



Roger Roach

November 30, 1955 - July 21, 2019

Roger Dale Roach, longtime resident of Terrell and Elmo, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2019. Roger was born Nov. 30, 1955 in Mineola, Texas to Jimmy and Evelyn (Mayse) Roach, both of whom preceded him in death.

He grew up in Elmo and graduated from Wills Point High School in 1974. During high school, he was active in FFA being elected as Secretary. He also was a member of the Boy Scout troop and was recognized as an Eagle Scout before graduation. In July, 1978, Roger married Mary Kay Phillips and together they made a wonderful life full of memories with family and friends. He and Mary Kay became members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Terrell where they made many more wonderful friendships. In 1983, he graduated from Texas A&M Fire Academy and began his career as a fireman with Terrell Fire Department, starting as driver/engineer and moving up until being appointed Interim Fire Chief. In 2006, Roger retired from TFD as Fire Marshal having put in over 24 years of faithful service to the Department and Terrell as well as the surrounding communities. Roger also was a past member of the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department, continuing to serve alongside his many friends and colleagues. He had a singular sense of humor that endeared him to so many but his generous heart was, far and away, the first and best part of being Roger's friend. His generosity knew no limits and many others who knew him were the recipient of Roger's help during a tough time. When he wasn't at the fire station, Roger could be found doing activities he loved: camping, fishing, and spending any and all time with his family. To his grandchildren, he was the best PePaw ever and with his sense of humor and having fun, the grandkids knew that spending the day with PePaw would be the best day ever! Roger's ability to always lighten the mood with his unique sense of humor, his unconditional love for his family, his devotion to his many friends and his exceptional ability to always help others gives each person who knew him, no matter how long or how brief, a wonderful legacy to cherish and never forget.

Those left to hold this heritage close to their own hearts until they see Roger again are his wife, Mary Kay Roach of Terrell; daughters: Traci Clark and husband Shaun of Mabank, Becky Nelson of Terrell; grandchildren: Jaymeson Clark, Corley Nelson and Ryder Nelson; sister, Teresa Ashworth as well as several other extended family, a host of friends and firefighters near and far who loved him and will miss him greatly.

Funeral service will be at 1:00pm, Friday, July 26, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Terrell, 403 N. Catherine, Terrell, TX, with Rev. Billy Martin officiating. The family will receive friends 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Roger's courageous fight with kidney disease, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, at www.kidney.org (with acknowledgment email: tracijeane@aol.com).

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JUL **26.** 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Roger Roach

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JB

“ A good, kind and decent man! Thank you for your service to your community of Terrell. You are greatly missed.

Jerry Burr - August 03, 2019 at 07:48 AM

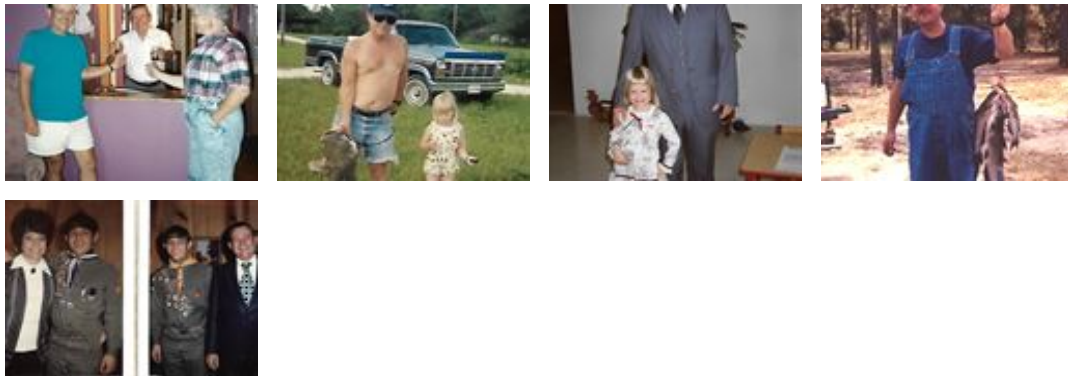
MB

“ Mary Kay and Family, Mark and I were so sadden to hear Roger had passed away. We have wonderful memories of our time with you all. He was surely a hoot and loved to have a good time. He was so caring, generous and a true friend. We will always cherish our memories. We are blessed for knowing him. Love you, The Boyd Family

Mark and Terri Boyd - July 26, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 25, 2019 at 12:26 PM

TR

“ Tony And Tammy Reed lit a candle in memory of Roger Roach



Tony and Tammy Reed - July 25, 2019 at 11:40 AM

DT

“ Donna And Cecil Tapp lit a candle in memory of Roger Roach



Donna and Cecil Tapp - July 25, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Roach.



July 25, 2019 at 10:07 AM

BG

“ Roger was a wonderful classmate and friend.

He always showed a true interest in everyone he met and knew and his smile along could make your bad day into a great day!

He may have moved on to a better place, but will still be with us always.

Beverly Miller Griffin - July 25, 2019 at 07:48 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Roach.



July 25, 2019 at 02:07 AM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God wrap his loving arms around you and keep you strong in the days and weeks ahead

Barbara Donahue - July 24, 2019 at 10:15 PM

WE

“ Wonda (mcclung) Eubank lit a candle in memory of Roger Roach



Wonda (mcclung) Eubank - July 24, 2019 at 07:02 PM

EW

“ Nothing I say will take your pain away. But knowing he will be there when we get there sure helps. I am so glad y'all came by to see me the other night. If I had known....I I would have hugged him harder. Love you all!

Elaine(Lumpy) Wooldridge - July 24, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Roach.



July 24, 2019 at 01:14 PM

TM

“ Teresa,

I was shocked to hear about the passing of your brother. I remember all the wonderful stories that you told me about Roger and all the love that you had for him. I am praying for you and Roger's family. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. God bless you.



Tom Marquez

Tom Marquez - July 24, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Roach.



July 24, 2019 at 06:12 AM

TR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Traci - July 22, 2019 at 11:35 PM

LT

“ Linda Tipps lit a candle in memory of Roger Roach



linda Tipps - July 22, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ prayers sent for the family im sorry for the loss of Roger Roach

Doug B Barrey - July 22, 2019 at 06:47 PM

DT

“ Always a smile ,never a frown tells you a lot about a man. Roger was that man.
Thank you for your time and I'll see you when li get there .

Doug & Dolly Turner - July 22, 2019 at 06:24 PM

TB

“ Teresa & Richard Brazell lit a candle in memory of Roger Roach



Teresa & Richard Brazell - July 22, 2019 at 04:45 PM

RS

“ Roger was such a wonderful man. There was never a dull moment when he was around & if you called on him, he would surely be there. Prayers of peace, strength & comfort to Mary Kay, Teresa & all of the family.



Richard & Tricia Selman - July 22, 2019 at 04:03 PM

BB

“ Roger, you were the brother that I never had. I will miss you. We had so many memories and thankful for that. Prayers for Mary Kay and the family. Tammy and I love y'all.

Billy Beggs - July 22, 2019 at 02:12 PM

LK

“ What a wonderful man. God speed.



Lisa Kelly - July 22, 2019 at 01:58 PM

SF

“ Sulene Fontenot lit a candle in memory of Roger Roach



sulene fontenot - July 22, 2019 at 12:32 PM

SF

“ What a wonderful man. You will be truly missed. Love you all

sulene fontenot - July 22, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Roach.



July 22, 2019 at 11:11 AM