

Sammy Ronald "Ron" Higdon, 63, of Arlington, Tenn., formerly of Franklin, loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend to all who knew him, went to be with our loving Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, while at St. Francis Hospital.

Visitation was held at Ellendale Baptist Church in Bartlett, Tenn., on Friday, Aug. 31, at 1 p.m., with the funeral service following at 3 p.m. Pallbearers were Tony Armstrong, Reid Bennett, James Dehart, Trey Dehart, Tom Dehart, Jim Franklin, Jim McCutchen, Jim Stockard and Armie Haines.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Martha Darty Higdon; three sons, Rodney Higdon (Michelle) of Collierville, Ryan Higdon (Paula) of Bartlett, and Randy Higdon (Kelli) of Bartlett. He was the adored grandfather "Papoose" of five grandsons, Jake, Josh, Hunter, Parker and Cooper. He leaves behind his mother, Stella Higdon; and a brother, Denton Higdon, both of Franklin.

Ron was preceded in death by his brother, Lonnie Higdon, and his father, Sam Higdon of Franklin.

Ron was born Sept. 4, 1943, in Franklin. He arrived in Memphis, Tenn., on a football scholarship to Memphis State in 1962, and was a member of the nationally ranked team of 1963. He went on to play one year in the Canadian Football League. He was a long-time employee of Woolco. He worked for 16 years at Firestone. He was most recently employed at Suncoast Carriers. He was a member of Ellendale Baptist Church.

The family asks that any memorials be sent to Ellendale Baptist Church for missions.

Memphis Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.memphisfuneralhome.net](http://www.memphisfuneralhome.net).

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