



Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson

July 18, 1947 - February 4, 2026

A celebration of the life of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson, 78, of Henderson, will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Dwain Knight officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mr. Ferguson passed from this life on February 4, 2026, in Henderson. He was born July 18, 1947, in Henderson to the late R.T. and Patsy (Layne) Ferguson and lived there most all of his life. Ronnie graduated with the last class of Gaston High School in 1965 and went on to Kilgore College on a music scholarship. After finishing his studies in Kilgore, he transitioned to Stephen F. Austin State University where he completed his Bachelor's degree in 1969. Mr. Ferguson then embarked on a career as a band director and consultant that spanned over 50 years. His first posting after college was as the junior high band director with West Rusk CCISD, followed by a stint as the band director for White Oak High School from 1971-1975. In 1977, Ronnie received a call from a retiring Jimmy Blackwell asking if he would come be the band director for Henderson ISD. Ronnie served this district faithfully for 26 years where the Tradition of Excellence prevailed. Upon retirement, he served as a consultant for several schools, namely Center and Van. In 2018, he was once again called upon by Henderson to help in the transition as Craig Haynie took the reins of the Lion Pride Band.

Mr. Ferguson was active around the state of Texas as the Texas Music Educators Association representative for Region 21. He was also a member of Phi Beta Mu and served as a board member with the Texas Bandmasters Association where he was elected to serve as President in 2002. Ronnie was a Master Mason for over 50 years and was raised in Pine Tree Lodge #1396 AF & AM where he was a life member. He would also occasionally attend Pine Hill Lodge #95 AF & AM.

Ronnie met the love of his life, Karen Stevens, in high school, and the two began a courtship that led to 57 years of marriage. They were married in Calvary Baptist Church of Henderson and later began attending First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Karen Ferguson of Henderson; son Jarrod Ferguson and wife Wendi of Henderson; grandson Rory Ferguson; brother Mike Ferguson and wife Debbie of Rockwall; niece Sarah Lynn Ferguson; and a host of cousins and other family, many friends, colleagues and treasured students.

Honorary pallbearers will be Neil Grant, Jim Hagood, Jerry Hanzen, Doice Grant, Mike Brashear, Ryan Mcinturff, Chris Smith, Toni and Jerry Hale, Joel Hale, Ricky Chapman, Jimmy Chapman, Michael Perry, Tommy Hopkins, Weldon Hopkins, A.L. Layne, Joe Crawford, W.T. Castleberry, and Earl Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the HHS Band Boosters at P.O. Box 1592, Henderson, TX 75653 or by Venmo: @Henderson-BandBooster.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
207 W. Main St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Karen and family, I'm so sorry for your lose. Ronnie was such an exceptional teacher and inspiration for so many students. His legacy will live on. I was able to attend the service today and I must say I was very moved.

Jarrold, you did a wonderful job talking about your Dad. He surely is very proud of you. I was fortunate to have been in the band when Ronnie first took over here. He was very much a get down to busy and get it done right person but he knew how to laugh and have fun too. He would get very frustrated with us when we just weren't getting it right. One of my memories was when he had just about had it and tossed his baton in the air. The tip of it stuck straight into the ceiling tile. I think he really tried so hard not to laugh. That baton stayed up there for awhile. Hearing the marches played today took me back to our first football game under his direction. We started to play that fan fare and got everyone's attention. From that moment, the pride of the band was there. I will always look back on those days with fondness and wonderful memories. Karen, my thoughts are with you and I know how it feels to lose your husband and friend. Prayers for all of the family.

