



Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach

March 12, 1929 - March 12, 2018

Mr. Johnny “Bruce” Roach went to be with the Lord on his 89th birthday, March 12, 2018.

Bruce was born in Royston, Georgia, on March 12, 1929, to the late Knox Cleveland Roach and English Jordan Roach. He graduated from Royston High School in 1947 and joined the United States Air Force where he served as a Sargent in the 29th Aircraft Repair Squadron in Okinawa, Japan. Upon discharge from the military in 1949, he attended North Georgia Trade and Vocational School where he graduated with a diploma in dry cleaning in 1951 and gained employment at Ware’s Dry Cleaning. Bruce was self-employed for most of his adult life and retired from the trucking industry where he was owner/operator of Johnny Bruce Roach trucking and used the handle “Country Deacon”. During Bruce’s retirement, he continued to trade in motorcycles, restore his 1941 Ford truck, attend church and spent time with his loving family.

Bruce was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and used his retirement years and trading deals to witness to others. He was a member of Zidon Baptist Church in Sandy Cross and rarely missed any service. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1974, at Franklin Springs Baptist Church and also served as a Deacon at Zidon Baptist.

He married the late Mary Joyce Dawkins Roach and started a family, having three loving daughters. Bruce was the pillar of a 5 generation family and ensured that each member knew of Jesus Christ's never failing love.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his eight siblings: Rachel Roach, Reba Roach, Bill Roach, Belton Roach, Faye Roach, Boyce Roach, Ruby Barnette and Maxie Spears.

He is survived by his beloved family including daughters; Rita and Larry Hall of Royston, Carol and Tim Ashworth of Hartwell, and Beverly and Ronald "Rock" Hart of Royston. He is also survived by three generations of grandchildren: Kandy and Jeff Bond, Adrianna and Savanna, LeAnna and Colt Hart, Jolee, Briar and Sage; Joey Royston and Brecken, Jamie Vaughn, and Dylan, Hunter and Walker; Jessica and Brandon Crunkleton, and Allie, Hannah and Blane; and Kayla and Billy Segars, and Connor and Kain.

Funeral services for Mr. Roach will be held at Zidon Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018, with Rev. Andy Bond, Rev. Barry Porter and Rev. Caleb Bond officiating. Entombment will follow at Franklin Memorial Gardens- South in Royston, Georgia.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening. The family is at the home.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to the Zidon Baptist Church Building Fund at 331 Zidon Church Road Royston, GA.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memorial Gardens - South

Dovetown Road
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home
47 Franklin Springs Street
P.O. Box 465
Royston, GA 30662
(706) 245-7234
pruittfh@bellsouth.net
<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Zidon Baptist Church
331 Zidon Church Road
Royston, GA 30662

Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach*



Pruitt Funeral Home - March 13, 2018 at 06:57 PM

PR

“ *Uncle Bruce was a precious man and I know your hearts are broken. Much love and many prayers for you all.*



Pamela Roach - March 14, 2018 at 09:00 PM

AK

“ *Alan/Phyllis King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach*



Alan/Phyllis King - March 14, 2018 at 08:17 PM

CC

“ Charles And Kathy Corbett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach



Charles and Kathy Corbett - March 14, 2018 at 07:36 PM

WD

“ Wanda Segars Duke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach



Wanda Segars Duke - March 14, 2018 at 01:00 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to learn that Mr. Bruce has passed. I know that he is resting in a wonderful place today, far greater than any of us ever imagined, rejoicing with Mrs. Joyce and the rest of this wonderful family that has gone on before.

I am thankful that Mr. Bruce was such a fine role model and Christian example. I remember when he took the birthday offering at Zidon, he made sure to give everyone a dollar bill for their birthday, (this was during a time when a dollar was actually worth something). He passed that same kindness and generosity to his family which taught me that giving is indeed better than receiving. He had a special gift of song, the biggest heart and the patience of Job. I know what it is like to lose both a Dad and a Grandfather. Beverly, Rita, and family, you are in my prayers. May God provide the comfort to see you through this difficult time and the strength to persevere.

Roy Sosby - March 14, 2018 at 12:14 PM

MW

Carol and family. So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Even though I know y'all will greatly miss him, I know it is a comfort to know that he is with his Heavenly Father. May God give you that peace that passes all understanding.

Mary and William wilhite - March 14, 2018 at 10:48 PM

WJ

Carolyn & Beverly so sorry to here of the passing of your father,May god give you peace and comfort. Willena Johnson

willena johnson - March 15, 2018 at 12:19 PM

BR

“ *Barry, Sherry & Meredith Reece lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach*



Barry, Sherry & Meredith Reece - March 14, 2018 at 11:02 AM

BR

Praying for your family .

Barry, Sherry & Meredith Reece - March 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM

CM

“ *Chad And Amy Marcengill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach*



Chad and Amy Marcengill - March 14, 2018 at 08:22 AM

JJ

“ June Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach



June Jones - March 14, 2018 at 06:25 AM

HM

“ Harold & Lila McKern sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach



Harold & Lila McKern - March 13, 2018 at 07:32 PM



“ Jason-Dana Norris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach



Jason-Dana Norris - March 13, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pruitt Funeral Home - March 13, 2018 at 05:38 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of your loss.



Barbara and Henry Rousey - March 13, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ *Nadine Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bruce Roach*



Nadine Hunnicutt - March 13, 2018 at 03:55 PM