



Roy Kenneth Southard Jr.

April 11, 1944 - March 27, 2024

Kenneth Southard passed away at the age of 79 on Tuesday, March 27, 2024, in the arms of the Lord. He was born on April 11, 1944, in Blooming Grove, Texas, to his beloved parents Roy Kenneth Southard Sr. and Mearl Garvin. Kenneth spent his early years alternating between Avalon and Blooming Grove before settling in Eureka, where he attended Navarro Elementary School and Mildred Junior High and High School.

Following his schooling, Kenneth moved to Dallas for work, and later served his country in the military. Upon completing his service, he returned to Blooming Grove, where he met his wife, Glenda Trussell, at church. They married on September 27, 1968, and shared 55 years together until cancer called him home.

Throughout his life, Kenneth was deeply involved in his community. He served as a Deacon at Central Baptist Church, was a member of the Blooming Grove Lions Club and the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1009 and dedicated 21 years to serving on the school board. Alongside his brother Bill, he owned the Southard Bro Service Station before transitioning to manage the Avalon Co-Op Gin for 22 years until his retirement in 2012.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Glenda, and their three sons: Trae, Jon and wife Caroline, and Clint and wife Kim Southard. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Cody and wife Aimee Duke, Lindsey and husband Bodie Travis, Peyton and wife Kelsie Southard, Emily and husband Mitchael McLain, Steely and husband Riggin Barham, Keller and wife Avery Southard, Olivia

Southard, Paxton Southard, Kyler and wife Charity Carrington, and Shane Wilson; as well as his great-grandchildren: Jakes and Kenzie Duke, Lauren Travis, Whitlee Southard, Reed McLain, Kelton Southard, Kash and Atticus Carrington, Phoenix Gillen, and Hudson Sellers. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Mearl Southard, his sisters Deniese Nicholson and Ruth Ann Riddleheiber.

The Southard family would like to express their gratitude to the Hand & Hand Hospice family for their compassionate care of Kenneth, with special thanks to LaTasha Thompson for her dedicated care during his final days.

Visitation for Kenneth will be held on Monday, April 1, at Central Baptist Church from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, followed by the funeral service at 2:00 pm officiated by Darren Heil and Micah Haden. Interment will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

300 Rose Hill Road
Blooming Grove, TX 76626

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
221 South Fordyce Street
Blooming Grove, TX 76626
(903) 695-2271

Funeral Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy Kenneth Southard Jr.*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - March 29, 2024 at 05:48 PM

FB

“ *Farm Bureau purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Roy Kenneth Southard Jr..*



Farm Bureau - April 01, 2024 at 09:46 AM

CC

“ *When I was a kid my family would visit the Christie family and the Southard's lived next door. My grandfather and his grandmother were brother and sister. All the cousins would enjoy playing while the older generations spent time together. Kenneth was a great role model for Blooming Grove. He was a superior advocate for the school system when I taught at Blooming Grove. I also taught his son in third grade but most of all he was a great dad! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Carolyn Ann Carr - March 30, 2024 at 10:24 PM

JH

“ Jimmy & Dawn, Cam & Amy, Joshua & Laura Haden purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Roy Kenneth Southard Jr..



Jimmy & Dawn, Cam & Amy, Joshua & Laura Haden - March 29, 2024 at 11:42 PM

SK

“ I've heard of the Southards in Blooming Grove as I was a kid going to school there but never knew him personally, but I know Caroline Caldwell Southard and I just like to give my condolences to the family.

SHELLY matthews KENDALL - March 29, 2024 at 11:05 AM

AC

Our sincere condolences for Roy's family.

Amy Price Crocker - March 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roy Kenneth Southard Jr..



March 28, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JA

“ Jamie Ann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Kenneth Southard Jr..

Jamie Ann - March 28, 2024 at 06:43 PM