



Kenneth Roy Bailey

October 31, 1938 - November 14, 2012

Kenneth Roy Bailey of Malakoff, Texas left this earth for his Heavenly home at the age of 74 on Wednesday morning, November 14, 2012, surrounded by his family. Roy had a lengthy battle with complications from a lung disease and passed away at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Roy was born in Ash Flat, Arkansas on October 31, 1938, to General and Ruby Bailey and was the fifth of eight children. His parents owned a dairy farm and sawmill, so Roy grew up with a strong work ethic and an incredibly close family. This gentle, rural upbringing prepared him for a rewarding life of commitment to career, family and friends. Roy joined the Air Force in 1956 and served four years in Roswell, New Mexico, during which time he met and married the love of his life, Zo. Roy began his career with Texas Power & Light in 1965. As he progressed with the company, the family moved several times while raising their three boys. Lasting friendships were formed wherever they lived. Following his early retirement from Texas Power & Light, Roy managed an electrical construction company in Houston, worked as construction manager in Bryan/College Station, partnered with a friend to do renovations, and did consulting work in electrical safety training until the time of his death. In 2001 he began building the couple's retirement home on Cedar Creek Lake and completed it a year later. Roy was a man of many talents and loved a challenge.

Roy enjoyed nature and Fall was his favorite season of the year. He relished deer hunts with sons, grandsons, granddaughters, and dear friends. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing, reading, and other outdoor activities. He was happiest sharing his experiences and bragging on his children and grandchildren.

Roy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Zo (Scruggs) Bailey of Malakoff Texas; Sons Ken Bailey and wife, Gaynell of Plano, Texas; Mark Bailey and wife, Carmen of Wylie, Texas; Scott Bailey and wife, Krissey of Malakoff Texas; Grandchildren Chase Bailey of Norman, Oklahoma; Ainsley Bailey of Plano, Texas; Chris Bailey and wife, Vivian of Wylie, Texas; Eric and Jenna Bailey of Wylie, Texas; Zoie and Rubi Bailey of Malakoff, Texas; Great granddaughter Isabella Kay Bailey of Wylie, Texas; brothers, Leland Bailey and wife, Kay, Ash Flat, Arkansas; Gerald Bailey and wife, Fayrene of Cave City, Arkansas; Cletus Bailey and wife, Jo Ann of Ash Flat, Arkansas; Dale Bailey and wife, Olena of Ash Flat, Arkansas; Glenn Bailey and wife, Linda of Ash Flat, Arkansas; a sister, Wanda Massey of Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas; Sisters-in-law LaVerne Fitch of Navarro, Texas, Veda Norwood and husband, Joe of Whitewright, Texas; Nell Carter and husband, John of Athens, Texas; Brothers-in-law O. B. (Bee) Scruggs and wife, Traudl of Ennis, Texas; Terry Scruggs and wife, Dora of Navarro, Texas; Ed Scruggs of Eureka, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Roy is preceded in death by his mother and father, Ruby and General Bailey and a sister, Della Brown.

Visitation will be Friday evening, November 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, 1530 North 45th Street, Corsicana, Texas. A graveside service will be held Saturday morning, November 17 at 10:00 a.m., Grape Creek Cemetery, Navarro, Texas. A Celebration of Roy's Life will be held at First Baptist Church in Malakoff at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 17. Services will be officiated by Dr. Nathan Lorick. Pall Bearers will be Chase Bailey, Chris Bailey, Eric Bailey (grandsons), Phil Schultz, Kelly Norwood and Sean Bailey. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made

to the Children's Building Fund of First Baptist Church, 220 W. Mitchum Street, Malakoff, Texas 75148.

Cemetery Details

Grape Creek Cemetery

9500 SE County Road 1020
Corsicana, TX 75109

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Visitation

NOV 17. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Service

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grape Creek Cemetery
9500 SE County Road 1020
Corsicana, TX 75109

Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Malakoff
220 West Mitchum Street
Malakoff, TX 75148

Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth Roy Bailey

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Knowing Roy was truly a blessing in my life. I will never forget his wonderful sense of humor or his willingness to tell a story that would leave everyone in ear-shot rolling with laughter. I will always remember the dove hunts we shared and the great times out in Haskell. This past year was probably one of the best visits I ever had with Roy. I was interested in his trip to Alaska, and he was most willing to share the beauty he witnessed while there. He told me: "Paul, you just can't take in all of the beauty in with just your eyes....you have to experience Alaska with all of your senses." He was very serious about that, but he didn't show me half of the passion for Alaska as he did for his church and the work he was doing for the food pantry at the church. He was so excited to tell me of all the work he and other members were doing to get food to the needy in the area where he lived. His eyes flashed with excitement as he told me all of the places they went to get supplies for the church. I could tell that there was his heart. It was doing God's Work here on earth. Now the beauty he is experiencing is so much greater than Alaska for I know when Roy steps before the Lord, He will say: "Well done my good and faithful servant". May God Bless all of his family for I know he loved each and every one of you with his whole heart. I know he even loved those he did not know. Roy was a true Christian and a great friend of mine. -----Paul Brown, Abilene, Texas

Paul V. Brown - November 19, 2012 at 09:50 PM

AR

“ Roy was a fine man who lived his Christian faith. He always whispered good counsel in my ear. I look forward to seeing him again when the Lord calls.

*Blessings,
Alan & Linda Rowe*

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Alan Rowe - November 17, 2012 at 10:53 AM

OS

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Zo and the family members in the loss of such a special person.

*Sincerely,
Toss Scott*

O'Tossa Scott - November 17, 2012 at 08:39 AM

ED

“ Roy was so professional in his work, a joy to know, and such a kind-hearted person. I am very sorry for your loss.

*Edna Donica
AVO Training Institute*

Edna L. Donica - November 16, 2012 at 02:41 PM

LH

“ Zo and Family,

Cindy and I are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We had many good times while we were in Decatur. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

*Larry & Cindy Higgins
Lubbock, Texas*

Larry T. Higgins - November 16, 2012 at 01:41 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Denny Burns*

Denny Burns - November 16, 2012 at 01:32 PM

JR

“ *My special memory of Roy is his invitation to me to join him and his brothers and their families on their annual white bass fishing event on Cedar Lake. I was never made to feel more welcome anywhere than I was by Roy and his entire family. It was a special event for me and that is just one of the reasons Roy and Zo and their family are special to me and my wife Deloris. May God grant his blessings to his entire family, and make the family's pain easier to bear.*

*Jim and Deloris Russell
Augusta, Ks*

James N. Russell - November 15, 2012 at 07:50 PM

DF

“ *David Norwood & Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Kenneth Roy Bailey.*



David Norwood & Family - November 15, 2012 at 06:16 PM

RL

“ *Mark and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you during this time. Russell & Tammis Lewis*



Russell Lewis - November 15, 2012 at 05:27 PM

SM

“ *Special memories of good times in Decatur flooded my mind when I received the notice of Roy's passing. My condolences for your loss.*

Sue Mercer, Oncor

Sue Mercer - November 15, 2012 at 10:11 AM

SK

“ *Shandalynn and Kelby purchased the River Cane Cross for the family of Kenneth Roy Bailey.*



Shandalynn and Kelby - November 15, 2012 at 10:06 AM

PS

“ Roy.....my wonderful friend and mentor. I am so very sad that we won't see each other for a while, however, I rejoice in the fact that you will be with me each and every day until we meet again. I pray that your family, which means so very much to me, will find comfort in your residence within each of their hearts. God bless you Roy and thank you for being there for me and my family each and every time. Your friend, Phil.

Phil T. Schultz - November 14, 2012 at 07:59 PM

NM

“ Zo and family:

My heart is so heavy with the news of Roy's passing. Roy was a very kind and considerate man. Zo, the two of you shared a special bond and love for each other. He was so patient when you all took this person who is so scared of the water out on the pontoon boat. That was a fun time and he loved his boat and fishing.

Zo, you have a special family and so many friends to help you through this. I know you may feel it but you will never be alone.

Love and prayers to you until we see each other again.

Norma

Norma Millsap - November 14, 2012 at 07:44 PM

KW

Zo, Kenny, Mark and Scott - You all are in my prayers. I dont have to tell you but Roy was one of the sweetest men I've ever known. Many fond memories of our family's friendship. May God's strength and love continue to bring you comfort.

*Love to you all,
Kristi Kirk Wright*

Kristi Kirk Wright - November 16, 2012 at 11:57 AM

AJ

Zo,
You and your family are in my prayers. God Bless AJ

AJ Jones - November 16, 2012 at 07:50 PM