



Roy Edward Ragsdale Jr.

July 21, 1930 - May 19, 2024

Roy Edward Ragsdale, Jr., 93, of Corsicana, Texas passed away Sunday, May 19, 2024.

He was born July 21, 1930 in Corsicana to Roy and Eunice Ragsdale.

Roy attended schools in Wortham and Lancaster, Texas. He graduated from Lancaster High School and attended Weatherford Junior College until he was drafted for the Korean War. He served as an electrician in the Army, stationed in Seoul, Korea. After completing his army duty, Roy attended Sam Houston State University where he received both his Bachelor and Master degrees. Roy taught at Navarro College for 16 years and then in Corsicana ISD for 17 years.

Roy enjoyed working with young people. Over the years Roy coached little league, was a scout master and was very involved with Navarro County Youth Exposition for 63 years. He also taught hunter's safety education for many years teaching over 6000 students about hunter safety. After retirement Roy enjoyed working on his farm planting and growing vegetables. Roy was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved being outside or reading one of his western books. Roy was a member of the VFW, Corsicana Bass Club and the JayCee's. He was also a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association as a referee for Thursday and Friday night high school football

games for over 25 years.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife Benja, son Steve and his sister Elizabeth Roushey.

He is survived by daughter, Elaine and husband Alan Barnes of Waxahachie, and son David Ragsdale of Corsicana. He is also survived by granddaughter Shelby and husband Martin Davis of Corsicana and grandson Andrew Barnes and Jackie Vega of Waxahachie. He is survived by two great grandsons and one great granddaughter as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers include Ron Stewart, Bill Page, Don Norrell, Monte Willoughby, Ken Taylor and Andrew Barnes

Honorary Pallbearers Bill Crawford and T. F. Cheshier.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 9am to 10am.

Funeral service will be held at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home on Thursday, May 23 at 10am with Farland Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation be made to the American Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ I was very sorry to read of Mr. Ragsdale is passing. A true gentleman.

[May] the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ... guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. . .

Ailsa Flynn Anderson

afa - August 11, 2024 at 07:37 AM

SM

“ Susan Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Roy Ragsdale



Susan Mitchell - July 23, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ So many fond memories of living across the street from the Ragsdale family on 31st so many years ago. Mr. Ragsdale was always there for an encouraging word and sometimes the much-needed parental discretion. It was such a good neighborhood where people looked out for each other. Hugs to you David and Elaine.

Dean Hawk - May 24, 2024 at 11:58 AM

SW

“ I've known Roy since Little League baseball, long time. I've known his son David for years. Sorry for your loss.
Mark Withrow and family

Suzie Withrow - May 23, 2024 at 10:51 AM

HC

“ Mr. Ragsdale came to my Aunt Neva’s funeral in late October on a rainy chilly day. I know it must have taken a lot of his energy to do that. He visited with several and shared stories of his days working with her at Navarro College. It was most kind of him to come that day. Several of us were amazed at all he had done through his long lifetime. May God rest his soul.

Holly Clay - May 22, 2024 at 09:59 PM

JJ

“ Keeping all Roy’s family in my prayers during today and the days ahead 🙏🙏 Can’t remember when I didn’t know Roy Ragsdale! Such a great guy who contributed so much to the youth of Navarro County! He, Benja and Steve are enjoying heaven together! Sorry David and I can’t be there to celebrate Roy’s life with you 😞 🙏🙏🙏

Jaynie Johnston - May 22, 2024 at 05:18 PM

SB

“ I always liked Mr. Ragsdale and have many fond memories of him and Dad working together. What a wonderful life he lived. Praying for your family.

Sonya Osborne Burnett - May 21, 2024 at 08:47 PM