



Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan

March 19, 1963 - May 23, 2026

Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan, 63, of Rose Hill, VA, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at her home.

She was born in Malvern, Arkansas on March 19, 1963, to the late Fred and Glenda Erwin.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Steve Cowan; one son, Oliver; two brothers, Nathan Erwin and Everett Erwin, both of Malvern, AR; two sisters-in-law, Christy Tate and husband, Eric, of Hattiesburg, MS and Angela Lucky, of Purvis, MS; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Ronda was a graduate of Henderson State University with a BSBA degree. She was on staff with the Baptist Student Union for over a decade with University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and Louisiana College. She had a special passion for working with international students. A favorite opportunity she experienced was leading a group of students on a mission trip to China in 2000. Ronda always loved her ministry to children and women in Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Virginia. She was currently a member at Ewing First Baptist Church where her husband, Dr. Cowan, serves as Pastor. She found her greatest joy in life upon the arrival of her son, Oliver.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, at Robinette Funeral Home in Rose Hill. A graveside service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, at Lee Memorial Gardens Park West in Rose Hill with Rev. Carlos Wolfe officiating.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Cowan family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Rose Hill)
207 DeRoyal Industries Drive
P.O. Box 388
Rose Hill, VA 24281
(276) 445-5101

Graveside service

MAY **27.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens Park West
Rose Hill, VA

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Ronda was my first cousin through my mother's side. Most of my cousins were boys and Ronda was the only female cousin that I got to spend the most time with as kids. We would travel back and forth across the Oklahoma and Arkansas state lines. Her and I had some great conversations together! Not to worry Ronda! Those will stay between us! Ronda taught me more than she will ever know! I was greatly saddened to hear of her passing. I want Steve, Oliver, Nathan and Everett to know that my heart is heavy for you. I pray that God surrounds you with comfort, strength and peace and that the love and precious memories you shared bring you some peace in the coming days. Please know I am here for you always and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Her short journey may be over on this earth but we have a better destination in mind! She gets to stand next to Jesus and welcome all of us home! We will see you soon dear cousin! Love, Marta, Abraham & Family

Marta Raiford - May 26 at 08:07 PM

WR

“ Ronda was my cousin through my mother’s sister, Glenda Erwin, and her passing came as a deep and unexpected sorrow to our family. We send our heartfelt love and condolences to her husband, Steve, her son, Oliver, and her brothers Nathan and Everett, during this time of grief and loss. As I reflect on Ronda’s life, I remember with great affection the many treasured memories we shared as children, when our families visited one another across Oklahoma and Arkansas. Those moments of laughter, love, and family connection remain precious gifts in my heart.

Ronda was a beautiful soul, and it was evident that her heart was drawn toward the things of God. Her desire to give back, especially to children of lesser means, spoke volumes about the compassion and grace that lived within her. She was blessed with a family who encouraged and supported her spiritual walk, and that legacy of love and faith will continue to shine through all who were touched by her life.

In moments like these, we hold tightly to God’s promises and find peace in His Word. It comforts my heart to think of the words of Scripture: “His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord,” - Matthew 25:23. I truly believe Ronda has entered into that eternal joy, where sorrow is no more and peace is everlasting. May the Lord surround Steve, Oliver, Nathan, Everett and all who loved her with His comforting presence and strength for the coming days. May Ronda’s memory remain forever a blessing. Rest in peace, dear cousin. -- William & Elizabeth Raiford

William R. Raiford - May 26 at 04:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.



May 26 at 12:01 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robinette Funeral Homes - May 26 at 11:38 AM

MS

Ronda was a beautiful example of strength wrapped in kindness. Her faith in Christ shined through the way she loved and served others so selflessly. Steve and Oliver were clearly the center of her heart, and she leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and quiet grace that will not be forgotten. Praying for comfort and peace for all who knew and loved her.

*Love,
The Smith-Breland Family*

Marla Smith-Breland - May 26 at 08:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.*



May 26 at 10:21 AM



“ *Richard, Katie and Luke Hughes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.*

Richard, Katie and Luke Hughes - May 26 at 09:21 AM



“ *Richard, Katie and Luke Hughes purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.*



Richard, Katie and Luke Hughes - May 26 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.*



May 25 at 06:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.*



May 25 at 04:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronda Renee (Erwin) Cowan.*



May 25 at 04:20 PM