



## Mr. Ronald L. Garton

January 26, 1954 - January 31, 2019

Mr. Ronald Lee “Mercy” Garton, a resident of West Plains, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2019, while at West Vue Nursing Center in West Plains. Born January 26, 1954 to Max Herbert and Agnes Lucille (Sherrell) Garton in Willow Springs, MO, he was 65 years old.

Ronald grew up in Willow Springs, and attended the schools here, graduating with the Class of 1972. While he was a senior in high school, he also went to a trade school in West Plains where he learned to lay block and brick as well as other aspects of the building trade. He was employed at SRC (Springfield Remanufacturing Company) as a parts inspector for 12-14 years. He also worked at the Trophy Plant in Willow Springs as a sander. In later years, he painted parts at the Sheltered Industries Workshop in Pomona. He was an active member of the Pomona Church of Christ and attended services faithfully until his health began to fail. Ronnie liked to spend his free time collecting horse figurines and loved listening to country music. It has been said he especially loved to play cards, and he would “cheat” every chance he had. He adored spending time with family, particularly his nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Mr. Garton is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Shirley Spaulding; a nephew, Doug Burchett, and stepfather, Clinton Coatney.

He is survived by his brother, Kenneth “Butch” Garton and his wife, Marge of Mission, TX; his sister, Sue Colter of Houston, MO; and his sister, Pam

Bennett of Willow Springs. Further surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Garton will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Willow Funeral Home, LLC with visitation immediately preceding at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with Pastor Bobby Spencer officiating. Interment will be at the Willow Springs City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. On-line condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Willow Springs City Cemetery

State Rte DD  
Willow Springs, MO 65793

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC  
106 E 3rd St  
Willow Springs, MO 65793  
(417) 469-3141

## Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *MR. Ronald Garton was a very good man, I always knew him as being called the sherriff, in the home I lived at in 2016. He will be greatly missed.*

James crider - February 10, 2019 at 05:31 PM

MC

“ *May Cunningham(Elliott) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Garton*



may cunningham(Elliott) - February 03, 2019 at 03:30 PM

MC

“ *Ron was a great guy who never failed to laugh and visit with you regardless of where you saw him. We grew up together as young cousins and enjoyed lots of memories together. Sadly,, we both grew older and saw each other less but nothing changed between us with his laugh and big smile as a greeting when we met again. Always Ron,,, Mike*



Mike Coatney - February 02, 2019 at 04:55 PM

TP

“ I remember when Ronnie was the admissions collector at the Willow Springs Drive-In back in the early 1970's. For those of you too young to remember, the drive-in was located in the vacant field between Landmark Bank and Holloway Drive with the back of the large screen facing business 60-63.

*In the early 1990s, I would work with Ronnie at SRC/Sequel Corporation - now Jasper Engines - when the business was located in the old Rawlings Sporting Goods building. Now I'm starting to feel old...buuuut...for those of you too young to remember, the Rawlings building was located on the location of the current McDonald's, Snappy Mart, and car wash.*

*Ronnie was always such a kind, light-hearted, and easy-going spirit who saw humor in nearly every situation - just a pleasant person to know that possessed characteristics that I highly admire and believe we should all strive to exemplify, whenever possible.*

*Rest in peace, my friend, though the world is a poorer place in your absence.*

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**Tom Pringle** - February 02, 2019 at 10:52 AM

 Jerry Smith

“ Jerry Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Garton



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**Jerry Smith** - February 02, 2019 at 07:58 AM

TB

“ *Terry Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Garton*



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**Terry Bacon** - February 02, 2019 at 06:49 AM

SH

“ *Susan Hedrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Garton*



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**susan Hedrick** - February 01, 2019 at 10:36 AM