Ramona



Ramona Brightwell White - February 21 at 02:37 PM

DA

“ Donna Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Donna Abercrombie - February 21 at 01:13 PM

JW

“ *Jerrina Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Jerrina Williams - February 21 at 12:36 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson.*



February 21 at 12:32 PM

AS

“ *Angie Self lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Angie Self - February 21 at 09:48 AM

TB

“ *Travis Bottoms lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Travis Bottoms - February 21 at 12:01 AM



“ *Condolences from the McAllister Family*



Cheyenne McAllister - February 20 at 11:36 PM

LD

“ *Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



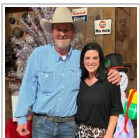
Leann Dorsey - February 20 at 05:59 PM

GL

“ *Glenda Ellison Leadon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Glenda Ellison Leadon - February 20 at 01:43 PM



“ *Elisabeth Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Elisabeth Arnold - February 20 at 11:40 AM

DK

“ *In Our Prayers,*

David & Dianna Kelley

David & Dianna Kelley - February 20 at 01:46 AM

CF

“ *Cliff And Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Cliff and Krista Furtick - February 19 at 11:28 PM

CL

“ *Charlotte Lockridge lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



Charlotte Lockridge - February 18 at 12:24 PM

RT

“ *Richard & Debbie Todd lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



Richard & Debbie Todd - February 18 at 07:56 AM

LA

“ *LORIE ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



LORIE ARNOLD - February 17 at 02:33 PM

SN

“ *Sissy Neill lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



Sissy Neill - February 17 at 10:57 AM

RJ

“ *Mr. Ferguson leaves behind a long strong Legacy. When I marched under his command, with my baton or with my Horn I did it with Pride! Rest in Peace. Praying for his family during this time.*



Rachel Howard James - February 16 at 12:09 PM

SQ

“ *Shawn Solomon Quinn lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



Shawn Solomon Quinn - February 16 at 09:16 AM

BJ

“ *Such an amazing guy, he went to bat for me when I played in middle school. He really helped me develop into a what was a pretty good euphonium player. He was a great man. Prayers for the family*

BRANDON JABLONOWSKI - February 14 at 02:43 PM

SR

“ *Always remembered...*



Sherri Russell - February 14 at 12:04 PM

JH

“ *Jerry And Carol Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Jerry and Carol Harris - February 13 at 08:15 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



David and Jan Crow - February 11 at 08:17 PM

CB

“ *Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Colleen Briggs - February 11 at 09:27 AM

JB

“ *Jamie Chitwood Biles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Jamie Chitwood Biles - February 11 at 12:23 AM

LR

“ *Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Linda Rogers - February 10 at 11:12 PM

KH

“ *He was a great leader and will be missed. Mollie & Ken Hale*



Ken Hale - February 10 at 05:22 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Clifton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Brenda Clifton - February 10 at 09:01 AM

TB

“ *Travis Bottoms lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Travis Bottoms - February 10 at 12:02 AM

AW

“ *Amanda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Amanda Wilson - February 09 at 09:45 PM

JC

“ *Judy Vise Cook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Judy Vise Cook - February 09 at 12:40 PM

AC

“ *Annette Benson Cammack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson* ”



Annette Benson Cammack - February 09 at 10:42 AM

TP

“ *Definitely remembered as a great teacher!* ”



Tina Prior Phelan - February 08 at 09:36 PM

DT

Will be missed

Dolores Thorne - February 10 at 10:45 AM

DT

Will be missed.

Dolores Thorne - February 10 at 10:52 AM

ST

“ *Sherie Tillison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson* ”



Sherie Tillison - February 08 at 03:17 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Peggy Hall - February 08 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ *My condolences to Mr Ferguson's family on their great loss. He was one of my favorite teachers and band under his leadership is one of my fondest memories!*



Susan Dorsett - February 08 at 01:37 PM

LH

“ *Laura Hill lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



Laura Hill - February 08 at 11:10 AM

MM

“ *Mark Murphy lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Ferguson*



Mark Murphy - February 08 at 10:44 AM

SD

“ My most sincere condolences to the Ferguson family in the loss of their loved one, but also the loss of "Henderson's band director." His sense of focus, drive, and never-ending strive for absolute perfection in music instilled those disciplines in me during my high school years, which enabled me to succeed in so many other areas of life. His legacy of crafting award-winning bands, year after year, after year, is one that should make Henderson proud as we all mourn the loss of Ronnie Ferguson.

