwin & Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Erwin & Carmen Patterson - August 17, 2025 at 08:41 AM

WA

“ *Grew up on spring valley with Ronnie and I enjoyed all those games of basketball that we played at Westwood heights church parking lot. Ronnie was a great person. R.I.P The Abron and Benton Family.*



Wayne Abron - August 17, 2025 at 07:11 AM

WH

“ *Whitaker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Whitaker - August 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

TF

“ *Sending much love, and my sincere condolences to the family. May God comfort, each of you with His peace.. Rest in peace, Ronald, I'll miss seeing you running around town doing your thing. God blessing & healing family.*



Teresa Re-Re Anthony & Family - August 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM

GJ

“ *Our dearest condolences to Ronald Byrd family and friends Rest in Heaven I worked a summer job with Ronald he used to run to work a great guy and friend from Gary and Marcia Jackson*



Gary , Marcia Jackson - August 16, 2025 at 09:26 AM

TW

“ *Tamekila Wansley lit a candle in memory of Ronald Byrd*



Tamekila Wansley - August 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM

OM

“ Ollie morris lit a candle in memory of Ronald Byrd



Ollie morris - August 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ Sonya Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Sonya Harrison - August 15, 2025 at 10:16 AM

DJ

“ R.I.P. my buddy. You will truly be missed.



Dorothy Jones - August 15, 2025 at 10:01 AM

TG

“ Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Tresia Givens - August 15, 2025 at 08:43 AM

SJ

“ *My Hamady High School powder puff football coach.. very determined..caring..nice guy.. We will miss you!! Thanks for the wonderful high school memories..*

Shantel Jones - August 14, 2025 at 09:45 PM

AN

“ *Andrea Newton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Andrea Newton - August 14, 2025 at 09:01 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Carol Gardner - August 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



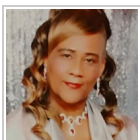
Veronica Nickens - August 14, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MB

“ *Melody Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Melody Bondon-McGee - August 14, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *To the family of Ronnie Byrd
Made it comfort you to know that we are
praying for you during this time of
bereavement. You have our deepest
sympathy and condolences. Fly high Ronnie*



The Malone Family



Francia Malone - August 14, 2025 at 03:58 PM

JR

“ *Jennifer L Robbs lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ronald Byrd*



Jennifer L Robbs - August 14, 2025 at 03:28 PM

SF

“ *Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ronald Byrd*



Smith Family - August 14, 2025 at 02:46 PM

RM

“ *Robin E Mceachin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Robin E Mceachin - August 14, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Fisher-Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Deborah Fisher-Grant - August 14, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Shirley Williams - August 14, 2025 at 12:01 PM

BC

“ *SENDING MY PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF RONNIE.*



BETTY L COLLINS - August 14, 2025 at 11:55 AM

DT

“ *Debby Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Debby Taylor - August 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Sandy Neal - August 14, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DK

“ *Dorothy Kendall-Dickerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Dorothy Kendall-Dickerson - August 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM

S?

“ *Stanley & Alicia Williams 🙏 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Stanley & Alicia Williams 🙏 - August 14, 2025 at 10:43 AM

KC

“ *Kim Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Kim Carpenter - August 14, 2025 at 09:53 AM

TS

“ *Tracey Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Tracey Smith - August 14, 2025 at 09:23 AM

PC

“ *Paul Coulter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Paul Coulter - August 14, 2025 at 08:56 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Barbara Lakes - August 14, 2025 at 08:01 AM

SM

“ I would like to give my condolences to the Byrd family. Ronnie was a really good friend of mine. I use to love seeing him and Mr. Joe Byrd teach my brother Jerrell A. Melton how to box. That’s how they became such great friends. My family Kay Melton Brown, Jerrell and Stacey Melton are truly sorry for your loss. 🙏❤️



Stacey Melton - August 14, 2025 at 05:31 AM

SP

“ Sandra Berry Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Sandra Berry Patton - August 14, 2025 at 01:47 AM

MP

“ Rest In Heaven Ronnie. Sending prayers to the family. He was a very nice and sweet person.



Marie Porter - August 14, 2025 at 12:29 AM

JS

“ Jerome Adams Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Jerome Adams Sr - August 14, 2025 at 12:04 AM

EB

“ Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Eddie and Linda Booth - August 13, 2025 at 11:19 PM

TN

“ Tricia L. Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Tricia L. Neal - August 13, 2025 at 11:13 PM

EB

“ Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Eddie and Linda Booth - August 13, 2025 at 10:37 PM

FM

“ Fred Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Fred Marshall - August 13, 2025 at 09:30 PM

CC

“ Clayton Lamar Conerly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Clayton Lamar Conerly - August 13, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ Ivan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Ivan Wilson - August 13, 2025 at 09:21 PM

IH

“ Ida Harkless-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd



Ida Harkless-Gibson - August 13, 2025 at 09:13 PM

MW

“ Always very nice will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Marquella Williams - August 13, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ *Mary McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Mary McGee - August 13, 2025 at 06:55 PM

GP

“ *Glenda Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Byrd*



Glenda Perkins - August 13, 2025 at 05:47 PM