



## Roy Lee Murrell

June 14, 1952 - July 4, 2024

Funeral services for Roy Lee Murrell, of Gilmer, Texas are scheduled for 12:00 pm, Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Chaplain Jodi Bachtell officiating. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will be held at 11:00 am prior to the service.

Roy was born June 14, 1952, in Gilmer, Texas to Leroy and Betty Joyce Newsome Murrell and passed from this life on July 4, 2024, in Dallas, Texas. Roy graduated as salutatorian of Gilmer High School Class of 1970 and went on to graduate from The University of Texas in Austin in 1974, with a bachelor's degree in education. He was an avid reader and educator and was a perfectionist in grammar. Roy loved his hummingbirds and plants, but most importantly he enjoyed his cruises. He adored his special niece, Addison Murrell.

Those left to cherish his memory are his siblings, Linda Reardon, James Murrell, Elizabeth Bunn (Joe), Cathy Pearson, Paula Wade (Tracy), and Candace Murrell; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Betty Murrell.

Pallbearers will be Steve Dean, Bill Thomason, Jerry Pittmon, Russell King, Richard Stanley, and Cloddie Henson.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S  
Gilmer, TX 75645

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy Lee Murrell*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - July 10, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Roy was such a nice patron of the library. He loved checking out mystery series. May he rest in peace. - Upshur County Library staff*

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**Upshur County Library** - September 17, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *Roy was a good friend and will be missed. I enjoyed our conversations we had. He was one of the smartest person I know.*

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**Dana Hughes** - July 10, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Roy Lee Murrell Funeral Service*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - July 09, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 08, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ Our condolences, Kathy & Roy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Roy Lee Murrell.



Our condolences, Kathy & Roy - July 08, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ Judy Tucker Brown purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Roy Lee Murrell.



Judy Tucker Brown - July 07, 2024 at 10:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Roy Lee Murrell.



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July 07, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *Peter Cunningham and Cathy Sangren* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Lee Murrell.

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**Peter Cunningham and Cathy Sangren** - July 07, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *Patricia Fridye* lit a candle in memory of Roy Lee Murrell



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**Patricia Fridye** - July 07, 2024 at 04:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Roy Lee Murrell.



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July 06, 2024 at 10:20 PM

YS

“ Yolanda Soliz purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Roy Lee Murrell.



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**Yolanda Soliz** - July 06, 2024 at 04:49 PM

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“ Yolanda Soliz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Lee Murrell.

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**Yolanda Soliz** - July 06, 2024 at 04:49 PM

TL

“ Mr. Murrell was a fabulous person and educator. He was a daily example to his students and was loved by all at Stafford MSD. He was also an excellent tour guide, For many years he took his Advanced Placement English classes to Europe. Our daughter was fortunate to go on two of these trips. As a parent of one of his students, and also his sub for many years, we were all sorry to see him retire. He longed for home and retired to be with his family and care for his parents. Rest in Peace Mr. Murrell. You will certainly be missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing you.

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**Tira Lamb** - July 05, 2024 at 10:29 PM

PS

“ Pete O'Heeron - Roy's student purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Roy Lee Murrell.



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**Pete O'Heeron - Roy's student** - July 05, 2024 at 10:14 PM

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Pete O’Heeron - Roy’s student - July 05, 2024 at 10:14 PM

SA

“ Roy was such a dedicated educator. His devotion to furthering his students’ horizons and experiences was amazing. Such a joy to have worked with him at Stafford MSD.

sheri ashby - July 05, 2024 at 07:50 PM

PW

“ We will forever love and miss you! You were the best brother a girl could ever have! We are gonna be so lost but I know you are having the time of your life up in heaven!❤️ thank you for all the memories and always being there for us all!



Paula wade - July 05, 2024 at 06:58 PM

SB

*Roy is first cousin, and has always been one of the nicest, kindest people I have ever met, he was very, very dear to my mother, and family, and definitely someone to look up to. I will always remember his laugh, and his smile, he was always smiling and happy, Heaven just became alot brighter...*

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**Shannon Bickerdike** - July 07, 2024 at 10:45 PM