

## **Ronald Thomas Gettys | 1948-2014**

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Ronald Thomas Gettys, 66, of Decatur, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth, following a brief illness.

Funeral is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur with Brian Bosworth officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Pallbearers will be Martin Woodruff, Mason Woodruff, Murray Cude, Melton Cude, Derrick Boyd, Chance Overton, James M. Brummell, William Klose and Cliff Moon.

Ronny was born Sept. 1, 1948, in Decatur to Charles Thomas and Janice (Mann) Gettys. After graduating from Decatur High School he attended the University of Texas in Austin where he majored in architecture. Austin became his home. He married Janci M. Goodson in 1969, and they had two daughters, Shauna and Eryn.

During his career, Ronny worked with various architectural firms as a supervisor of architectural construction on buildings at the university in Austin, a Holiday Inn in New York and others. He also worked for Motorola in Austin. He was an associate with Graber, Simmons and Cowan Architect and worked with the Veterans Administration supervising the construction of veteran retirement homes in Texas.

Following the completion of the program, he joined Jay Barnes Architects of Austin as construction administrator. After his retirement, he returned to Decatur, where he lived with his friend from childhood, Nancy Brummell Boyd. She and Ronny sang in the choir at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur. Ronny was also an accomplished pianist and worked with various civic and state committees in Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughters, Shauna Tomme and husband, John, of Watauga, and Eryn Gettys of Austin; grandson Matthew Tomme of Watauga; sisters Charlotte Meador and husband, Frank, of Decatur and Leisa Waylett and husband, Manshadow, of Decatur; partner Nancy Boyd of Decatur; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.