



Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin

March 8, 1942 - February 18, 2026

Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 18, 2026, in Rutledge, TN. He is formerly of Morristown, TN. Ron is a member of First Baptist of Morristown.

He began his career by teaching Biology and Chemistry at Morristown West High School. Later he became the principal at Meadow View Middle. Ron dedicated his service to the Lord with the ministry of song. He sang for years with the Sentinels, then the Dumplin Valley Boys, and The Rowlands. The last group he was in was The Ron Martin Family. Even though he loved to sing, his heart's desire was to teach God's word.

Ron is preceded in death by his father, Kyle Martin, mother, Eulalia Goins Martin, and sister, Kyla (Bob) Rowland Mullins.

He is survived by his loving wife Aquilla Dyke Martin of 23 years, who he loved with all his heart. Also, his son, Todd Martin and daughter, Candi Martin. His brother-in-law, Thurman (Nikki) Dyke. Other family members include Barry (Tammy) Rowland, Alyson (Chuck) Rowland Kinard, Shelbi (Landon) Cameron, Lexie (Noah) McCarter, and many great nieces and nephews. Finally, he was loved by many special friends: Kyle Underwood, Mike Keen, Jim Cash, Elmer Cole, Tommy Baker, Jeff Mills, and Brad Harris.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to M.A.T.S in Morristown 733 W, Main Street Morristown, TN 37814.

The family will receive friends on Monday, February 23, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Rutledge Pike Missionary Baptist Church. The Celebration of Life service will begin at 6:00 PM with Dr. Joe Arthur and Rev. Carl Partain officiating; music by Barry Rowland and Deliverance, Shelbi Cameron, and Lexi McCarter. Family and friends will meet at 10:45 AM on Tuesday, February 24th at Little Valley Baptist Church in Blaine for an 11:00 AM graveside service with Dr. Craig Edwards with music by Robin Henderson.

Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Martin family. The funeral service will be recorded and viewable immediately following the service at www.youtube.com/@FieldenFuneralHome.

Cemetery Details

Little Valley Baptist Church Cemetery

665 Little Valley Rd
Blaine , TN 37709

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

FEB 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rutledge Pike Missionary Baptist Church
10316 Rutledge Pike
Corryton , TN 37709

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 23. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Corryton , TN 37709

Graveside Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Little Valley Baptist Church Cemetery
665 Little Valley Rd
Blaine , TN 37709

Tribute Wall



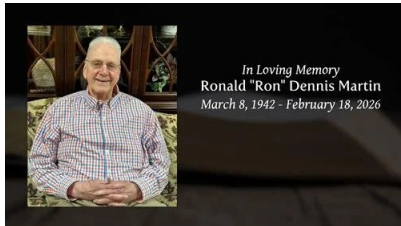
“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - February 23 at 11:31 AM



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - February 23 at 09:47 AM

LF

I first met Ron when my husband started teaching at Clinton Elementary School in August of 1964. They were fast friends and soon he was like family. He was singing then...and we loved hearing him. He was a good man and even though pretty young, he was a light to a lot of people. He and my husband are now meeting again. Thank God for the blessing of knowing him long ago.

Lois Faulkner - February 27 at 04:00 PM

CY

“ Prayers, Love, and Hugs to the family.

Cara Rose Yarber - February 24 at 08:59 AM

LW

“ Forever grateful for being able know Ron! He was a blessing every time he visited with us at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Rutledge. Such knowledge of Gods word! Prayers for the family.
Lowell Welch
Pastor

Lowell Welch - February 23 at 10:01 PM

DS

“ Have known Ron for many years and enjoyed sharing music/services with him on so many occasions. Ron was a strong lead singer with an equally strong presence which always commanded respect. And to sing or play with him was such a blessing! Love and Prayers to Aquilla and the family! And some day we will sing again! Blessings!



Dr. Tom & Mrs. Pat Stanton

Dr. Tom Stanton - February 23 at 05:12 PM

FB

“ Friendship B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin.

Friendship B. - February 21 at 09:39 AM

SK

“ Steve & Evette Keen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin.



Steve & Evette Keen - February 21 at 08:50 AM

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JA

“ He was my friend and I loved him. I saturated him with my corny jokes,
Yet, he still loved me .
Joe Arthur

joe arthur - February 20 at 11:49 PM

DJ

“ I first heard The Sentinels from an album in 1975. At that moment, they were one of my favorite groups mainly due to Ron's voice & the contemporary Christian sound they had. In 1978, I asked Ed Osborn if I could join The Sentinels by playing the pedal steel guitar. Ed told me that I had to learn to play the electric guitar also before they would let me join them. After I learned to play the electric guitar they let me join them! I was in hog heaven for the 2 years that I played for them! I loved the times where Ron & I would get together before the church services & share scriptures with each other. Doug Johnson

Doug Johnson - February 20 at 11:25 AM

LB

“ *Lighthouse Missionary Baptist purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ronald "Ron" Dennis Martin.*



Lighthouse Missionary Baptist - February 20 at 10:15 AM

DJ

“ *23 files added to the album Ron Martin with the Sentinels*



Doug Johnson - February 19 at 02:54 PM

SB

I had heard the Rowlands several times over the years and enjoyed their ministry every time I was blessed to hear them. But in 2000, my Daddy was pastoring Pine Dale PH Church in Turbeville, SC, when our church board voted to invite Brother Ron to come to our church not only to sing but teach The Bible for a week! I think that was the most memorable and blessed week we have ever enjoyed. Brother Ron had been on my mind for several weeks and one night I decided to see if I could contact him. I started googling him and what I found was his funeral service. It broke my heart that I had not been able to contact him but what a blessing to be able to be at his funeral, via the internet. He made such an impact on our lives every time we saw him but especially the week they stayed with us during revival. May God continue to bless his family. I just imagine he and my mother and daddy have already met on the other side rejoicing with all those gone on before. Aquila, I pray God's blessings upon you and rest of his family!!!

Sandra Bagnal - April 06 at 09:59 PM