

Ronald Mayes, 69, of Beaumont Texas, passed away on June 5, 2019, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, after a lingering illness.

Ron was born in Beaumont, January 19, 1950, to Ovay H. Mayes and Mildred Taylor Mayes of Winn Parish, Louisiana, and attended Beaumont Schools. In Junior High School he discovered earning money when he landed his first paper route and by high school had become expert in saving every penny with a second job in a gas station. He still managed to play baseball and was a pitcher to be feared. Graduating from French High School, he enrolled in Lamar College and earned his bachelor's

degree in Geology, all the while teaching guitar and banjo lessons to pay for his schooling.

With his graduation from Lamar, Ron accepted a sales position at Helena Laboratories Corporation and became the West Coast representative, relocating to the Manhattan Beach area of Los Angeles. With his musical talent and his congeniality, he soon built friendships with others who shared his interest and those would be friendships that lasted his lifetime. Ron and these friends formed a musical bluegrass group, "Turkey Run," and regularly played such clubs as McCabe's on the Los Angeles popular entertainment circuit.

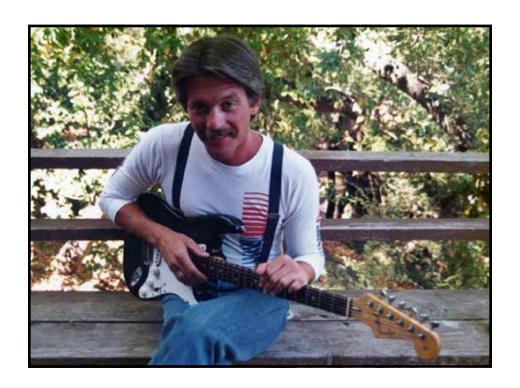
In 1981, Helena Laboratories purchased a small plastics company in Marin County, California, and Ron transferred to the community of San Rafael to manage the marketing of laboratory plastics. He bought a house with an unbelievable view on the side

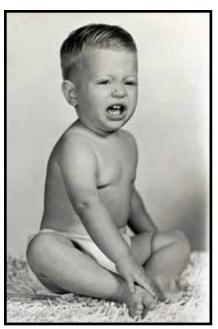
of a mountain. Lemon trees climbed up his back yard slope and he was never long without Texas visitors. The plastics company continually expanded, and in 1990, Ron was moved back to the Beaumont office from which he commuted until his retirement in 2017.

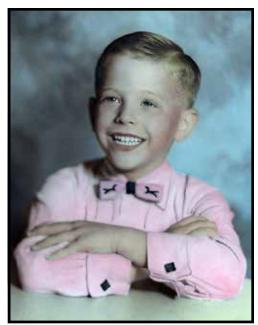
Ron was preceded in death by his first wife, Kay Karr Mayes, who died in 1995. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his present wife, Amanda Lyn Smith Mayes, and also by his son, Waylon and daughter, Sofia. Also surviving are his brother, David Mayes, and sister, Ann Golias and her husband, Tipton.

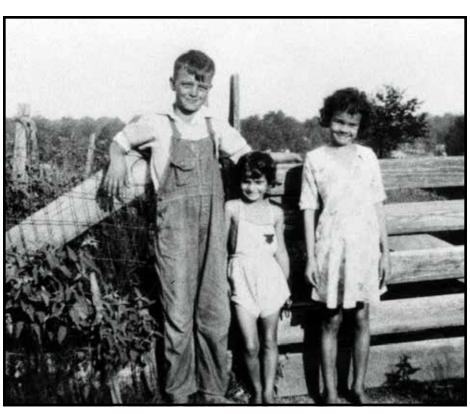
He leaves nieces and nephews who will always remember him as a childhood playmate, a fishing buddy, a rough housing companion, and a really cool friend.



















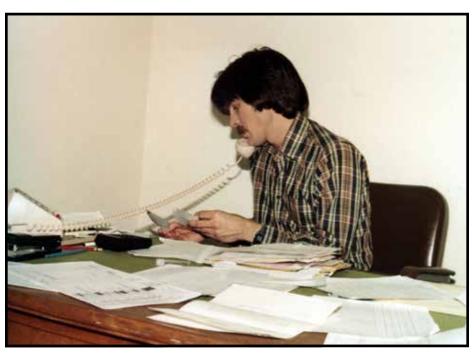








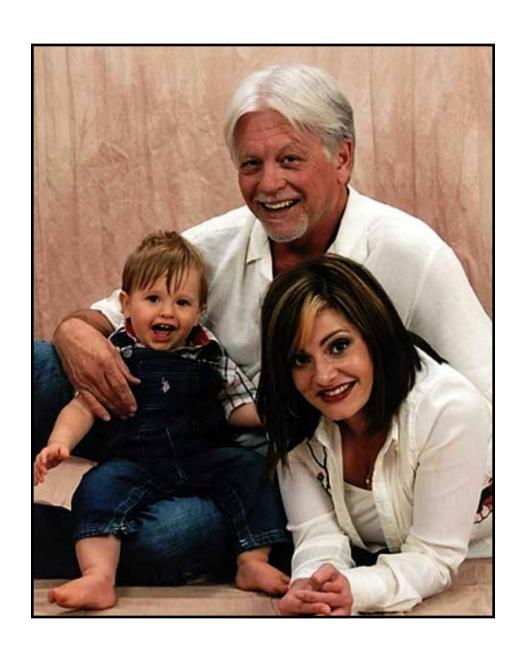












Graveside Service

Monday, June 10, 2019 2:00 p.m. Forest Lawn Memorial Park Beaumont, Texas Reverend Rick White

