



## Larry S. Shipp

May 21, 1946 - May 9, 2025

Larry Shipp, age 78, of East Ridge, TN, was called home by the Lord on May 9, 2025.

Born and raised in LaFayette, GA, Larry grew up truck farming in the Catlett community of Walker County, where he learned the value of hard work and developed a lifelong passion for working on cars. Whether it was tuning engines or meticulously detailing them, Larry found joy under the hood. A loyal fan of NASCAR—especially the way it used to be—he proudly supported the Wood Brothers Racing Team.

Larry also had a deep love for the outdoors. He especially cherished time spent trout fishing along the Tellico River, a favorite pastime that he enjoyed with his family. More than anything, Larry loved being with his family. He was known for conversations that often ranged from fishing stories to politics, always with his very own Larry opinions.

He spent many years working at U.S. Pipe in their soil pipe division in Chattanooga until its closing. He then continued his career at Victory Signs in Fort Oglethorpe, where his strong work ethic and steady presence were greatly appreciated.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Cecile Shipp; his sister, Betty Jean Johnson; and his brother, Carl Shipp.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Cindy Shipp; his loving daughters, Lori (Gary) McNabb and Donna (Ronnie) Massey; grandchildren Zach (Kelsey) McNabb, Gage (Tara) McNabb, Mattilee Massey, and Owen

Massey; and great-grandchildren Hunter, Leon, and Lucy. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched with kindness, humor, and unwavering love.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at Wilson Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe on Wednesday, May 14, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Lakewood Memory Gardens South on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. to honor and celebrate Larry's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to make a donation to Ladies of Charity and cast a line in Larry's honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-7777

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel  
555 West Cloud Springs Road  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742  
(706) 866-5555  
[info@wilsonfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wilsonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

**MAY 15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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325 Greens Lake Road  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Not only did I gain a beautiful daughter when Ronnie married Donna, but I had the privilege of becoming in-lawed into a wonderful family. I has been such a pleasure to get to know Cindy and Larry over the years. I always enjoyed my conversations with Larry, who was ever with that ready smile and can of coke! Wish I had gotten the opportunity to go fishing on the Tellico with him but maybe one day we can sit and cast a line into that River in heaven. In the meantime, I think I will sink a line into the Ogeechee here and lift a coke to Larry while I wait for some bass or crappie to take the bait. Prayers for the comfort of beautiful memories and the assurance of our heavenly abode to wrap you all in peace

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Lee Hattrich - May 15, 2025 at 11:45 AM

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“ We have always enjoyed spending time with Larry and Cindy. Talking with Larry was always one of the highlights of our Ownby family reunions each August, with his contagious smile and outlook on life. Larry's fishing stories always made us smile and want more. Sadly, our plans to get together to fish never transpired. Larry clearly loved his wife and family. He was also very generous to others. We doubt he ever met a stranger. He always made us feel special whenever we got together. We already miss him, but are so glad we know we will see him again in heaven, because he knew Jesus as his Savior.  
Welcome Home, Larry. See you later.  
David and Sonya Ownbey

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david ownbey - May 11, 2025 at 05:11 PM

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“ *WG and I enjoyed going to the lake with Larry and Cindy, especially fishing, boating and jet skiing. We always enjoyed the days of camping in the mountains. Larry carried his fishing pole wherever he went. We surely will miss those days.*

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**Carolyn** - May 11, 2025 at 03:44 PM