



# Ronald Lee Messick

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**R**onald “Ronnie” Lee Messick, age 83, of Bridgeville, Delaware, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday, January 10, 2025. He was born on August 10, 1941, in Lewes, Delaware, the son of the late Cecil and Blanche (Henry) Messick.

Ronnie was a graduate of Bridgeville High School, class of 1959. He honorably served in the Army National Guard for six years, a testament to his dedication and service to his country. On October 4, 1963, he married the love of his life, Ellen Beard Messick, at Wesley United Methodist Church, beginning a marriage that would span 61 years.

A lifelong farmer, Ronnie found his true calling in the agricultural industry. He began working as a poultry grower with Perdue Farms, where he spent 51 rewarding years contributing to the family farm’s success. His work ethic and dedication to his craft were admired by many.

Ronnie was deeply involved in his community and church. He was a lifetime member of Wesley United Methodist Church, where he found much joy in both worship and fellowship serving as a Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and Chairman of the Board. His interests extended beyond farming—he was a proud member of the Mason Dixon Woodworkers and the First State Antique Tractor Club. He also loved woodworking, line dancing, fishing, eating ice cream, and especially spending quality time with family and friends, often gathering at the family pond.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, Ellen, Ronnie is survived by his daughters: Karen Willin, Amy Hale (husband Dave), and Jennifer Kerr (husband Keith). He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Kaitlyn Smith (husband Russell), Kyle and Korey Kerr, and Cameron Hale, along with his great-grandchildren, Ryder, and Sawyer Smith. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and in-laws who cherished him dearly and many people he was proud to call friends.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by his sister, Louise Warrington, and his brothers, William, and LeRoy Messick.



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A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Ronnie will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His warm heart, steady presence, and sense of humor made a lasting impression on everyone who crossed his path.

A viewing will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933. Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Bridgeville, DE, where friends and family may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at Odd Fellow Cemetery, 514 Third Street, Seaford, DE 19973.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Ronnie's memory to the Wesley Fellowship Church, 22025, Atlanta Road, Seaford, DE 19973, or to Mason Dixon Woodworkers, PO Box 103, Delmar, DE 19940.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025, TO OUR BRIDGEVILLE LOCATION.



# Events

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## First Viewing

**Sunday**, January 19, 2025

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Hardesty Chapel**

202 Laws Street, Bridgeville DE 19933



## Second Viewing

**Monday**, January 20, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Hardesty Chapel**

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## Funeral Service

**Monday**, January 20, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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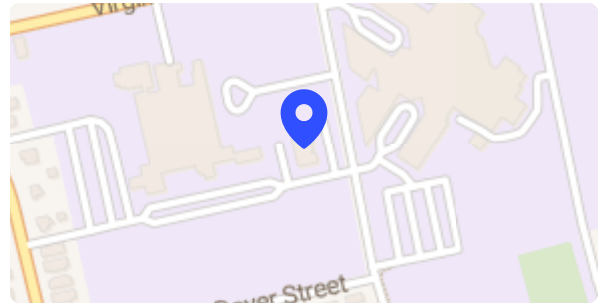
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### Burial

 **Monday**, January 20, 2025

 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

 **Odd Fellows Cemetery, Seaford**  
Stein Highway & Market Street, Seaford DE





## Tribute Wall

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**Perry Whitlock & Cortni Smith** sent a Serene Retreat to the Messick family.

January 20 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Messick family.

January 20 at 5:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Messick family.

January 17 at 5:08 AM



**Chana Milligan** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss, I loved working with him when he came into the Conservation District for tax ditch cost share.

January 16 at 4:45 AM



**Lozella And Deb** sent an Enduring Grace to the Messick family.

January 15 at 12:11 PM



**Lozella And Deb** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.

January 15 at 12:11 PM





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**Sarah Chamberlain** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss I'll never forget that he gave me my first tractor ride - it was so much fun

January 15 at 3:49 AM

JL

**Joyce Welch & Diane Lander** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Messick family.



January 14 at 3:31 PM

KR

**Kimberly Ratlief** posted:

I used to live next door to him, he was always so nice and we enjoyed talking to him. He was a great guy who's faith was strong, I know he is smiling down on his beautiful family.

January 14 at 3:18 PM

JC

**Jason, Crystal & Bryon, Chrissy** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Messick family.



January 14 at 2:03 PM

ET

**Elmer & Tena** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Messick family.



January 14 at 12:38 PM

ET

**Elmer & Tena** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



January 14 at 12:38 PM



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**Komatsu Family** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Messick family.



January 14 at 11:52 AM



**Darlene Steele** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Ronnie was a very special friend. He will be missed by many .He is now a wonderful guardian angel to. his fantastic family and friends.



January 14 at 11:14 AM



**Dottie Williamson** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.



January 14 at 8:44 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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