



## Buddy Ray Roth

December 28, 1944 - July 24, 2025

Buddy Ray Roth, of Klein, Texas, was born on December 28, 1944, and left this life to receive his eternal crown on July 24, 2025. He leaves behind the love of his life, his wife of 61 years, Bernell Littles Roth. Together, they built a beautiful life and family. He is also survived by his son, Dr. Eric Roth (Melinda), and his daughter, Lori Dixon. Buddy and Bernell were blessed with six grandchildren and one precious great-granddaughter, all of whom brought him endless joy and pride.

Buddy became a member of the Lord's church in 1964. He taught Bible classes for both teens and adults, always ready to share God's Word whenever asked. He served faithfully as an elder at the Spring Church of Christ for over 30 years, offering wisdom, kindness, and strength to those around him.

Buddy spent his career as an automotive equipment salesman, but more than that, he was a natural people-person. He never met a stranger — just a friend he hadn't gotten to know yet. His quick smile, steady handshake, and big heart left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

He had a lifelong love for Corvettes and tractors. But more than anything, Buddy loved his family, his church, and his Lord. He lived a life of integrity, humor, and deep devotion. He will be missed beyond words but remembered

with so much love.

Friends and family are invited to gather to remember Buddy on Saturday, July 26th, 2025, from 2:00-4:00pm at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Buddy's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home  
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Athens, AL 35611  
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<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Bernell, I am so sorry. Who knew he would be before the older cousins. May God comfort you and bless you. Patricia & Doug*

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**Patricia** - July 26, 2025 at 03:43 PM

RP

“ *Great friend and excellent leader for Harris County Emergency Services District 15. Was sorry to see him move to Alabama. God will continue to bless the family and provide comfort during this time.*

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**Randall Parr** - July 26, 2025 at 10:35 AM

VP

“ *Buddy was an inspiration to the Main St Church of Christ were I attend. He was a kind, loving Christian man. Bernell and Buddy were married 61 years and he still referred to her as his bride. Bernell and I were going on a shopping trip. Buddy offered his beautiful Corvette for us to drive. That was fun! Too bad the world is not full of men like Buddy. We will miss him.*

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**Violet Perry** - July 25, 2025 at 05:34 PM

“ Memories of a Wonderful Christian Man!

*Uncle Buddy, as he was known to my children Daniel, Christopher and Rachel. When my husband Robert "Bob" was an instructor for the Houston College of the Bible, as it was known in 1993, we were members at the Spring congregation before we took a full-time preaching position elsewhere. Uncle Buddy had more patience than anyone else for our super-hyper middle son Christopher, and he adored Uncle Buddy. I always felt so incredibly welcomed in Buddy and Nell's home, and my children were gathered up in the arms of "grandparents" who loved them deeply. Such an encouraging and lovely couple! Rob and I wanted to be like them after our 50 years of marriage. My sweet Rob passed 7-1/2 years ago, so we only made it to 39 years, but I remember the sweet sentiments expressed by Buddy and Nell when they learned Rob had passed. Rob really looked up to Buddy for sound counsel regarding God's word, and he was such a strong, solid Elder at Spring.*

*Buddy may have had physical issues with his body, but let me tell you! NO ONE could outwork that man! He was strong as an ox, hands rough as leather, but so extremely gentle when he held our baby girl, Rachel. She was just a few months old when we sang at Lori's wedding. Buddy's eyes brimmed with tears as he gazed upon our sweet angel. He had such a big and tender heart! He gave the best bear hugs to my children. We all felt safe, warm and protected under Buddy's care. My family is counted as very blessed to have been a small, very small part of Buddy's huge circle of friends.*

*This season of life is so very difficult for those of us left behind, but what a tremendous time of rejoicing for those who served the Lord faithfully and now have their final reward with our Lord and Savior!*

*May God bless Aunt Nell, Lori, Eric and all family members at this time.*

*Much love!*

*Jackie Deaver Sweeten*

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**Jackie Deaver Sweeten** - July 24, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JP

“ *I remember being able to visit the Roths in their home in the 93-95 period I attended school in Spring. The church had exemplary men for elders, as it should, and Buddy Roth was no exception. His home like the other elders' homes was a place of hospitality. He was truly solicitous and kind to those who would visit. The family hosted devotionals there at home for the large youth group, with real scriptural content and spiritual value. Such memories I will cherish always.*

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**Jim Patterson** - July 24, 2025 at 01:07 PM

VP

*Buddy has been a great inspiration to the Main Street Church of Christ in Ardmore where I attend. Buddy and Bernell have been my good friends. (Buddy even let Bernell and me go on a shopping trip in his little sporty Corvette!) He will be missed here but I am sure he is in a better place.*

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**Violet Perry** - July 24, 2025 at 09:33 PM