



Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II

March 27, 1975 - March 18, 2022

Ronald L. Whitlock, II passed away in Dallas on March 18 after an intense year-long battle with blood cancer.

Born on March 27, 1975, to Marilyn and Ronald I, Ronnie grew up as his dad's right-hand man and top assistant. He learned about woodworking and all sorts of other handy skills from his dad, whom he greatly enjoyed spending time with.

After graduating from Huntsville High School, he married Angela Rigamonti and they had three beautiful daughters: Megan, Sarah and Taylor.

Ronnie obtained a bachelor's and then master's degree from Sam Houston State University before embarking on a career in computer network engineering. He obtained the top networking accreditation available, the CCIE, and was employed by Cisco Systems at the time of his death.

He enjoyed woodworking and handyman projects, flying his Cessna 172 Skyhawk, playing the drums and exploring different cities and places to eat. But most of all, Ronnie loved being a dad. He was so proud of his three girls and spent as much time with them as he could.

Ronnie met his wife, Jennifer in 2019 and they were married in 2021. They enjoyed traveling the U.S. before the pandemic, then spent lots of happy evenings on their porch or driving around in the UTV enjoying the Central Texas countryside where they made their home.

While he was battling cancer and throughout his frequent hospitalizations during the past year, Ronnie impressed his physicians and nurses with his

charm and good-natured attitude, even during challenging circumstances. He never quit fighting, not even to the last minute.

In addition to his wife and daughters, he is also survived by his mother and sisters Mandy Nelson and Lisa Darsey. Ronnie was preceded in death by his father.

A visitation is set for Tuesday, March 22 from 6-8 p.m. and services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation <https://www.myeloma.org/donate> or the UT Southwestern Medical Center <https://engage.utsouthwestern.edu/donate-now>. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

MAR **23.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ronnie and I made a great team Cisco and became good friends as well. He was a gentle giant who you could talk to about anything. I always new all he needed from me was to do my best and buy him a really good Steak every now and again on the Road. :) He made friends wherever he went and he always talked about how much he loved his girls and his family . He will be greatly missed!*

Chris Woodard - March 23, 2022 at 01:31 PM



Ronnie enjoyed being paired with you and had great things to say about you and good stories to tell. Thanks for sharing and for being there with us to say goodbye today.

Jennifer Walls Whitlock - March 23, 2022 at 11:20 PM

DC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ronnie, who was a very talented yet very humble network engineer. He had a disarming small-town charm that customers loved and trusted backed by a deep technical knowledge that left no doubt that he knew what he was talking about.

I also had the pleasure of spending time with Ronnie outside of conference calls and work in the Cisco lab. We would talk about cars, food, woodworking and other things. I remember once telling him that the avocado seed kept the leftovers from turning brown, to which he said "What's a leftover?" He could always make me laugh.

Ronnie was a man of great character, humility, and humor. I will miss him.



Doron Chosnek - March 23, 2022 at 09:39 AM



That was our Ronnie to a T. Funny, disarming and relatable yet so smart. He loved avocado and all things Tex-Mex. Thanks for sharing a sweet memory with us.

Jennifer Walls Whitlock - March 23, 2022 at 11:22 PM

JB

“ Marilyn & family, I was so sorry to her about your loss of son, Ronnie. Even though co-workers may come and go, but the friends they turn into are never forgotten. You were always such a dear friend. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, sweet friend.... May God help ease your sad days ahead.

Jamie Brinegar - March 22, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MW

Thank you Jamie.

Marilyn Whitlock - March 22, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 22, 2022 at 04:20 PM

LA

“ *Love Chip and Jan Atchison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



Love Chip and Jan Atchison - March 22, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JA

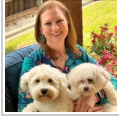
“ *I hired Ronnie into Cisco the second time around and was so glad I did. He made me laugh every time we were together. I recall one meal where the waitress asked if he wanted a salad and he patted his chest and said "This amazing frame was not built by eating salads!". His humor and fun were infectious and we will miss him.*

Jeff Allen - March 22, 2022 at 03:08 PM

MW

Thank you Jeff. I love hearing stories about my amazing son.

Marilyn Whitlock - March 22, 2022 at 06:13 PM



I'm laughing through the tears because that was exactly how he acted. Self-effacing about his talent but with this big personality that could charm a room or have them in stitches. We appreciate you taking time to comment. He told me more than once he was grateful to you for hiring him back and how much he liked Cisco for its culture and coworkers. I know we're not the only ones who will miss him.

Jennifer Walls Whitlock - March 23, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 22, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Frank Jimenez & Mastin Bailey at Cisco purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



Frank Jimenez & Mastin Bailey at Cisco - March 22, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 22, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.



March 22, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.



March 22, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *Cisco Security Sales Engineering Team* purchased the *Heart's Companion Bouquet* for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.



Cisco Security Sales Engineering Team - March 22, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.



March 22, 2022 at 09:47 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II*



M. Hyvl - March 22, 2022 at 09:32 AM

AW

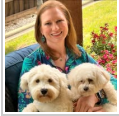
“ *Praying for friends and family of Ronnie.*

I've had memories surface that I haven't thought of in years. Splicing fiber at night in a hole in the middle of campus after the backhoe took it out. Repunching EVERY SINGLE dorm data jack one summer. Spending DAYS in the LSC bringing it online after renovations...so many hand made cat 5 cables. Building the server room at AB1. Pretty sure that thing was built solely due to the Monster that was drank (mostly Ronnie). When he made me face my fear of heights and go up into the attic crawl space at Austin Hall and the catwalk in the Coliseum. Those are just a few.

I learned so much from him about networking (he was the network whisperer) and about myself. A lot of who I am in my professional life he played a big part in.

Ronnie, may God's perpetual light shine upon you. I hope we meet again. Thanks for all the teaching moments that I will carry with me always. ❤️🙏❤️

Angie Wright - March 22, 2022 at 08:45 AM



He's told me about those days at SHSU and how hard everyone worked to rewire the campus. And just how much Monster drinks y'all drank. 😊

So glad you have such fond memories and found a positive in our guy. He was one of the good ones and will be missed by so many.

Jennifer Walls Whitlock - March 23, 2022 at 11:35 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.

March 22, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.



March 21, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.



March 21, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 21, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 21, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 21, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 21, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Leroy Whitlock, II.*



March 21, 2022 at 06:32 PM