



Reverend Roger L. Duncan

June 24, 1947 - July 9, 2020

Reverend Roger L. Duncan, 73, of Seffner, Florida, born in Apple Grove, West Virginia on June 24, 1947, entered into Heaven on July 9, 2020. He was Senior Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church of Tampa for 37 years with over 51 years in the ministry. He loved his family, church, and God dearly, and enjoyed bowling, fishing, and practical jokes. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Diane Page Duncan; children, Reverend Roger L. Duncan II, (Jody) of Seffner, and Angela Duncan Frazier (Brett) of Thonotosassa; grandchildren, Connor, Brock, Olivia, Beau, Luke, and Drew; siblings, Marshall Duncan (Kay) of St. Petersburg, Tim Duncan (Kitty) of Orient, Ohio, Ronald (Patty) of Dover, and Susie Beauchamp (Willie) of Dover; and brother-in-law, Calvin Bumgardner of Grove City, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Buren and Bonnie Duncan; and sister, Janice Bumgardner. Roger left a spiritual legacy with his compassion for others, powerful preaching, and faithfulness to our Savior. He mentored many preachers and evangelists in the early stages of their ministry and was known throughout the country as a “preacher to preachers.” Roger founded the Janice Hall Memorial Rescue Mission in 1977 in downtown Tampa to minister to the homeless and those in need. His vision established Seffner Christian Academy and moved the church from Tampa to the current property in Seffner. “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 16 from 6-8:00 PM at First Free Will Baptist Church of Tampa, U.S. Hwy 92 East, Seffner, where the funeral service will be held Friday, July 17 at 11:00 A.M.

Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Masks are highly recommended. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed tampafreewill.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Free Will Baptist Church of Tampa, and/or Seffner Christian Academy at 11605 U.S. Hwy 92 East, Seffner, 33584. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Free Will Baptist Church
11605 US Hwy 92
Seffner, FL 33584
(813) 626-5383

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Marlene Romans lit a candle in memory of Reverend Roger L. Duncan*



Marlene Romans - July 18, 2020 at 03:37 AM

MR

Roger was like a brother to me, He was a great preacher and a wonderful man, he was always there for everyone any time day or night, He will be so missed so much his humor will also be missed. will be praying for Diane and the family.

Marlene Romans - July 18, 2020 at 03:41 AM

JA

“ *Brother Roger was a Prince among Preachers, a Pastor who loved people, and was never ashamed of The Old Time Religion- He will be missed but never forgotten. Dr. Joe Arthur, Harvest Baptist Tabernacle , Jonesboro , Ga*

joe arthur - July 16, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MB

“ *Mary Burnham lit a candle in memory of Reverend Roger L. Duncan*



Mary Burnham - July 15, 2020 at 04:06 PM

MG

“ Marie Gray lit a candle in memory of Reverend Roger L. Duncan



Marie Gray - July 14, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MG

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Marie Gray - July 14, 2020 at 09:30 PM

MG

He was my pastor for years. I can remember hom picking me & my sisters up in the church van for church & taking g the youth group to different activities. He will always be remembered.

Marie Gray - July 14, 2020 at 09:34 PM

MG

He was my pastor for many years. I can remember him picking me & my sisters up in the church van for church & taking the youth group to different activities with the church. He will always be remembered.

Marie Gray - July 14, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JF

“ Brother Roger has been in my life for as long as I can remember. He was my youth pastor and oh how much fun we had. He would take us home on the old white bus and stop at the 7-11 store and give us money to get candy.

Everyone on the bus received money for candy, of course it was only 1 cent candy but we thought he was a millionaire at the time.



Well Brother Roger, your a millionaire now Walking on streets of gold and living in your new mansion. Praise the Lord you have a new body with no more pain or suffering! You left an impression on so many Christians showing us what a true Christian is, what unconditional love means and what a true giving heart should be.

“Go rest high on that mountain, son your work on earth is done, go to heaven a shouting, love for the father and the son.”

You will truly be missed but never forgotten. 🙏

Jana and Alen Foxworth - July 14, 2020 at 09:23 PM

CH

“ Roger was a very special man. He loved the mountains in North Carolina and spending time in Hayesville. When he was setting up his summer home here, his only request was for 3 crosses to be built and put up on his property. Cliff built and installed them for him. Unfortunately he wasn't able to enjoy them very long but he loved them. We are saddened by his departure from this world but thankful to know he has a new body, no more pain or illness, and is in Jesus' arms.

Carol Hall - July 14, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JF

He was the best of the best. A friend to all. He was God's man.

Judy and Jimmy Frazier - July 14, 2020 at 12:46 PM

EH

“ *On behalf of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists we offer our sincere condolences to the Duncan Family. Brother Roger was a wonderful representative of his Savior Jesus Christ! I have always admired Brother Roger and his ministry. I remember when we had him speak for Ohio Men's Retreat back in 2002 and it was truly a joy!*

He will truly be missed by us all. We will be in prayer for the family.

Rev. Edwin Hayes

Executive Secretary

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

Edwin Hayes - July 14, 2020 at 08:40 AM