

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



While processing to the cemetery, please be  
sure to turn on your lights and hazards!

*In Loving Memory of*



*John Roy  
Houston*

*November 7, 1935*

*August 17, 2025*



# John Roy Houston

John Roy Houston, 89, of Sedalia, MO, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center in Sedalia.

He was born on November 7, 1935, in Calhoun, MO, the son of Herbert Houston and Mary Mildred (Duvall) Houston, who preceded him in death.

On April 2, 1954, in Sedalia, he was united in marriage to Carol Ann Wood, who preceded him in death on October 21, 2024. Together, they shared 70 years of marriage filled with love, faith, and devotion to their family.

John was a proud graduate of Smith-Cotton High School, Class of 1953. During his school years, he worked for Colie Ervin as a fry cook, traveling to state fairs across the Midwest with a food trailer - a job that led him to meet his beloved Carol. After graduation, he worked for Pittsburgh Corning for a short time before beginning his lifelong career at Rival Manufacturing. He dedicated 38 years to the company, retiring at age 57 as Plant Manager of the Sweet Springs facility. Following his retirement, John continued to serve others through volunteer work at Sedalia Open Door Ministries.

Faith played a central role in John's life. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and previously served at New Hope Baptist Church and Olive Branch Baptist Church. Over the years, he faithfully shared his gifts as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Children's Church Leader, and Royal Ambassadors Leader.

John found joy in simple pleasures - gardening, fishing, playing softball, working cattle, and putting together puzzles, especially mechanical ones. Holidays were always a special time for him, as he treasured gathering with his family to celebrate and make memories together.

John's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by four children: Herbert Roy Houston (Susan), Lanny Brian Houston (Penny), Cynthia Rae Anderson (Paul), and Tracy Lynn Houston (Kristi), all of Smithton and Sedalia. He will also be lovingly remembered by eight grandchildren - Augusta, Leslie, Aaron, Kelsey, Joe, Alyssa, Kyle, and Brittany; thirteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his wife and parents, John was preceded in death by two sisters, Sandra Kerns and Carolyn Kriesler, and one brother, Larry Houston.

## Funeral Service

10:00 a.m.

Friday, August 22, 2025

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

### Officiant

Pastor Travis Battershell

### Special Music

*"Blessed Assurance"*

*"I Love To Tell The Story"*

*"Fishin'" "In The Dark"* - Video Tribute

### Interment

Salem Cemetery

Smithton, MO

### Pallbearers

Joe Anderson, Aaron Houston, Kyle Houston,  
Kelsey Houston, Jeremy Renfro, Zachary Anderson

### Honorary Bearers

Doug Cribelar and Paul Owens

### Memorial Contributions

Bethany Baptist Church

Salem Cemetery Fund