

BEARERS OF THE CASKET

Great Nephews:

Darren Turner • Shawn Dangerfield • Kody Schur • Julius Keeton • Che' Keeton

Great-Great Nephews: Jeffery Keeton • Charles Walker III

HONORARY BEARERS

Church Relationships: MacArthur Thomas • Thomas Calloway • David Dean • Adrian Smith

Day Care Relationships: Bryant Henderson • Orlandus Green

Friends and Family: Willie Lee Perkins (*Only Living First Cousin*) • Roderick F. Patterson (*Son-in-Love*)

Artis Lee Banks • Christopher Webb • Willie Polk • Billy Copeland • Joshua Shavers

FLOWER BEARERS

Women of Canaan Baptist Church • Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Zelma Owens • Maudies Turner • Deverl Owens • Jessie Keeton • Fandra Walker

IN SINCERE APPRECIATION

Our celebration of our husband and father could not have been more meaningful. He lived a wonderful life of love and service for 95 years, and we sincerely appreciate the outpouring of true love for us during this difficult time of transition. Thank each of you for taking out time to honor his memory with your presence here today. We would like to thank each staff member of Heritage Hospice as well. The nurses, caregivers, social worker, and chaplain were exemplary. They gave our husband and father the best of care physically and spiritually. They did everything they could to make his last days as comfortable as possible. You will never be forgotten for your kindness. We would like to also thank our friends from Church on the Rock and Canaan Baptist Church for every act of kindness from food, fellowship, prayer, and words of comfort. Your time, your outpouring of resources, and your genuine care will not be forgotten. We are so thankful for each of you. There are special individuals who stepped in to lift the load. We ask a special blessing for each of you. Please know that we do not take the sacrifice of your time lightly. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ebony Carrigan-Cain is truly a gift from God. The Carrigan Family made this painful process flawlessly easy to go through. They were with us every step of the way. Thank you for going over and above for us. We could not have had a better organization to assist us with this sensitive process other than the Carrigan Family. God bless each of you.

Finally, we want to thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who always causes us to triumph. Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? Roy Lawrence is now in heavenly places singing and rejoicing because of the sacrifice Christ made on the cross. Yes, Dad, we prayed and believed God would heal you. We received the answer to our prayers. We pray each of you have a safe journey home and remember us in your prayers. Blessings to each of you.

Love eternally, Emma, Rickey, Pamela and Roderick

EARTHLY RESTING PLACE

Chapelwood Memorial Gardens • Texarkana, Arkansas



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Celebrating the Life and Love of



Roy
E. LAWRENCE

Saturday, June 20, 2026 • 12:00 PM

Canaan Baptist Church

1002 Laurel Street

Texarkana, Arkansas

The Man With The Van



Things My Daddy Would Say

Daddy would say little things sometimes
to encourage and motivate.

He also was excellent in dry humor.

We wanted to share some words to keep you strong.

“Difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations.”

Zig Ziglar

“Life is hard, but hard is not impossible.”

“Accept that life is not going to be easy. You have to be strong.”

“Focus on improving, not proving.”

“If you are a gifted person, it doesn't mean you have something.
Being gifted means you have something to give away.”

Jacques-Yves Cousteau

Daddy's Scriptures

Psalm 23

Psalm 37: 3-5





The Legendary Life of Roy Eli Lawrence

Roy Eli Lawrence, 95, of Texarkana, TX, transitioned quietly and peacefully on Friday, June 12, 2026, surrounded by friends and family at home. He was born in Ogden, AR, on October 16, 1930, to Eli Lawrence and Jessie Brown Hunt.

He was first and foremost a dedicated follower of Christ, a committed husband, compassionate father, protective uncle, and humble servant to his family, friends, and community. His humor, quick wit, and service to others will remain an enduring legacy for all who knew and loved him.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved sister, Louie Bell Owens, who was the heart of his heart. Louie Bell's family brought enduring joy to Roy's life, and he cherished each of them deeply. Zelma Owens, Maudies Turner, Deverl Owens, Julius Ronnie Owens, Jessie Keeton, and Fandra Walker were not only his cherished nieces and nephew, but also his very close and treasured friends. Roy had many close relatives and friends, too numerous to name individually; however, the lives of everyone who encountered him were impacted by his genuine smile and gentle spirit.

