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After a long journey, Roswell A. “Ronnie” Pogue left this earth peacefully, free of pain and with dignity, at age 90 due to complications from the COVID-19 virus. Born in New Orleans, he moved to Covington at age 3 and was a life-long resident. He was well-known for his quick wit and gregarious smile. An avid athlete, Ronnie played football and basketball at Covington High, earning All-State honors as a point guard in 1946. He worked as a soda jerk at the old pharmacy at the corner of Boston and New Hampshire streets and as a lifeguard at Bogue Falaya Park. As a teenager, he loved to play ping pong and has a few trophies to prove it. He could often be found shooting pool at Nathan’s Bar and Grill as an under-age teen, reportedly hiding under the table when the constable occasionally walked by. He absolutely loved growing up in Covington with his good buddies Cypie Schoen, Tweedle Jackson, Hankus Ferrer and Ralph Menetre. Ronnie went on to study education at both LSU and Southeastern LA University. After graduating SLU, he was drafted and served a short enlistment in the post-war Army. He then met his future wife, Bettie Ramagos, at the Southeast Louisiana State Mental Hospital (he was physical education coordinator and she was a nurse!). They married in 1957 and raised four sons. A career educator, he served as a classroom teacher, girl’s basketball coach, principal and School Board Supervisor. He served on the Covington City Council and made a run for Mayor. He was President of many civic organizations in Covington, including the Rotary Club, Playmakers Theater, the United Way, and Community Concerts. After retirement he went into business, first owning a Precision Tune and then three restaurants with his wife, Bettie. He loved amateur theater, performing in 50 plays throughout his life with Playmakers. His love of fishing led him to spend many a day in his boat on the Tchefuncte River or at his camp on Bayou Lacombe. A big LSU fan with season tickets for many years, he picnicked on a real tailgate at many home games before it became a fad. Ronnie was



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preceded in death by his father, Roswell, his mother, Catherine and his sister, Elva. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bettie; his four children, Les, Alan, David and Ros; daughters-in-laws Sarah and Terrie; and four grandchildren, Mary Catherine, Forrest, Shelby and Hanna; all whom he dearly loved. Due to the COVID pandemic, funeral arrangements will be an immediate-family-only graveside service and the family asks that personal visits be delayed until after the virus subsides. In lieu of flowers, they ask that donations be made in Ronnie's name to any Alzheimer's/Veteran's charities or Playmakers, Inc. The family would also like to thank the healthcare workers at both Beau Provence Memory Care and St. Tammany Parish Hospital ICU and Hospice Care



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Mary Leach posted:

Ronnie and Betty have been my neighbors and friends since 1991 when I moved to Covington and my husband's since 1983. Ronnie was always smiling and welcoming to us, a lovely person as is the whole family. I am so sorry for their loss. He was a happy face in the neighborhood and he will be very much missed. Billy and Mary Lynn Leach

January 6 at 1:35 PM



Linda Knight Lister posted:

Blessings and condolences to the Pogue family. I was fortunate to have Mr. Pogue as a teacher and basketball coach at Covington Junior High during the late 50's. What a wonderful role model!!! He was the prototype for sports psychology before it was 'in'. As one of my all time favorite teachers, Mr. Pogue instilled the life long skills of trust, inner joy, teamwork, integrity, and a love of learning and sport. Thank you, Mr Pogue and blessings to your family. His legacy lives on with this student! Linda Knight Lister Denver, Colorado CHS '65

January 6 at 10:36 AM



Melanie Burck posted:

Such a lovely gentleman. He will be missed. My deepest sympathies are with your family.

January 5 at 1:03 PM



Jerry King posted:

A good man and a good friend. We always knew how to make the other laugh and that is a memory of Ronnie that I'll always keep. My deepest condolences to the Pogue family. Jerry King

January 5 at 7:25 AM



Sally Richards posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of Ronnie. Please accept my condolences....Sally Richards

January 5 at 3:36 AM



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Wayne Mayberry Iii posted:

Ros, I'm am so sorry for your loss and your families loss. He was a wonderful man and you all should be so grateful for a life well lived. He was an amazing man and an asset to the community. May he Rest In Peace. Sending love and prayers to you and all of your family. Wayne Mayberry IIICovington, Louisiana.

January 4 at 9:19 PM



Lynn Smith posted:

I was saddened to learn of Mr. Ronnie's passing. He was always fun to be around with his huge smile. My prayers and condolences to the family. Lynn Smith

January 4 at 12:39 PM



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EF

Erica Folse posted:

It was an honor and a pleasure to know Ronnie and work with him on a bunch of plays at Playmakers. He was rally a good actor, and always friendly and pleasant. My sympathy for his loss. Erica Folse

January 4 at 12:06 PM

CF

Catherine F. Farrish January 8 at 12:46 PM

"Aunt" Betty and family, I am truly saddened to hear of "Uncle" Ronnie's passing. So many fond memories of our families together growing up. He always seemed to be smiling...and it was a joy to all he met! A wonderful man who will be sorely missed. My most sincere prayers for you all as you remember Ronnie and his loving ways. Fondly, Cathie Ferrer Farrish

CF

Charles P Fulton January 6 at 1:19 PM

I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man and father. The city of Covington is a better place due to him being here. He will be greatly missed. I grew up with David and my thoughts and prayers are with his entire family.

JB

John Brown January 5 at 5:15 PM

Ms. Betty, our condolences. Your family are in our prayers. But can't help but remember that the first Mardi Gras ball I went to, Mr. Ronnie loaned me his tux. He will be missed. Sincerely, John Brown

RW

Richard Warner January 5 at 5:50 AM

Al, Betty, and family, please know my heart hurts for you in the loss of your dad and husband. He was truly a great guy in so many ways.

SC

Stephen B. Cefalu January 5 at 3:21 AM

Roz: You and your family are in my prayers. It was an honor to have performed with your very talented dad on stage at Playmakers. Stephen B. Cefalu

BJ

Bruce Jackson January 4 at 2:48 PM

My condolences to Betty and family. He is in a better ,place just tearing it up with Cyp, Hank', Clanron, and Tweedle (Troy).



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roswell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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