



## Roy Miller Brown

March 14, 1935 - August 5, 2019

Roy Miller Brown was born March 14, 1935 in Gilmer, Texas and went Home August 5, 2019 after a brief but fierce battle with cancer. Brown attended East Mountain schools through the first grade before moving to Texarkana, Texas where he graduated from Texas High School in 1953. After attending Texarkana Jr. College, Brown earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1957. He received his Masters degree from Southern Methodist University in 1967.

Brown credits accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior to be the greatest decision of his life. His 2nd greatest decision came in June of 1957 when he married Mary Helen Green of Texarkana, Arkansas. During their 62 years of marriage they raised three pretty decent sons, three wonderful grandchildren and two angelic great grandchildren, never failing to love and spoil any of them.

Roy Brown began his teaching career coaching Theatre and Speech at Gladewater High School from 1957 - 1960. In 1960 Brown directed the winning play in the 2A State UIL One Act Play Competition and his talent as a director was recognized by the University of Texas in Austin. One of Brown's mentors, Dr. Loren Winship, Chairman of the UT Theatre department offered him the job of Assistant Professor of Theatre that same year. Dr. Rodney Kidd, another mentor extended to Brown the invitation to become the State UIL Drama Director. Brown accepted both positions but after 6 weeks on the

job, Uncle Sam called this Staff Sergeant of the Army Texas National Guard to active service. When his service was completed, Brown resumed his position at the University of Texas from 1961 - 1970. At UT, Brown excelled in all areas and Theatre in Texas blossomed under his leadership. In 1969, Harold Riley, a Christian businessman and mentor persuaded Brown to try his hand at sales and he and a small group of businessmen formed the Insurance Company of America. A natural salesman, Brown found a second career in insurance sales and began his own company, The R. Brown Insurance Company in 1973. Longing for small town life again, Brown moved the company to Gladewater, Texas in 1976. In 1982 Brown helped organize the Gladewater National Bank and became a member of the Board of Directors. In 1984 he, along with two partners, organized and co-founded the Brown Cook & Taylor Insurance agency. While in Gladewater, Brown held many positions in the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and helped establish the original Gladewater Industrial Foundation. In 1993 Brown relocated The R. Brown Insurance Company to Gilmer, Texas to focus on Estate Planning, Life and Health insurance only.

Brown joined Rotary International in 1977. He was an active member of the Gladewater and Gilmer clubs receiving multiple awards for his service and achievements including Chapter President of both clubs and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He was also instrumental in bringing the American flag fundraiser to the Gilmer Rotary club. Brown gives full credit for his success in life and business to following the teachings of the Bible and the Rotary Four Way Test.

Brown was an active church member from an early age. He was saved and baptized in the East Mountain Baptist church in 1941 and as an adult was ordained as a Deacon at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas. He also served as a Deacon at FBC Gladewater, FBC Gilmer, and New Beginnings Baptist Church of Gilmer where he was a charter member. Brown's strong

faith and Godly convictions equipped him to become a spiritual leader and mentor to hundreds of teenagers and young married couples throughout his lifetime. The effects of his ministry will be felt for lifetimes to come.

In 2014 Roy Brown sold his insurance company to enjoy his retirement years with his beloved wife and family.

Roy Brown is remembered for his enthusiasm, his spiritual gift of Encouragement, his love of family, and the Godly example he showed in his life and marriage. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Helen Green Brown of Gilmer, Texas, son Roy Brown of Dallas, and twin sons Kenneth and Kevin Brown, both of Gilmer. Grandchildren, Weston and Allison Brown of New Braunfels, Jamin and Blair Jones of New Braunfels, and Leigh Ashley Brown of Mineola; Great grandchildren, Jase Brown and McKenna Brown of New Braunfels; brother, Joe Jones and wife, Helen of Gladewater; and a host of friends and relatives.

Visitation will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the New Beginnings Baptist Church in Gilmer, Texas. The memorial service will be held immediately after at 11:00 am. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the New Beginnings Baptist Church, Gilmer Mission fund or Open Door Pregnancy Center in Gilmer, Texas.