Roy had three children. His son, Henry Aaron Lawrence, preceded him in death on August 17, 1983. He is survived by his daughter, Pamela K. (Roderick F.) Patterson and his son, Rickey L. Lawrence. Roy's surviving children inherited something far more precious than silver or gold, the certainty that they were loved deeply and unconditionally by a kind and devoted father throughout their lives. Roy took Roderick and others in as his own children, as his generous heart could not be contained by biological lines.

Emma L. Lawrence was the love of Roy's life, and together they shared nearly 76 years of marriage. They attended Second Baptist Church in Illinois under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Wallace Sykes. The Lawrences believed not only in attending church on Sundays but also in living a sacrificial Christian life throughout the week. Their love for God was demonstrated through their service to others and their willingness to help those in need.

Together, they worked tirelessly to build and sustain several businesses, ranging from real estate to sales. However, the business for which they became best known in the Texarkana community was Henry's Child Development Center. Their marriage, their lives, and their shared vision were centered on loving one another and helping others.

The Lord later led the Lawrences to the loving and hospitable church family at Canaan Baptist Church. There, Roy continued to grow in his faith and was deeply loved by Pastor Freddie Smith, Linda Smith, and their children, Frederick and Andrea Smith. Roy served faithfully as a trustee and was passionate about helping maintain the church building, taking great pride in caring for God's house.

Roy attended A.M. & N. College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He also served his country overseas during the 1950s, receiving an honorable discharge from military service. Later, he became a mid-level manager for a large corporation in Illinois. His professional life included careers in carpentry and business management, but his most fulfilling calling after retirement was serving families and children in the community as a mentor, guide, counselor, surrogate father, and grandfather.

Now that his earthly assignment has been completed, we are grateful to have witnessed the joy he found in serving others and making their lives better. Roy was known for improving every place he touched and every life he encountered.

If Roy could offer a word of guidance to all those here today, he would encourage us first to fellowship with and develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ. He would sing today, "Come to Jesus," as he is now experiencing the eternal joy and peace of accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Serving God was always his highest priority. His final advice would be to make your home a better place to live, your community a safer place for vulnerable individuals, and the world a better place by striving each day to be the best person you can be.

Order of Service

Processional. Medley of Hymns	Clergy and Family
Call to Worship.	Pastor Frederick Smith
Congregational Song of Praise	<i>"Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"</i>
Old Testament Scripture.	Pastor Billy Ray Roberts <i>Gold Point Baptist Church, Mandeville, AR</i>
New Testament Scripture	Deacon Duane Turner <i>First Church of God, Tollette, AR</i>
Prayer	Pastor Orlando Godfrey <i>Mandeville, AR</i>
Solo	<i>"I Believe/Tis So Sweet/What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i>
Message of Comfort and Hope	Prophetess Elfreda L. Austin <i>St. Peter Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK</i>
Solo	<i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i> Minister Shaun Summers, <i>Greater New Hope Baptist Church</i> Pastor Shaun Collins, <i>Texarkana, TX</i>
Resolutions	LaJuana Dibrell, <i>Canaan Church Clerk</i>
Tributes	On Behalf of <i>Canaan Baptist Church</i> On Behalf of <i>Henry's Child Development Center</i> On Behalf of the <i>Children of Julius and Louis Bell Owens</i> On Behalf of <i>Roy's Children</i>
Praise Dance	<i>"Goodness of God"</i> Jonathan Carrigan
Eulogy	Pastor Frederick Smith
Medley of Favorite Hymns	<i>"When We All Get to Heaven/Yes, God is Real"</i>
Recessional	Clergy, Family and Bearers

