

GONE FISHIN'

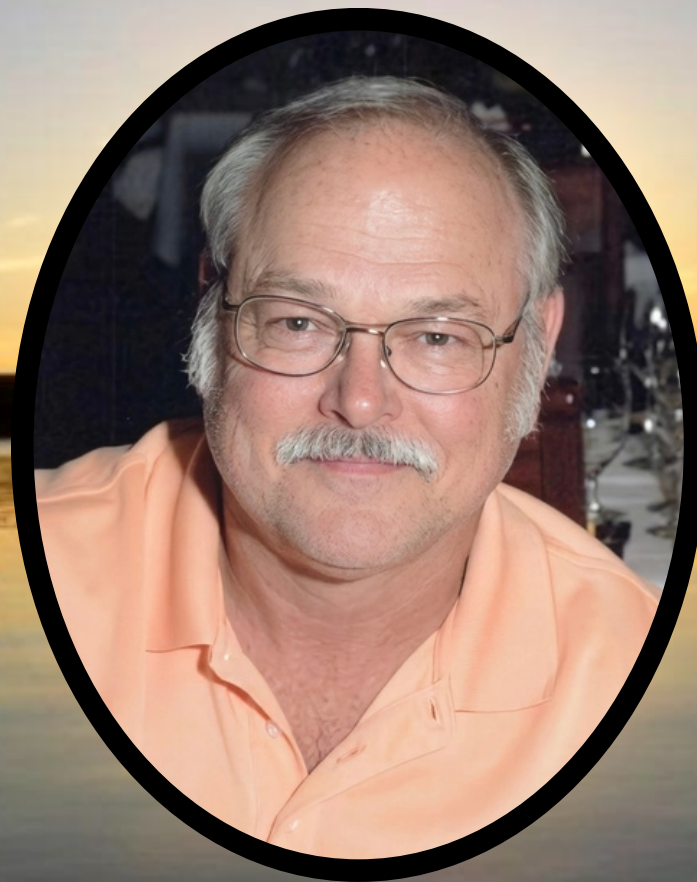
by David Ritter

If someone should ask for me,
Tell 'em fishing is where I'll be.
I've finished all of my life's chores,
And now I fish on different shores.
The view is grand and the fishing's
great, But I yearn for you as I wait.
I'll save a spot on the river's bend,
For all those I call family and
friend. But for now, head out to sea
And make a cast in memory,
To all the good times that you had,
With me - your partner, your
friend, your Dad And if the fish no
longer bite Or seem no longer worth
the fight, Because it's me that you
are missin',
Don't worry - be glad - I've just
gone fishin'



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Celebrating the Life of



RONALD KEITH RANSOM

JULY 7, 1950

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GOD saw you were getting tired
When a cure was not to be.
He closed his *Arms*
around you and whispered,
"Come To Me."
In tears we saw you sinking,
we watched you fade away.
Our *Hearts* were almost broken,
you fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping
so peacefully, free from pain,
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.
So treasure him, Lord, in your garden of rest.
For here on earth,
He Was The Best.

Ronald Keith Ransom, 76, passed away on August 9, 2026, in Southaven, Mississippi. A native of Sherwood, Arkansas, Ronald was born in Little Rock on July 7, 1950, and built a life grounded in faith, community, and family. He served in The United States Air Force as a Sergeant and Airplane Mechanic from 1970-1974. For his career he spent many years serving as a machinist for Maybelline.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter Ransom and Helen Ransom, his brother Richard Ransom, along with his twin brothers, David Ransom and Charles Ransom.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Rebecca "Becky" Ransom; stepson Clint Skiver (Tami); stepdaughter Cristi Long (Mike); older brothers Ray Ransom and George Ransom; sisters Debbie Herring, Linda Ransom, Charlene Frankson, and Barbara Tomboli; sister-in-law Debbie Ransom; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ronald was a faithful member of Living Hope Baptist Church in North Little Rock. He shared a lifetime of cherished memories with Becky, including their recent travel adventures together to the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, the Noah's Ark Encounter in Kentucky, and Branson Missouri.

An avid outdoorsman who found true solace in hunting and fishing, Ronald was a dedicated member of The Old River Fishing Club for 51 years. Over his five decades with the club, he served in nearly every leadership capacity—including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and active board member. At home, he adored his two cats, Molly and Tiger. Ronald's warmth, service, and love for the outdoors leave a lasting legacy for all who knew him.

Whether sharing a peaceful day on the water, exploring new sights with Becky, or extending a warm hand to a neighbor, he lived with purpose and heart. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will forever guide and comfort all who had the privilege to know him.

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