Scott Duran - February 08 at 08:52 AM

HM

“ Hal And Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Hal and Rosa Martin - February 07 at 10:57 PM

DP

“ Debra Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Debra Poole - February 07 at 10:04 PM

AS

“ *Mr. Ferguson was one of my favorite teachers. He expected the very best from his students and he earned their respect. He had a great impact on each one. While he was tough and demanded their best, he also cared very much for them. He will truly be missed. My prayers to all his family.* ”



Adrienne Stover - February 07 at 08:12 PM

KL

“ *Kevin And Amy Lofton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson* ”



Kevin and Amy Lofton - February 07 at 07:35 PM

EF

“ *Thanks for all the band memories. So sorry for your loss and sending prayers.* ”



Elizabeth Daniel Fulton - February 07 at 02:58 PM

WC

“ *WT And Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson* ”



WT and Kay Castleberry - February 07 at 02:17 PM

AR

“ *Richard and Angie Ruhe*



Angela Ruhe - February 07 at 11:58 AM

PW

“ *Patty Witt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Patty Witt - February 07 at 11:27 AM

TS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Craig and Paula*



The Sweeneys - February 07 at 10:18 AM

CS

“ *Carol Sledge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



carol sledge - February 07 at 08:07 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Sandy Burns - February 07 at 07:03 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort
Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - February 07 at 01:07 AM

AH

“ *Amanda Haden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Amanda Haden - February 07 at 12:06 AM

KL

“ *Karl Randy Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Karl Randy Lambeth - February 06 at 09:15 PM

JD

“ Janet Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Janet Dawson - February 06 at 09:11 PM

JD

“ Mr. Ferguson came to Henderson Middle school the same year my family moved to Henderson. I had only met a couple of people before the school year started. My "safe place " was the band hall. Then he moved with all of us when me started High School. He was encouraging and saw my potential. He was a great educator and really developed an outstanding band program. His advice has stuck with me all these years.I am lifting his family up in prayer during this time.
Janet Dawson Class of 1981

Janet Dawson - February 06 at 09:09 PM

SC

“ Shannon Cook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



shannon Cook - February 06 at 08:56 PM

RC

“ Randy And Jennifer Chote lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Randy and Jennifer Chote - February 06 at 08:48 PM



“ Becky Hammett Rountree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Becky Hammett Rountree - February 06 at 08:10 PM

BT

“ Bobbie Cooper Terry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Bobbie Cooper Terry - February 06 at 07:50 PM

JL

“ Judy A Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Judy A Lewis - February 06 at 07:04 PM

CC

“ *Chris & Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Chris & Liz Buckner Cross - February 06 at 06:36 PM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Roberta Vallantyne - February 06 at 06:16 PM

DC

“ *David And Kathy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



David and Kathy Chapman - February 06 at 06:13 PM

DC

“ *So many thoughts of Mr. Ferguson! I worked at High School (the OLD) high school when he came to work at HISD!*

David and Kathy Chapman - February 06 at 06:13 PM

MO

“ *Monte Osburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Monte Osburn - February 06 at 06:08 PM



“ *Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Pam Brown - February 06 at 05:49 PM

MP

“ *Marcia Pennington-Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Marcia Pennington-Bell - February 06 at 05:03 PM

PL

“ *Pandy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Pandy Lewis - February 06 at 04:54 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Suzanne Cross - February 06 at 04:35 PM

CD

“ *I enjoyed being in the band when Mr.Ferguson was leading.I have many great memories of games and trips and we had such a great time. So sorry to hear of his passing*



Carla Doss - February 06 at 04:20 PM

VS

“ *Viana Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Viana Scoggins - February 06 at 02:57 PM

TS

“ A legacy has had its time to burn bright. Now with this superior teacher gone the flame burns less bright. The music will continue as well as the memories for those who were lucky to be under his direction. Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Mr. Richard Rue, and Mr. Tommy Moore and Mr. Ferguson built the legendary program we were fortunate to be a part of. May the marches lead you to your new journey and may the overtures reside in our memories of those days of being a proud member of the Henderson High School band.



Wayne and Dewayne Stafford

Terry Wayne Stafford - February 06 at 02:46 PM

MP

“ *Marcia Pennington-Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Marcia Pennington-Bell - February 06 at 02:10 PM

RP

“ *Randy And Susie Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Randy and Susie Peterson - February 06 at 02:08 PM

MD

“ Karen and Jarod, I know you know how much our whole family loved and respected Ronnie. He was a blessing to our girls and helped shape them into the women they are today. Yes, he scared them pretty good a few times and made them better because of it. We share your sadness and send you our love and sympathy!



Mary Dudley - February 06 at 02:02 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Amy Miley-Payne - February 06 at 01:46 PM

TM

“ Tami Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Tami Moore - February 06 at 01:45 PM

BS

“ Brad and Lou Ann Standard



Brad & Lou Ann Standard - February 06 at 01:27 PM

MS

“ *Margie Dell (Robertson) Stuart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Margie Dell (Robertson) Stuart - February 06 at 01:25 PM

JJ

“ *Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Jason&Susan Jarrell - February 06 at 12:41 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - February 06 at 11:55 AM

MS

“ *What an incredible mentor and band director. Fond memories of Band back in day. Thanks for the memories.*



Mike and Marla Sullivan - February 06 at 11:46 AM

AH

“ *Aubrey Hammett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Aubrey Hammett - February 06 at 11:37 AM

BB

“ *Bobby & Teresa Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Bobby & Teresa Brady - February 06 at 11:35 AM



“ *Stephanie Long lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Stephanie Long - February 06 at 11:23 AM

GW

“ *Greg W lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Greg W - February 06 at 11:20 AM

SJ

“ *Sherry Johnson Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Sherry Johnson Jordan - February 06 at 11:00 AM

CF

“ *Cliff And Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Cliff and Krista Furtick - February 06 at 10:04 AM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Gary Wilkerson - February 06 at 10:03 AM

SM

“ *Shannon Marsh- McKey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Shannon Marsh- McKey - February 06 at 09:37 AM

CK

“ Chris And Linda King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Chris and Linda King - February 05 at 11:04 PM

TP

“ Mr. Ferguson was my band director for 5 years, but the memories of those years will last forever. My favorite memory was when Clifford Mills made all-state band. I was in Austin with the all-state choir. Mr. Ferguson invited me to join them one evening for dinner. I remember telling Clifford that I had always wanted to try chocolate mousse. After we had our meal, Mr. Ferguson told the waiter to bring me a chocolate mousse. He and Clifford had desserts, too. He was such a wonderful band director. I could write an entire book about the joys of being in band under his leadership. May God comfort his family and all of us who knew him. I will end with what many of us would yell out after playing "I Can't Stop Loving You" at the football games - We love you, Mr. Ferguson!

Trisha Price - February 05 at 10:59 PM

DC



David and Kathy Chapman - February 06 at 06:28 PM

LD

“ Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Leann Dorsey - February 05 at 10:18 PM

RR

“ Rodney And Angela Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Rodney and Angela Riley - February 05 at 09:01 PM

GK

“ Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Gene Kelsey - February 05 at 08:47 PM

PH

“ Peggy Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Peggy Hunt - February 05 at 07:08 PM

RE

“ Robert & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson



Robert & Dianne Everitt - February 05 at 06:23 PM

CW

“ *What an impact he made on so many young lives! The HHS Band had great success under his leadership, and his thousands of students were better for having had him as their director. He will be missed. Prayers for comfort for all the family.*



Cyndi Walker - February 05 at 04:49 PM

KW

“ *This was a wonderful man who so many people loved and respected him. He was a wonderful band director who led the Henderson Marching Band to many achievements. He was tough, and demanded respect from the kids. You will be greatly missed Mr. Ferguson.*



KRISTY WILLETT - February 05 at 04:48 PM

TS

“ *Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald R. Ferguson*



Tim & Kathy Storer - February 05 at 04:47 PM