



Rev. Roddy J. Bland

April 2, 1943 - December 31, 2020

Rev. Roddy J. Bland, age 77, of Hideaway, Texas died Thursday, December 31, 2020 in a Tyler hospice center. He was born in Gilmer, Texas on April 2, 1943 to the late Travis Jack and Gladys Mozelle (Light) Bland and was formerly of Longview, Texas. Roddy was a graduate of Longview High School, SMU and Baylor Universities. Rev. Bland was a Methodist minister in the Texas conference and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lindale, Texas.

Rev. Bland is survived by his loving wife, Hattie Bland of Hideaway, Texas; daughters & son-in-law, Cindy & Rick Anderson of Lake Cherokee, Texas and Tammy Bland of Austin, Texas; brother & sister-in-law, Tim and Cindy Bland of Gladewater, Texas; 10 grandchildren and spouses, Spencer Anderson, Gabby Nino, Jessica & Jaime Solis, Miranda Stone, John Stone, Jason & Jolee Shaw, Emily Wilson, Allyson Stone, Anthony Hoffman and Joshua Hoffman. After retiring from the ministry, Roddy and Hattie moved to Hideaway, Texas to be closer to family. They traveled the country, cheering on grandson Spencer (and teammates) play baseball and granddaughter Ally compete in gymnastics. Over the years, Roddy and Hattie became grandparents to countless students in daughter Cindy's school classroom. PawPaw and MiMi had enough love in their hearts to love them all. Roddy and Hattie loved traveling the world, with him documenting memories with each click of his camera. Colorado held a special place in heart.

Roddy, his brother Tim and cousin Ken held weekly “meetings” or golf games in order to “solve the world’s problems” It did not take a person long to realize the special bond that Dad and Hattie held together. He adored his Hattie. Roddy loved his church family and Sunday School class. When he and fellow band of retired ministers got together, everyone was fair game with pranks and good- natured fun. Daughters Cindy, Tammy and “son”-in-law Rick know God blessed them with the best Dad in the world. If you don’t believe it, just ask them. Roddy had a way of helping each person that he came across feel special, amazing and loved. Rev. Roddy Bland was the bright light in so many people’s lives. The world is a little darker now without him in it.

A private family graveside service will be held. The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Memory Park Cemetery

2823 East Marshall Ave.
Longview, TX 75601

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Roddy J. Bland*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - January 04, 2021 at 09:24 PM

TS

Beautiful video. He was a man of God who truly loved the world and all the people in it. He always had a smile and a let me help you attitude. He will always be remembered in our hearts. Just love him and Hattie - Teena and Walt Still from Cedar Bayou Grace in Baytown Texas

Teena and Walt Still - January 05, 2021 at 10:39 AM

DL

Love this. It's beautiful ❤️.

Donna Lindley - January 05, 2021 at 08:51 PM

CB

Nice, very well done💕

Charlene Brumfield - January 08, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Rev. Roddy J. Bland*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Rev. Roddy J. Bland*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *It has taken me a while to talk about Roddy as a person not just a minister. I worked for him in the early 70's at the Methodist office on Main in Houston. He taught me about life, enduring friendships, and love. He was a light in my life. Sheila*

Sheila Beavers - March 12, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear of Roddy's passing. We became really good friends during his brief time in Baytown. No preacher has moved me in spirit the ways he did. Every sermon felt like he was tuned into exactly what was going on in my life. Not only was he a superb minister, he was a smart business man. I worked with him on many committees and saw first hand how he managed many different viewpoints. I just wish I could have been there to pay my respects. I do believe that he is in a better place assisting the LORD in whatever he needs.*

David Brown - December 20, 2021 at 12:24 AM

PT

“*Roddy and I met our first day of school at Forest Park Junior High -- the day the school opened. We remained close friends until I moved away from Texas in '77. We lived across the hall from each other in seminary at SMU and shared baby-sitting duties for Cindy and Tammy and our kids, Chris and Kelly. Roddy had a vibrant personality and unique leadership skills. Every church he served was blessed.*

My wife Joanne and I were lucky to spend a night with he and Hattie just as they were moving into their beautiful home at Hideaway.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Hattie and all of Roddy's family and friends.

