



## Lonnie Roach

August 3, 1951 - November 14, 2020

Dr. Lonnie Calvin Roach, 69, of Huntsville; died Saturday, November 14, 2020, at Countryside Assisted Living, Huntsville. He was born Friday, August 3, 1951, at Brewster, Washington; to Nolan Calvin and Berta "Bertie" Lackey Roach.

Lonnie was father to 2 children. He was a teacher for many years in the Huntsville School District. He loved genealogy, and was a major Star Trek fan, especially that of Leonard Nimoy as Mr. Spock. Lonnie was a man of great faith and a member of the Huntsville Church of Christ. Baptized at the age of 38, his motto was "My God is My Rock."

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Cameron Roach and Rebecca Osburn of Pea Ridge; his daughter, Megan Roach of Huntsville; his sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Steve Curlee of Roswell, Georgia; five grandchildren, Kaylee Almaguer, Kylie Osburn, Kayden Osburn, Trenton Roach, and Kyndall Roach; one great-grandchild, Everest Ransier; niece and nephew, Melissa and John Harris and Jeremy and Gina Curlee; three great nephews, and the mother of his children, Vickie McCoy.

Lonnie will lie in state 12:00-5:00 PM, Thursday, November 19, 2020, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home. Due to COVID-19, please practice social distancing and masks are required for entry. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Friday, November 20, 2020, at Patrick Cemetery with Steve Curlee officiating. Honorary Pallbearers will be Mike Parsley, Mike Tillery, Curt

Doege, Tommy McCollough, Steve Copinger, Mark Lukas, Charles Ziehr, Bill Epperson, Steve Harwood, Steve Stitt, Larry Combs, Cameron Roach, Jeremy Curlee, and Jerry Moore. Interment will immediately follow services at Patrick Cemetery, Delaney. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Mr. Roach was the Gifted and Talented teach that allowed me to create my own learning program which has enabled me to serve thousands of people in my career. I'm often the guy that has to learn something nobody else is willing to and then write the training program to make it easy for others to learn. That all started in middle school Gifted and Talented with Tandy / Radio Shack / Texas Instruments systems. It started with Mr. The roach is allowing two of us to work through every single "Future Problem Solving", Case Study he had. It started with the "Odyssey of the Mind" competition. The good kids followed the lesson plan and then two of us were allowed to go off the script and learn at our pace. I am thankful for Mr. Lonnie Roach and I miss his impact on children in my home town.

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**JEREMIAH GINN** - February 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about Lonnie's passing. I have always appreciated the kindness Lonnie showed to those around him. Thank you Megan for helping me to connect with him during his final days. Grace and peace to you and your family.



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**Steve Stitt** - November 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My prayers and sympathy go out to all of Lonnie's family. I remember him well from when we were students together at Elkins High School. I spent some fun times at his house because I was friends with his little sister, Kathy. May special memories help ease the pain of loss.  
--Melody Alsafar Litzinger

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**Melody Alsafar Litzinger** - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I truly enjoyed working with Lonnie at Middle School. Know that you are in my prayers. A memory that has stuck with me through the years, he gave me my first paddling (in 7th grade) for passing notes in class to my best friend. He was a great teacher!!

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**Pauline Taylor** - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ When I had Mr Roach as a teacher ,he was a very young man himself.He would challenge and interact with all students,and he truly taught. If a student thought of themselves as a talented singer, he would take time out of class to allow you to sing your song in front of the class, he insisted usually. Mr Roach was related to a family Killed in The Mountain Meadows Massacre of 1857, and he was a loyal supporter of our Massacre Foundation. He was a Great Man and will be missed, Godspeed Mr Roach !

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**Phil and Kim Bolinger** - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I have known Lonnie for years and years. We taught together for many of those years. He was a compassionate, intelligent and sincere person and teacher. I personally know many students who benefited from being in Lonnie's classes. The man cared about his students! I don't think Lonnie knew how to be cruel. Objective, but never cruel. I also know how strong Lonnie's faith was. His story is just beginning!

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**Jackie Collins** - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Megan and Cameron, as you know, I worked with Lonnie for many years. I knew him to be so very intelligent as well as compassionate. He loved teaching and interacting with his colleagues. Until his health declined, he called to discuss everything education related. I missed those calls. Please take comfort in knowing that his students and colleagues alike valued knowing him and have the utmost sympathy for you kids.

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**Pattie S Shinn** - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am saddened to hear of your loss. I knew Lonnie as a teacher and as a friend. He was a great teacher and a great person. He will be missed.

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**Terry Long** - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Megan and Cameron, I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Roach was definitely one of my most favorite teachers. I have so many wonderful memories of him in class and loved listening to his stories. I am sending prayers your way.

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**Megan Bolinger Porter** - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Charlinda Reeves - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss.

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Megan & Cameron, so sorry for your loss.  
Your dad was such a kind man and friend.



Woodrow and Debra Harmon - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ sorry for your loss

Kenneth Bean - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I hadn't seen Mr roach for 40 years. When I had him in 9th grade he made us put together our family tree. I have used that family tree many times since then. Thoughts go out to the family.

Ken Davis - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ *Lonnie was my oldest friend (59 years). I grew up just a half a mile from his family in Elkins. Our hearts are heavy at his passing. Our sincere sympathy and love is extended to his family.*



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**Charles Ziehr** - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM