



Ron K. Ponder

February 12, 1955 - December 8, 2025

Ronald “Ron” Kent Ponder, 70, husband of the late Maria Brockman Ponder, passed away December 8, 2025.

A native of Greer, South Carolina, son of the late Kent Alford and Martha Elvira Jones Ponder, he was of the Christian faith.

The man, the myth, the master of funny stories and a lifelong believer that this might finally be the year for the Gamecock, has officially signed off from this world, leaving behind a trail of laughter, good memories, and an uncanny ability to make anyone smile.

Born with a glove in one hand and a football in the other, Ron’s early days were filled with sports and trips to see his beloved Atlanta Braves. He attended Greer High School before moving on to the University of South Carolina, where he earned his degree in Journalism and began his lifelong love/hate relationship with USC football. (Mostly love, occasionally accompanied by creative yelling at the TV.)

Ron went on to a successful career in sales, which suited him perfectly. He earned a living doing what he did best: talk to people, make friends everywhere he went, and leave them laughing. His humor, warmth, and kindness were his calling cards, and his passport stamps told the story of a life well-traveled.

But his favorite title wasn’t salesman, traveler, or even comedian; it was husband and dad. His love for his wife, Maria, and daughter, Stephanie, was fierce and unwavering. Nothing made him happier than caring for his girls,

whether he was cooking top-tier dinners, filming countless home videos, or planning the next adventure. Annual trips to Las Vegas to see his favorite band, Chicago, became a cherished tradition that summed up his spirit perfectly: fun-loving, loyal, and always ready for a good tune and a good time. Ron's life was, by all measures, a success. He was generous, funny, loyal, and the kind of guy who could turn a Tuesday night into a good time. He will be deeply missed but remembered with laughter more than tears.

Surviving are a daughter, Stephanie Ponder Farley (Bryan) of Simpsonville and three grandchildren, Annalise, Wren, and Cole Farley.

Graveside services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Hillcrest Memory Gardens conducted by Rev. David Boyter.

Visitation will be held after the service at the cemetery.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity, or better yet, raise a glass of Crown Royal and toast to Ron: a life well lived, and a man well loved.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was a great guy and thoroughly enjoyed working with him through the years a Armstrong and Day. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. John South Lewis, Simpsonville, SC

JOHN SOUTH LEWIS - March 03 at 04:54 PM

AG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We are blessed to be included with all who will miss Ron. Your friends at Edward Jones - Kevin, Alison and Tracy

Alison Galloway - December 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM

KE

“ Tonight I will toast my Crown Royal and think of our Gamecocks! Forever to thee Mr Ponder! -Kevin H.

Kevin - December 10, 2025 at 02:24 PM

SD

“ Shirlene Deas purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ron K. Ponder.



Shirlene Deas - December 10, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JC

“ Jason C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ron K. Ponder.

Jason C. - December 10, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ 24 files added to the tribute wall



Stephanie Farley - December 10, 2025 at 12:46 PM

CB

Ronnie and Maria were 2 of my best friends in Highschool. We had a great time in study hall laughing at Ronnie. I know he will be missed.

Carren Curtis Balliew - December 16, 2025 at 06:49 PM