

## Obituary for Ron Shipman

Ronald "Ron" Shipman, age 65, passed away on February 6, 2026. He was born on February 22, 1960, in Vidalia, Georgia, where he was also raised. He was the beloved son of Homer and Adele Shipman.

Ron lived a life marked by curiosity, passion, and love for others. He had a deep appreciation for aviation and biology and was someone who truly enjoyed learning and exploring the world around him. He loved his community, valued meaningful connections, and embraced life with enthusiasm. His faith and willingness to be used wherever God led him reflected the heart he had for service and purpose.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Adele Shipman; his son, Ronald Shipman, Jr. and his sister, Kay Rease Smith. Ron was a devoted husband and family man. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Anita; his son, Ryland of Valdosta, GA; and his brother, Victor (Sachiko) Shipman of Japan. He is also survived by five sisters: Judy Copeland (Grady) of Atlanta, Shirley Rease Thomas of Vidalia, Cheryl Rease of Atlanta, Beverly Rease of Atlanta, and Melinda Williams of Kentucky. He also leaves his beloved aunt, Ms. Geraldine Bell of Vidalia, Georgia.

He further leaves behind his loving in-laws, Charlotte and Willie Rolland of Watkinsville, Georgia; brother-in-law, Michael Rolland of Atlanta, Georgia; and sister-in-law Latasha Fikes (Demetrius) of Loganville, Georgia. Ron adored his nieces Nanami, Azaryah ("his bestie"), Kennedy, Maya, and Londyn, as well as his nephews Caleb, Jayvion, and Aaden. He is further remembered by a host of extended family members and dear friends.

Ron will be remembered for his love of life, his warmth toward others, and the joy he brought to those around him. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched and the family he loved so dearly.

Per family request, private ceremony will be held at Beggs Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, with Visitation at 10 a.m. and Service at 11 a.m. A link for live streaming will be available at [www.beggsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beggsfuneralhome.com). You may also visit [www.beggsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beggsfuneralhome.com) to sign the family's personal guestbook and cards of condolence may be sent to Mrs. Anita Shipman, P. O. Box 540, Thomson, GA 30824.

**In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the [NAP Foundation Fund](#).**



Beggs Funeral Home, Thomson, Georgia is honored to serve the family of Ronald "Ron" Shipman.