



## Ron "Durango" Wood

December 18, 2009

Funeral services for Ron "Durango" Wood, 77, of Henderson will be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 21, 2009 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Bill Tisdale officiating. There will be a viewing from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A.Crim Funeral Home. Ron passed away at home on December 18, 2009. He was born August 10, 1932. He served in the Korean War, and later spent many years working for the Fluor Corporation in the Middle East and in Korea. He also lived and worked in California and later retired to Austin, TX where he was involved in concert promotions, and helped to organize many political and charitable events, including Farm Aid concerts. He met and married his wife Melanie in 1987 and moved to Henderson, where he owned B&R Construction and worked until 1996. He and Melanie are co-owners of "Durango's Canyon," an entertainment venue south of Henderson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Gladys Woods; two brothers, Charles Woods and Robert Woods; two children, David and Barbara June; one grandchild, Ritchie; and very special friend, Faye Moore. Ron is survived by his wife, Melanie and their beloved dogs Mason, Mandy, Mickey and Maggie; brother, Russell Woods and sister, Sybil Kinback, both of Warrenton, Ga.; brother-in-law, Kim Traylor and wife Jackie of Princeton, TX; sister-in-law, Jana Tiefenworth and husband Tom of Temple, TX; sister-in-law Gina Hughes and husband Vernon of Henderson, TX; and brother-in-law Donny Furqueron of New York City;

daughters, Debora Glenn, Marlene Liddell and Melanie DeAngelis of Meeks, Ga.; a special niece he loved as a daughter, Pam Snodgrass of Frisco, TX; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; Melanie's mother and stepfather, Janet and Robert Williams, and her grandmother, Irene Seelbach; a very special friend and caregiver Connie Richardson. Ron cherished his life in Henderson with Melanie and his extended family and friends. All of his nieces, nephews and cousins were a source of great pride to him, and he was adored by all of them. He loved being involved in all the activities at Durango's Canyon with his friends and partners. In lieu of flowers, the family would like for donations to be made to the Henderson Animal Shelter, 2257 US Hwy. 259 S, Henderson, TX 75652. Pallbearers will be: Steve Brady, Willie Bennett, Stephen Stanfield, Bob Barbee, Robert Barbee, and Victor Matlock. Honorary pallbearer is Tom Shepherd.

# Previous Events

## visitation

DEC 21. 9:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## service

DEC 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ It has taken me sometime to sign my Father's Guest Book. I have been and still am so heart broken. See, so many people just really don't understand the relationship between my Father and his children. Things are not always the way they may appear to be. One thing I can tell you is that my Father taught me to be a very non-judgemental person, to love others, to be honest, and to work hard. He also taught me to love people unconditionally. My Father was my Hero in life in so many ways. He was a wonderful person that truly loved his family. Melanie, you were a God send to my Father. Your love for him was wonderful and I do thank you for everything you did. He loved you so very much and so do I. I pray everyday that God gives all of us comfort and strength. I know and feel the pain that each of us is going through. He is in Heaven now and is no longer suffering. We all miss him, but I know in my heart that he is only away temporary and by having this knowledge I find somewhat comfort.

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**Marlene Liddell** - April 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We will miss Ron, and his KNOW WHAT I MEAN!! if you every need anything call me. Clint and Chelsey, Rodie and Colt

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**clint and chesley lawhorn** - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“Melanie- Words cannot express how you are feeling and give you any relief for your pain. I just want you to know that God works in Amazing Ways and bringing you and Ron into our lives changed them forever. He was a great inspiration to our family. thank you for all that you do for my parents and please know that you are forever in our prayers and will always be family. One bright side that you have is that his smiling and making his own concerts waiting for the day you will both see each other again and live forever. God Bless You Christy Brevard

Keith & Christy Brevard - December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“Mel, Uncle Ron wore alot of hats in my life and to me was always bigger than Texas, he loved you so much and I was always happy to hear him say baby you dont know how lucky I am, Melanie is the best thing that ever happened to me And I know that is true, thank you for loving him, and caring for him, Love Pam

Pam Snodgrass - December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“I am so thankful to have had Ron in my in life. Ron and I had a special relationship together, especially after Carl died. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to see him recently and chat about our memories and love for each other. I will never forget those wonderful memories with Ron and how he helped shape me into man. Whatever I wanted to do in life, Ron was always there to support me. The reality is that he was a kind and loving man and made everyone believe in themselves. Ron was simply a good man! I know that Ron loved Mel more than anything on this earth. Ron will always be in my heart and mind. Mel, my prayers are with you and the family. Love you very much Mel Brad & Diana

Brad Johnson - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ I loved my uncle Ron like he was my own world! He will be in my heart forever and he will be in all of all hearts!Uncle Ron i love U so much! love there neice Hayli.:)

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**Hayli Hughes** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My goodness. I lost track of Durango many years ago but didn't stop thinking of this kind and fun man who loved music and Austin. It was a pleasure to know him.

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**Pepper Morris-Pfiester** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Hey Mel, Who can understand the way the Lord weaves our lives together? I would have never known that you and Ron needed time together, but the Lord did. I'm so glad I listened and called you after being out of touch for so many years. Life is quite a journey and how would we ever make it without loving, caring friends. I'm so glad we don't have to go it alone. I love ya girl. Deb Willis

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**Deb Willis** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Mel, I can't tell you how sorry I am. I so cherish the times we both had with Daddy C, and Ron, playing golf, going to concerts, just our friendship period. Ron was such a sweetheart, I'll never forget him in the cafe every Tues. when I was a single Mom, he knew how tough it was to work and drive all day being a pharmaceutical rep, and he always thought to fix me up a care package for the kids and I for dinner, it was such a lil thing to him, and such a HUGE thing for me. He was such a selfless person, with a huge heart, always ready with a big teddy bear hug. He was such a comfort when we both lost our Dads. I'm so sorry I didn't get to be there for you, I will see you soon tho, and I'm so glad I got to talk to Ron several times, and tell him I loved him, I'll forever hear him telling me "I love you so much too sweeheart". I know he and Daddy C, and my Dad, and Ron are out on the golf course right now! Love you always, Jill Stanton

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**Jill Stanton** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Sorry to hear about your loss, our prayers are with you and the family. Brad really thought a lot of Ron and will miss him.(Brad Johnson's Mother, Judy)

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**Judy & Randy Cates** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“Melanie,Bradley and I just learned about the sad news. And even though we will not be able to make it today to Henderson to be with you in person, our thoughts and prayers are with you.Brad appreciates the guidance and friendship Ron offered to him, and he will miss him a great deal.Diana

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**Diana and Brad Johnson** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Their year was 1987. Their place was Carls Corner Texas. Melanie and Ron shared a love of music and dogs. Ron was a very vibrant person who loved people and has given freely of his time and money to help those in need. We will miss you, Ron.Hattie

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**Hattie Farner** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ RON, FROM,THE 1SRT TIME TONY,/I , (LYNNE),BRYAN, MICHAEL, TRESIA, LIL AYDEN PAUL,DAWN, CHRISTIAN, LIL NATE, JENNY, WE MET A STRONG HEARTED MAN, THAT SO LOVED ALL, AND WHOM, HE DONE SO MUCH FOR IN HIS LIFE, LOVED HIS MELANIE SO MUCH, WITH GREAT PASSION, CARE, WE,LL ALL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS, LOVE, CARE, DOING FOR US ALL DURING THE (3) STORMS EVACUATING THERE.WE,LL NEVER KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, MELANIE FOR ALL YOU DID,FOR US ALL, STEVE WAS A VERY GREAT HELP. WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS, A TRUE MAN HERE, WILL, SO BE MISSED, WE WILL, FOREVER HAVE YOU IN OUR HEARTS RON. MELANIE YOU WILL, NEVER LEAVE OR HEARTS FOR BEING MARRIED TO MAN ,SUCH AS RON, IM SO HAPPY YOU WERE MARRIED TO SUCH A GREAT GUY, THAT JUST ADDORED YOU, FROM DAY ONE, TILL, HE PASSEED. WE LOVE YOU ALL, PLEASE KNOW YOU,LL ALL BE CHERISHED IN OUR HEATS FOREVER... LOVE THE THERIOT CLAN.