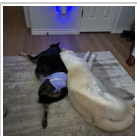
Rev. Phil & Joanne Tarman, Greeley, CO

Phil Tarman - May 03, 2021 at 01:22 PM

CP

“ I am saddened to hear of Roddy's passing. My husband and I met Roddy when he first came to Trinity UMC in Beaumont as associate pastor. He came to our home often and we met for lunch often. He was a TRUE friend during hard times for us and we were available when he needed us. We became great friends! My husband was very ill and Roddy helped our family cope and I feel the friendship was mutual. Roddy came to Georgetown to help hold my husbands funeral when he died in 2005. Our pastor at the time said a family afterwards asked to join our church as they had never been to such a moving service. We learned how Roddy loved the Rocky Mountains. We met one summer 4th of July at the YMCA there, we in our RV and he had flown up. We could not find a place to park our RV and Roddy took charge and found us a place. We had planned to travel further with Roddy but instead part of the deal was that my husband and I would work at Mary's Lake Campground where we parked. We attended church there and met some of Roddy's teachers when he attended seminary. We had a wonderful couple of weeks with this Godly man before he had to return to Beaumont. It is a summer I shall never forget...PRECIOUS MEMORIES!! My whole family loved Roddy more than words can express. He was really a "one of a kind" man. He and Hattie were made for each other and it was wonderful they found each other. He was a authentic man, loved his family, loving, caring and always willing to help anyone in need. He will be missed by our whole family and so many. My condolence to all his family. The nature video was a great tribute to what Roddy loved, God's creation.

Carolyn Powers - January 15, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ We will truly miss Roddy and the wonderful way that he handled people and their needs. Condolences to his entire family. David and Susan Buster

David Buster - January 06, 2021 at 02:43 PM

JB

“ My prayers to the family. Roddy was one of my few best friends. He was both a pastor and good friend to me and my late wife Sue, and my daughters Debra and Barbra. We often played tennis together in Port Arthur, Texas where we first met. We spent times on the beach in Galveston. He attended so many of our family events like birthdays and graduations across south Texas including Houston and Sugar Land, where we were church members. At one time when he needed a place in Houston, he lived in our condo for a year while we were overseas. Roddy and I shared the same April 2 birthday, although I am two years older. He always talked excitedly about the family life in Longview. My prayers are with the family and friends at this sad time, but we will celebrate his life with joy.
Jerry Bailey

Jerry Bailey - January 06, 2021 at 10:47 AM

MF

“ Roddy was such a special person. He really pulled our church out of it's slump. I was so impressed with his leadership. He got everybody involved and made everybody feel special including the youth group. On Easter Sunday he had our church and all of the other churches in our town all meet at the high school football field for a community sunrise service. He brought many people to the Lord. In years to come he was not forgotten. Although he was retired my son asked him to perform his marriage but unfortunately wasn't able to do it on that day. My son was so disappointed, but understood. Roddy had really made a big impression on him when he was a teen. Roddy you were loved by all!

Marva Franks - January 05, 2021 at 10:41 PM

GC

“ I was saddened to see Rodney (Jackie's) obituary in the Longview paper this morning. I am a cousin but have not seen Jackie in several years. I have many fond memories of times spent at Sunt Myrt's when we were children. My condolences to all the family.
Glenda (Martin) Capps

Glenda Capps - January 05, 2021 at 01:41 PM

JG

“ Hattie and Family,

We will miss Roddy; He is a rare and total "gentleman" who was always concerned about others, had a great sense of humor and always helped others to know Christ.
Hattie we love you and so does our Lord!

Jack & Jody

Jack George - January 05, 2021 at 12:26 PM

DC

“*Roddy made our entire family feel so welcome at Cedar Bayou UMC from the first time we attended and we joined the church right away. Not long after becoming members at Cedar Bayou, my father (my parents had also joined the church when we did) had emergency surgery for a brain bleed and was in the ICU. I was overwhelmed to see Roddy and Hattie come in his room late that Friday night after his surgery to be with us and support us. My father recovered and there were often jokes afterwards between them about the scare. My dad went on ahead of Roddy this year so I'm sure there will be more jokes in heaven now.*

After baptizing our six month old son, Roddy was holding him and our son pulled the foam cover off the microphone on Roddy's lapel and put it in his mouth. No one but the associate pastor noticed it and he quietly told Roddy. Roddy laughed out loud when he realized it and put his hand to our son's mouth who spit out the saliva-soaked ball into his hand. Roddy didn't miss a beat and popped it right back on his microphone chuckling the whole time.

