

In Loving Memory of
Mr. Ronald Grady Winters

July 4, 1946 - September 13, 2026

Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Grady Winters, age 80 of Lyerly, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, September 13 2026, surrounded by his family at his home in the Oak Hill Community following an extended illness.

Mr. Winters was born in Summerville, Georgia on July 4, 1946, the son of the late Frances and Grady Winters. He was a graduate of Chattooga High School Class of 1964 and was a small business owner. He was a member of Oak Hill Methodist Church. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 55 years, Peggy Winters and by lifelong friends Ralph Kellett and Billy Edwards.

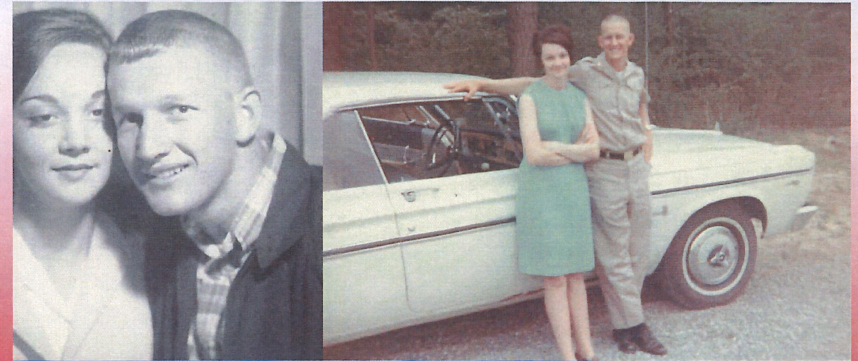
Those left to cherish his memories.....

His daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Robert Beach; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Abbey Winters; grandchildren Gray Beach, Walt Beach, Jack Weaver and Payton Weaver; sister Carol Winters; special nieces Lori Kellett and Lacey Baker; and special great-nieces and nephews Gracie and Doug Colbert, Kylor Kellett, Ruby Kellett, Shelby Baker, Olivia Baker, Colton Baker and Kaisen Colbert.

Mr. Winters was a wonderful and beloved husband, and was the most amazing father and grandfather. He grew up on his family's farm and was a proud veteran serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After returning home from the military he operated Oak Hill Farms with his father and later with his children and grandchildren raising cattle. He owned and operated Ronnie Winters' Bankson Tire and Oil Company in Summerville, Georgia until his retirement. Even in retirement he never slowed down and was always a hard worker that few could keep up with. He enjoyed attending events for his grandchildren and never missed anything. With his wife, he loved hosting class and family reunions at a family home that was moved to their farm and remodeled. His true passion was restoring classic cars and tractors and collecting antique gas and oil pumps and signs and was known for his collection of Pure Oil signs. The taillights of his 1965 Plymouth Belvedere were seen by friends across Chattooga County as he passed them racing on the Smallan Road during his younger years. He was a proud member of the VFW Post 6688, American Legion Post 129, Summerville-Trion Optimist Club (President and Board Member), Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce (Board Member), North Georgia Cruisers, Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority (Board Member), Georgia Oilmen's Association (Board Member), Georgia Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association and was a Stakeholder in the Southeastern Pure Oil Jobbers Cooperative. His love and attention to the needs of Veterans and Youth in our community was widely known and felt.

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"Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom."

James 3:13

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Mason Funeral Home Chapel
Rev. Wayne Pace, Officiating

Interment in the Oak Hill Cemetery
Rev. David Humphreys, Officiating

The Thousandth Man

One man in a thousand, Solomon says,
Will stick more close than a brother.
And it's worth while seeking him half your days
If you find him before the other.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine depend
On what the world sees in you,
But the Thousandth Man will stand your friend
With the whole round world agin you.

'Tis neither promise nor prayer nor show
Will settle the finding for 'ee.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine of 'em go
By your looks or your acts or your glory.
But if he finds you and you find him,
The rest of the world don't matter;
For the Thousandth Man will sink or swim
With you in any water.

You can use his purse with no more talk
Than he uses yours for his spendings,
And laugh and meet in your daily walk
As though there had been no lendings.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine of 'em call
For silver and gold in their dealings;
But the Thousandth Man he's worth 'em all,
Because you can show him your feelings.

His wrong's your wrong, and his right's your right,
In season or out of season.
Stand up and back it in all men's sight—
With that for your only reason!
Nine hundred and ninety-nine can't bide
The shame or mocking or laughter,
But the Thousandth Man will stand by your side
To the gallows-foot—and after!

Order of Service for Mr. Ronald Grady Winters

Prelude.....	Ashokan Farewell
Processional.....	<i>Amazing Grace</i> ...Alan Jackson
Speakers.....	Joe Reed Gray Beach Rev. Wayne Pace
Graveside Escort.....	Georgia State Patrol Trooper SGT Scotty Smith (Wide Open, Scotty)
Graveside.....	Rev. David Humphreys
Recessional.....	<i>God Bless The USA</i> ...Lee Greenwood
Honor Guard.....	Alex Durham James Durham



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Gray Beach, Walt Beach, Jack Weaver
Kylor Kellett, Doug Colbert, Bowden Heathcock
Colton Baker, Jackson Powell, Callen Kerce & Kyle Kellett

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

VFW Post 6688 American Legion 129
Brandon Croy, Cassey Ray, Tony White, Johnny Crawford, Joe Reed,
Chip Williams, Eddie Williams, Randy Anderson, Farrill Anderson,
Summerville Trion Optimist Club
& Oak Hill Methodist Church Members