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**TONY/LYNNETHERIOT** - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Mel, we will keep you in our prayers. So sorry for your loss

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**Charlie / Kathy Overstreet** - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ One good man has been lost to us. From California to Austin, Durango was my sidekick, always with his good humor and purpose. My best wishes and sympathy to all fortunate enough to know him.  
Charlie Pieper

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**Charlie Pieper** - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Woods family during this difficult time, especially Melanie who is a very special lady.

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**Louise & Marilyn Williams** - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Melanie, you and Ron came into our live at a time I thought I couldn't go on. Only God knows what you two mean to Cliff and I. I love you both. Ron will be missed everyday. There was a bond between Cliff and him that they understood. They were alot alike.. I Love you and will always be here for you. You are a true friend. Always remember that! Tona and Cliff

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**Tona and Cliff** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Through the many moons of knowing you, through thick & thin; once Ron "durango" came into your life - I knew I had not to worry for you any longer. His heart and love for you was as big as Texas. (If you know what I mean.) The two of you were blessed to find each other - there was always something special between the 2 of you. It was something that could be seen and felt by seeing and speaking to both of you. I was grateful to to Ron for loving you. I know the hole in your heart cannot take more - but I will continue to be here for you. Ron gave me the responsibility of taking care of you...so here we go - onto the next adventure in life. I'm very sorry it happened so soon. We will all just treasure his memory. Love always, Theriot

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**Theriot, Mel** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Mel.... You know how we feel about you guys. Ron is a very special person to all that have met him. He touched everyone's lives. He was a caregiver, peace maker, friend, animal lover....wow i could go on forever. There are not enough words to describe him, and yes as you and I talked the other day about concerts, pictures....and more pictures...(maybe I was in a few) but wherever he was he made sure that everyone around him was having a great time. I love him and will miss him dearly but have many wonderful memories to hold on to. You know that Joe and I are here for you for anything any time day or night. I love you Mel and you are a very special person to me and as Ron would say " You Know What I Mean?"...love ya

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**Cindy Carter** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Mel, I'm so sorry for your loss of Ron. I know it's been a hard fight and I have thought of you guys often. I pray for you and for God to meet your needs at this time. If there's anything I can do please let me know

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**Steve Baker** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Melanie: Unfortunately, I did not have the pleasure of knowing Ron as well as the rest of the family, but from what I understand he was a loving and compassionate man. You and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

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**Thor and Iris Carlstrom** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I know that his smile will be missed. When I worked for him, he taught me a lot about life, not just carpentry. I can still hear him saying to me "I got your back son." I now say those words to my son. I feel that it was indeed a priviledge to have known and worked with Ron. May God comfort you in the days ahead.

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**Michael Brown** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Melanie, I am so very sorry for your loss. After James quit working for Ron we just lost touch. I think James saw Ron from time to time. When James passed away I just lost touch with all those he held so dear. I can remember all the good times we used to spend together. Ron was a very special person and so full of information of things and places I will never experience. We know that with Ron and James both in Heaven that the mansions "will be built right".

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**Phyllis Winters Ashby** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Melanie, Ron was a very important part of our family and we will miss him always. Most important to me was knowing how much he loved you. Know that we are all here for you in the days to come. I love you both very much. Mom and Robert

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**Janet Williams** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We are Stacy's mom and dad. We are so sorry for your loss.

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**Jack & Shirley Gilley** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Ron and Melanie have been a very special part of our lives for years. When Ron and I said our goodbyes on the front porch of their Durango Canyon cabin last month I felt a piece of my heart was ripped out. During my long travels overseas I thought often of how my life has been enriched through having known Ron and his ever present smile, kind personality and perhaps the strongest hand shake in Texas. Ron will be missed greatly; but his presence at his Durango Canyon and Ron's special saying of "You Know What I Mean" will be with us forever. Wayne and Luisa Yokohama, Japan  
December 19, 2009

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**Wayne & Luisa Seelbach** - December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To all the family of Ron Woods, We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless each one of you.

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**BOB & PATSY FERGERSON** - December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We've had the honor of knowing Ron for a very long time. He was without a doubt, one of the nicest, most honest men ever. He was a true Texan thru and thru. We will miss him very much

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**Don & Sue Lummus** - December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM