



## Ronald Halsey

August 11, 1934 - November 29, 2018

Ronald Lee Halsey, age 84 of 7002 US Hwy 221, Laurel Springs, NC passed away Thursday, November 29, 2018 at his residence. He was born August 11, 1934 in Grayson County, Virginia to the late Robert Greek and Clara Lyons Halsey. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Clef Halsey and Ralph Benton Halsey; daughter-in-law, Teresa Bass Halsey; great-grandson, Eli Thomas Halsey. Mr. Halsey spent his career in the printing industry. Growing up in Alleghany County, NC, he was introduced to large format photography by his uncle Merle Cornett of Elk Creek, VA. He worked with Merle in Roanoke, VA, then moved to King Printing Company in Bristol, VA and eventually became supervisor of the camera department at Kingsport Press, in Kingsport, TN at the time, the largest book printer in the world. While working there, he met and supervised the production of books for Ansel Adams and Tricia Nixon Eisenhower among others. Kingsport bought the first Imposer camera made by Opti-Copy of Kansas City, MO. Mr. Halsey eventually went to work for them, traveling around the world, servicing customers in Germany, Australia and Japan. In 1988 he left Opti-Copy and founded Imaging Specialists, Inc. in Greensboro, NC. ISI offered prepress, camera services to the printing industry and, over the years, worked for printers including R.R. Donnelley, Banta Press, Nicholstone, Edwards & Broughton and many others. In 2003, he retired, home to Sparta, NC, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eloise Coleman Halsey of the home; three sons, Roger Halsey and wife Michele of Oak Ridge, TN, Jeff Halsey and wife Sharon of Laurel Springs, NC, Alan Halsey of Kingsport, TN; one daughter, Joyce Pierson and husband Roger of Kingsport, TN; five grandchildren, Tracy Pierson of Chattanooga, TN, Claire Brooks and husband David of Sparta, NC, Amanda Pierson of Kingsport, TN, Jeremy Halsey of Laurel Springs, NC, Casey Halsey and wife Heather of Kingsport, TN; one great-grandson, Hayden Halsey of Kingsport, TN; several nieces and nephews also survive. The family requests the honor of your presence at the Celebration of Life service to honor Ronald at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Piney Creek United Methodist Church with Reverend Jack Tookey officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alleghany Historical-Genealogical Society, PO Box 817, Sparta, NC 28675. Grandview Memorial Funeral Home is proudly serving the Halsey family and if you wish, online condolences may be submitted to the

family at [www.grandviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.grandviewfuneralhome.com)

# Events

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**DEC** **Celebration of Life Service**02:00PM

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Piney Creek United Methodist Church

Piney Creek, NC, US, 28663

# Comments

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“ Eloise, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. It was a pleasure for me to have worked with Ron and become your friend. Saying a prayer for you and all your family.

**Linda Sikorski** - December 04, 2018 at 05:51 PM

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“ Bryan And Terry Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



**Bryan and Terry Edwards** - December 02, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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“ Ed & Shirley Caudill lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



**Ed & Shirley Caudill** - December 02, 2018 at 12:25 PM

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“ I met Ron, Eloise and Jeff when they opened Imaging Specialists-what a crew! Ron was a true craftsman and was a legend in the industry. He loved his family dearly and was a devoted friend. I was proud to call him my friend.  
He will be greatly missed.  
Jerry Wilkie

**Jerry Wilkie** - December 02, 2018 at 05:39 AM

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“ Robert and Lois Overbay lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Halsey.



**Robert Overbay** - December 02, 2018 at 02:25 AM

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“ Danny Pruitt highly respected your father he always like the great stories he had to tell God bless you all and our prayers are with you

**Danny & Beverly** - December 01, 2018 at 02:53 PM

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“ Ron was my boss for many years at Kingsport Press and Arcata Graphics. He was always kind to everyone and was a fair boss. I always remember him with a big smile and chewing on an unlit cigar. He taught his employees a lot. You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. My prayers are with his family and friends.

**Shirley Banks** - December 01, 2018 at 01:28 PM

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“ Joyce and Roger—I worked under your dad when I worked in the photographic department at the Kingsport Press/Arcata Graphics. He was a fine man and greatly respected. Lots of fun, and had a great smile. I'm very sorry for your loss. Kathy Johnson Carmack

**Kathy Carmack** - December 01, 2018 at 12:37 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Halsey.



December 01, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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“ Mrs. Halsey, Roger, Joyce, Jeff, Alan and family I hated to read of Ron’s passing. He was always fair of his treatment of everyone he worked with at the press and even chewed me out a few times, which were warranted. He was still my favorite boss. My condolences, Danny Carr

Danny Carr - December 01, 2018 at 12:20 PM

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“ Terry Kindle lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



Terry Kindle - November 30, 2018 at 10:03 PM

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“ Mrs. Halsey, Roger, Joyce, Jeff, Alan and family; My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I remember your dad's keen sense of humor and any time he passed by in his station wagon's you could smell his cigars and they smelled so good. He never failed to pick me up if I was walking to school on his way to take you guys to school. On vacation he paid me to feed the family dog Missy. He was a cheerful accomplished man and fun to be around and a good neighbor. I remember the year he had a printing press in the basement and everyone in the family worked together to design and print a family Christmas card with everyone involved. He was a good father and husband and neighbor and words fail me only to say my prayers are with all of the family and I am deeply sorry to hear of Mr. Halsey's death. God Bless and lift you up at this time.

Terry Kindle - November 30, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Halsey.



November 30, 2018 at 09:20 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ron’s passing. We both worked at KINGSPORT plant with him. He was the best. Prayers for Eloise and Children/ Family.



**Richard & Bobbie McNutt** - November 30, 2018 at 09:20 PM

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“ To all the Family,

So sorry to learn of Ronald's passing. Such a nice man .He was so good to his sweet mother Clara.

With My Sympathy,  
Steve Mitchell



**Steve Mitchell** - November 30, 2018 at 03:34 PM

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“ Pam George 53 Bank lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



**Pam George 53 Bank** - November 30, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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“ Barbara Lucier lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



Barbara Lucier - November 30, 2018 at 11:24 AM

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“ Mike And Vickie Parlier lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



Mike and Vickie Parlier - November 30, 2018 at 07:51 AM

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“ Faye Reeves lit a candle in memory of Ronald Halsey



Faye Reeves - November 29, 2018 at 11:22 PM

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“ To Eloise, Roger, Joyce, Jeff, and Alan, and to each member of the Halsey family: Johnny and I send our love and our deepest sympathy. Ronald was such an amazing man, with so many accomplishments in his life. I have always admired his work and his leadership abilities. We had many wonderful visits from him and Eloise at the house in Fries. As Ronald grew older, he reminded me more and more of Uncle Greek. A lovely family has lost its patriarch...but only for now. God bless each of you!

Johnny and Jane (Hester) Cecil

Johnny and Jane (Hester) Cecil - November 29, 2018 at 05:33 PM