



Ronald E. "Gabby" Hays

January 17, 1940 - February 10, 2025

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025, at Village Chapel for Ronald E. "Gabby" Hays, 85, of Gadsden, who died Monday, February 10, 2025. Butch McDonald will officiate. Burial will follow at Forrest Cemetery.

Ronald was a 1958 graduate of Emma Sansom High School. He then worked at Republic Steel/Gulf State Steel from 1958 until its closure in 2000. He enjoyed bass fishing and fellowship with family and friends at his lot in Leesburg, and hunting where he was a member of Noccalula Hunting Club for 45 years. He was also a good poker player and practical joker, but never let on to being either.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Hyatt and Lurleen Hays; sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Leonard Bullock; and grandson, Jacob Royal. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Jo Hays; son, Ronald Wayne "Bass" Hays; daughter, Lynn (Scott) Royal; grandchildren, Corey (Josh) Portillo, McKenzie Taylor Hays, Kristin Tanner Hays, Kasie (Brad) Robertson, Kameron (Clint) Stephens, Karly Toliver Royal, and Micah (Reina) Fritz; great-grandchildren, Payton, Cameron, Terry, Levi, Niko, Sara, Kai, Paxton, Colt, Axle, Sammie Jo, and Scottie Rae.

Pallbearers will be Josh Portillo, Clint Stephens, Brad Robertson, Reino Fritz, Lance Watkins, Jerry Rogers, and Justin Gilliland. Honorary pallbearers are Ronald Jean Holliday and the Noccalula Hunting Club.

Special thanks to the nurses and doctors in the Emergency Room and ICU at

Riverview Regional Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. Friday at Village Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Cemetery

700 S 15th St
Gadsden, AL 35901-3823
(256) 549-4693

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald E. "Gabby" Hays.

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