Please visit Roy's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Tribute Wall

KY

“ *What a kind and giving man of God. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family and friends.*

Karen Yielding - August 11, 2019 at 12:51 PM

KY

“ *Karen Yielding lit a candle in memory of Roy Miller Brown*



Karen Yielding - August 11, 2019 at 12:48 PM

JT

“ *I remember years ago going out to their farm and walking the land by the lake with the Patrick's. Always a friendly smile and hugs!!! Rip The Tefteller's.*

JoEllen Tefteller - August 09, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Miller Brown.*



August 08, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Miller Brown.*



August 07, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ *Doloris and Doug Teague purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Roy Miller Brown.*



**Doloris and Doug Teague** - August 07, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Cassity Jones Building Materials purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Roy Miller Brown.*



**Cassity Jones Building Materials** - August 07, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Roy Miller Brown.*



August 06, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Roy Miller Brown.*



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August 06, 2019 at 05:57 PM



“ *Last time I saw Roy Brown was at the dedication of our precious great grand daughter Charlotte Shay Engle. I had not seen him in some time, but, as usual he welcomed me with open arms and so happy that I was there. He was such an inspiration to so many in his lifetime, just wish I'd met him sooner so I could delight in his overwhelming love for folks. He will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to those he left behind and know that one day they (we) will all be reunited in the presence of Jesus.*

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**Donna Thompson Sappington** - August 06, 2019 at 03:18 PM



“ *Fairwell to our long time friend, teacher, and example of God's love...we will see you on the other side. Our love to your beautiful wife and great sons that will carry on your legacy. Thank you for the many memories you have shared with my son Brian. We will all remember the influence and strength you instilled in each one of us who passed through your class at Gladewater High School. God has many crowns awaiting you!! Love forever. Doris (Walls) Barber!!!!*



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**Doris Barber** - August 06, 2019 at 02:49 PM

SS

“ With love and heavy heart we are thinking of all of you as we remember all the good times we had together. We love you. Billie, Sam and Family

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**Sam Slaydon** - August 06, 2019 at 12:38 PM

PA

“ There are people in life that you meet and your life is more blessed to have known them and Roy Brown was at the top of my list. He has been major inspiration to me and everyone who knew him. From the Morning, Morning, Morning's when he would come in to the dealership, to the hand shakes and hugs at church. You always felt like you mattered and that you were Loved when you were around him. Mary Helen, Roy, Kenneth & Kevin I am so sorry for your loss but we all know where our brother Roy is, and that adds great comfort knowing he is with Our Lord and Savior. Amy and I may miss the celebration of Roy's life Saturday but know that we have and will continue to pray for each of you. With the Greatest Love and Respect Philip Anderson

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**PHILIP ANDERSON** - August 06, 2019 at 11:43 AM

DS

“ ...at a loss of words for this great loss to your family and our community. I loved Roy Brown,.. practically from the day I met him many years back. There were none better. Roy is Home now,.. and i will miss him greatly as well as those who knew him. What a legacy he has left,... Mary Helen, Ken, Kevin, and rest of family. Prayers for you all.

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**Dwayne Studdard** - August 06, 2019 at 10:18 AM

Christy Shirley

“ Roy was one of the sweetest men I'd ever met. he had such a knack for making everyone feel welcome and a part of our sunday school group. I was so thankful for the time he let us bring our little boy fishing at his beautiful house. I will never forget his gentle spirit and leadership. I am so sorry for the families loss and will be praying for comfort in the days to come. I feel so blessed to have known him.

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**Christy Shirley** - August 05, 2019 at 11:15 PM

MG

“ I was in Roy's speech and drama classes when he first came to GHS. He really was kind and patient and understanding and had a pleasant demeanor even when we were goofing around. We learned a lot from him and respected him as a caring teacher and an example of a Christian man

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**Margie Tarpley Graves** - August 05, 2019 at 11:00 PM

MW

“ Roy and Mary Helen made a great team and touched many lives including mine. I love them dearly. I admired Roy for his optimism and joyful spirit. It seems he always had a smile on his face. Roy was so generous with affirming and encouraging words. My most cherished complement came from Roy when he told me if he had a daughter he'd want her to be like me. He was a real treasure and will be greatly missed on this earth. I grieve his death but rejoice that he is in the presence of the King of Glory. The Brown family will be in my prayers.

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**Marty Warren** - August 05, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Roy was one of the happiest men I have ever met. He was such a loving friend to my dad, Harold “Booger” Sheridan. My dad loved to pick on Roy whenever he could. Roy and Mary Helen were such good friends to mom and dad. I know that he will be missed but he is now in heaven, picking on dad again! Tell my daddy hello, Roy!  
Regina Sheridan Whisenant

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**Regina Whisenant** - August 05, 2019 at 09:44 PM