In his sermons, Roddy often talked about helping others and how God would lead him to a place for a certain purpose that he would discover when he got there. I will always remember those stories.

Because of his teaching, I look for those opportunities as well.

Roddy knew we could all be someone's angel. Thank you, Roddy, for always answering God's call and teaching us to do the same.

We were blessed to know him and by his ministry.

We are praying for the family to feel God's arms around them through this terribly sad time.

In Christ's Love,

Donna and Steve Coggins and family

Donna Coggins - January 05, 2021 at 11:59 AM

TS

“ Teena & Walter Still purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Rev. Roddy J. Bland.



Teena & Walter Still - January 05, 2021 at 10:58 AM

NB

“ My name is Nan Hensel Bailey from Rosebud, Texas. My ex husband, Bobby Bailey and Roddy (they lived in Travis) commuted to Waco where both were in school. We were friends of Joe and Zoe Wilson, who was the Methodist minister in Rosebud. All three of us couples would get together from time to time.

Bob and I would go to Kosse, Texas to visit when both of the girls were little and his first church full time. The parsonage was very old and cold since no central heat or air. I "think" in Travis, there was not any running water.

The reason that I am an active member of FUMC in Canton is because of Roddy and Joe.

I am so thankful to have known Roddy, Linda and the beautiful daughters.

I pray that your sorrow will turn into wonderful memories to a great person.

Sincerely,

Nan Bailey, 530 W. Elm, Canton, Texas 75103

Nan Bailey - January 05, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Roddy J. Bland.*



January 05, 2021 at 07:40 AM

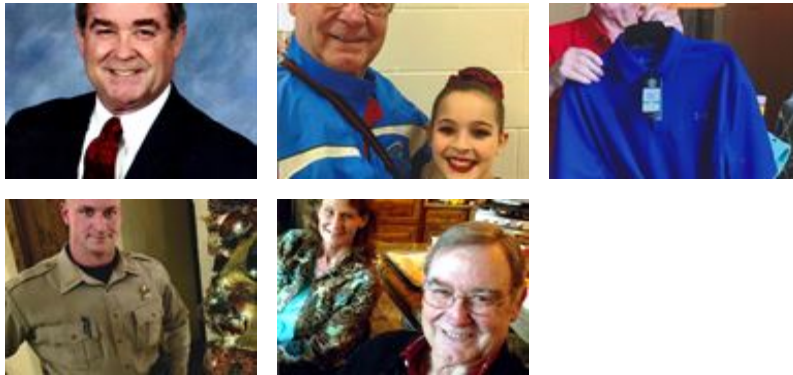


“ *Roddy was a gifted man of God.*

jim Jackson - January 04, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - January 04, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Roddy J. Bland.*



January 04, 2021 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ *Tim and family*
*"May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared,
comfort you now and in the days ahead."*

Bryan Brennion - January 03, 2021 at 05:25 PM

NH

“ *Tim, So sorry to read this. David and Nita Holley*

Nita Ballard Holley - January 03, 2021 at 01:47 PM

KS

“ *Tim and family so sorry to hear of your loss, you all will be in my
prayers .*

Kay Skinner - January 03, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Rev. Roddy J. Bland.*



January 03, 2021 at 12:36 PM

DL

“ *Reverend Bland is the father of my dearest friend, Cindy. He was
such a wonderful father to her. I have very fond memories of him. I
remy one particular time when he was so gracious. He had just
moved to a new house and boxes were everywhere. No matter what
was going on, Mr. Bland always welcomed and loved me. My
sincerest condolences to the family.*

Donna Lindley - January 02, 2021 at 06:51 PM

JQ

Cindy, Tammy and family

Jim and I send our deepest condolences. We have very fond memories of Roddy and y'all. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 🙏🙏❤️❤️

janet Quebedeaux - January 05, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Roddy J. Bland.*



January 02, 2021 at 06:45 PM