



Robert Lynn Ballew

July 21, 1944 - December 13, 2024

Robert Ballew, 80, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 13, 2024, at Baylor Scott-White in Waxahachie, Texas. Robert was born in Corsicana, Texas on July 21, 1944, to Robert Lee and Edna Ballew of Frost, Texas. Robert grew up with his beloved sisters, Leah Greenup and Elizabeth Singleton, and his first job as a young boy was a shoe shiner at his father's Frost barber shop. He was saved at the very young age of 10 at Frost Baptist Church and was baptized in Frost Silver Lake.

After graduating from Frost High School, he graduated from Navarro College in 1964 where he was involved in fine arts. He then joined the Peace Corps where he served in Bolivia until 1966. There he learned to speak Spanish fluently, a skill he carried on throughout his life by teaching English to Spanish speaking cotton gin employees. He was a full-time field agent that worked side by side with the forestry department, helped to improve the local dairy industry, and oversaw important crop and livestock distribution. He cherished his time in South America and took many train trips to Peru, Cuzco, Machu Pichu, and Buenos Aires.

Robert valued education and went on to graduate from the University of Houston in 1968. After, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea until 1970 where he was exposed to Agent Orange which caused lifelong diabetes.

Upon returning home, he married Velma Phillips of Frost, Texas, on Feb. 12, 1971. They were blessed with their two children, April Allen and Lowell Ballew.

Robert continued his service to others by working for the Texas Employment Agency and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission office before retiring in 1997. He also created a photography company that did all photography for school annuals, weddings, and portraits.

He enjoyed traveling, golfing, and playing music for his family and friends. Robert and Velma shared 53 years together, becoming valued members of the Frost community. He was a Frost fireman and member of Frost City Council and Frost Men's Club. He taught Sunday school classes for adults and youth, coached youth baseball and basketball, was the music leader, and deacon of Frost Baptist Church for many years. He created the 1990 Frost Baptist Church Centennial and the 100th and 125th anniversary celebrations for the City of Frost. He was always on the Board of Directors of Frost Heritage Centex Museum.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters; and cherished fellow veterans. Robert is survived by his wife Velma Ballew; children Lowell Ballew (Shay) of League City, TX; April Allen of New Orleans, LA. Grandchildren, Sarah Allen (Matthew) of Corsicana, TX; Emma Seaton (Brandon) of Baytown, TX; Aidan Ballew of League City, TX; Liam Ballew (Eileen) of Costa Mesa, CA; Jude Ballew of Foley, AL and Olivia Ballew of League City, TX. Great-grandchildren, Charlee Seaton, Stella Seaton, Isabel Little, Dean Little, and Joseph Ballew.

A celebration of life service is to be held at 11 A.M. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025 at Frost Baptist Church. Reception to follow.

Cemetery Details

Frost Cemetery

FM 667 and HWY 22
Frost, TX 76641

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Frost Baptist Church
101 East Stroud
Frost, TX 76641

Tribute Wall

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“ From - Jerry Burkholder & Laura Phillips - Burkholder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lynn Ballew.

From - Jerry Burkholder & Laura Phillips - Burkholder - January 03, 2025 at 12:04 PM

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“ Sharon, Jerry and Max Tullos purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Lynn Ballew.



Sharon, Jerry and Max Tullos - January 01, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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Sharon, Jerry and Max Tullos - January 01, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ *Ballew family,*

My prayers and condolences go out to each member of the Ballew family. Lowell and I graduated high school together. Our class was unique. Our class. Respected and treated each other as family. Robert, coached me my very first little league baseball team along side Doug fuller. He taught me the love of the game. He also taught me patience. and how to treat others. I called him pops when I saw him. He never stopped caring about me. He always asked about me and what I was up too. He was a upstanding man. He loved his family, friends and the Polar Bears. Robert, you'll be missed. May you rest and enjoy your eternal home. Sending love to the family.



Teresa Rowe - December 20, 2024 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Lois Speer lit a candle in memory of Robert Ballew*



Lois Speer - December 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

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“ Dear family is I write this for you dear folks. My heart is heavy but happy because Robert is with our Savior and Lord. I know you all missing him and his singing voice and how he love to lead music at our dear church at our dear Frost Baptist Church because I miss him, but I know my mom and daddy will be there to greet him as well as his mommy and daddy and his family so I always remember that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted so he will be close to us during this time with my heartfelt thoughts and prayers for all of you and and her Angela brothers Joe and Dan Padilla



Angela D Padilla - December 16, 2024 at 07:59 PM