

Ronald Glenn Hartsell, 70, of Concord, North Carolina, passed away at home on January 28, 2026. Born on September 22, 1955, he was the middle child of the late Arthur “Glenn” and Juanita Hartsell.

Ronald graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School and began working at Duke Energy, where he remained until his retirement. He was deeply devoted to McGill Baptist Church, where he founded the Sound and Lighting Committee at age 16 and served on it for the rest of his life. He was often at the church several days a week, helping prepare for and reset after worship and community events.

He loved music, baseball, football, and ice skating, and some may remember the elaborate Nativity scene he built and displayed at his home each Christmas for many years, a tradition that delighted those who passed by to see it.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife and the love of his life, Anita Hartsell, in May 2025. He is survived by his children, Artie Hartsell and Chris Hartsell (Anna); his brother, Russ Hartsell (Susan); his sister, Glenita Riley (Chris); and many more family and friends.

A celebration of Ronald’s life will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 7, at McGill Baptist Church in Concord, with visitation from 2:00 PM until the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McGill Baptist Church in his memory.

Ronald’s kind, humble spirit and playful sense of humor touched many lives. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.