



## Ronald Lee Abernathy

December 30, 1947 - October 23, 2019

Conway... Ronald Abernathy, age 71, passed away Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at MUSC surrounded by his loving family.

Born December 30, 1947 in Gastonia, NC, he was the son of the late Rev. James Lee and Bertie Lee Poarch Abernathy. Mr. Abernathy was the best and most devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was very genuine, honest, loving, and caring person. He was a great musician and would always put others before himself. Mr. Abernathy loved his and Margie's family dearly. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Jerry Abernathy (Wanda) and Jim Abernathy.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Margie Abernathy; two sons, Eric Abernathy (Laura) and Rich Kreisler; two daughters, Angie Abernathy Collins (Shane) and Valentene Kreisler-Dean (Larry); grandchildren, Morgan Abernathy Harmer (Jeff), Madison Abernathy Small (Jeremy), Leonard Collins (Madeline); Richard Kreisler, Reec Kreisler, Kaedyn Boesch; and Raeleigh Boesch; great-grandchildren, John Colton Woolard and Everly Anne Harmer; a brother, Alan "Boo" Abernathy (Larri Ann) and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Rev. Jeff Dunn officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave  
N Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Margie - I'm so sorry for your loss. May you and your family find peace in his memory, and may your pain subside just a little with each passing day. Sending you lots of love, hugs and prayers!*

Lindsay Marks - October 29, 2019 at 01:26 PM

EM

“ *Ms. Margie, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss!!! I will be praying for you and your family. I pray God gives you peace during this trying time! I love you!!!*

Erin Mitchell McDermott - October 29, 2019 at 12:54 PM

PW

“ *To All of Ron's Family  
We are so very sorry for your loss.  
You all will be in our prayers!*

*Jerry & Pam Warren*



Pam Warren - October 29, 2019 at 12:07 PM

JO

“ *Ron was such a great guy, always positive. Great musician and great friend*

Joey - October 29, 2019 at 08:28 AM

BH

“ Margie so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a great man and his music was wonderful! I remember when you two met! Good Times. My prayers are with you and the family. He will be missed by many.

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**Barbara Haynes** - October 28, 2019 at 06:41 PM

BH

“ Barbara Haynes lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Abernathy



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**Barbara Haynes** - October 28, 2019 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ Margie I'm so sorry to hear about Ron, he was a fantastic friend and father. Praying for you and your family.  
Joy Boyer

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**Joy Boyer** - October 27, 2019 at 09:01 PM

MA

“ I'm proud to say that I had the privilege of being able to call Ronald Abernathy my uncle. Like my father Jimmy Abernathy and my other uncle Jerry Abernathy they all were so musically talented. Since my own father's passing I haven't really had the opportunity to be around Ron much, but I have a lifetime of awesome memories from when I was growing up. To Margie and the kids I just want y'all to know you couldn't have had a better husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He's in heaven now and I can just hear daddy, Jerry and him playing together once again and grandma and grandpa rejoicing with them. I love you all and you're definitely in my prayers and I'm so sorry I can't make it to the funeral..... Love Always Mary Abernathy



Mary Abernathy - October 27, 2019 at 02:39 AM

TR

“ Tina M Rockey lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Abernathy



Tina M Rockey - October 26, 2019 at 04:02 PM

TR

To Margie and family's, I am so sorry, praying for you all Comfort and Peace.

Tina M Rockey - October 26, 2019 at 04:05 PM

JM

“ I had the opportunity to play alongside Ron a couple of times. I was impressed with his musical knowledge and ability and he was just an all around great person.

Jim McConnell - October 26, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Abernathy.



October 26, 2019 at 12:10 PM

RC

“ I thought a lot of Ron and his brother's. We grew up together on the same road in Stanley and played a lot of music together, memories that I cherish greatly today. I was born six days before Ron both Christmas babies. Ron was a friend that you could count on if you needed help or just someone to talk to. I was glad I got to talk with him a couple of weeks ago and at that time it was like old times. I had no idea nor did he that that would be our last time to talk on this earth but I know one day I will see them in Heaven and we can rejoice again. Margie I am very sorry for your loss but Ron is rejoicing in his reunion and one day you too will be rejoicing with him again. He was a special friend and I will always remember him and his brothers. Love you Ron,

Randy Chaney - October 25, 2019 at 08:20 PM

MG

“ What a wonderful man , loving Father , A great and very talented musician/ singer. He loved the jam sessions we had for a long time and knew ever song we called out . I know you are in a much better place and you & you .Jerry. & Jim have a great band.

*Rest In Peace my wonderful brother*

*I am so comforting to know the last time we talked, we said “ I love you Brother “. To Margie I will pray for you & entire family , Love you & I will be down there tomorrow or Sunday. Bye for now and know I Love you Sweetie & I Will see you soon*

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**Monk Ghannt** - October 25, 2019 at 02:47 PM

EC

“ Ron Abernathy was one of the finest musicians and all around great entertainers you could ever have to pleasure of listening to. He was a legend along the Grand Strand. He was always ready to pick a tune whether it be for a paying gig or for a benefit to help someone in need. You could not have found a nicer fellow. Jerry and I have enjoyed making music with him for a long time. But beside all this, we were proud to call him one of our dearest friends. He will truly be missed by many. I'm sure he is already making sweet music with his family and friends who have gone on before him. Until we meet again, Rest in Peace Dear Friend. We will be keeping Margie and all of your family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jerry & Esther Clement*

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**Esther Clement** - October 25, 2019 at 01:23 PM

TB

*I always enjoyed playing music with Ron. I will miss him. Thomas Bethea*

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**Thomas Bethea** - October 26, 2019 at 11:33 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry that Ron is no longer with you. Life will certainly be different without him. Rest in the fact that he is no longer suffering and you can see him again someday. God bless all of you. Love all of you and will keep you I my prayers.  
Brenda Brown



Brenda Brown - October 25, 2019 at 09:42 AM

JR

“ Margie, know that you all are in my heart and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was a wonderful person and will truly be missed by many.



Jean Richardson - October 25, 2019 at 07:20 AM



“ He was a good honest man. He loved us all equally. I didn't get as much time as some with him. But I can say he always made me feel wanted I love you pop. I know you are in heaven playing some great music. Thank you for being at my wedding through all your trials you had. Means more to me than I could ever put in words.



Leonard Collins - October 25, 2019 at 04:51 AM