



William Clay Ross

June 29, 1937 - September 17, 2018

"Bro. Clay"-Age 81 of Cross Plains, TN went home to be with the Lord Monday, September 17, 2018 at Centennial Medical Center. He was born June 29, 1937 in Black Oak, Arkansas to William Clay & Beulah Mae Bailey Ross. He was a member of White House Church of Christ, where he served faithfully as an elder and as a minister. He was the former minister of Cross Plains Church of Christ. He also served as a missionary in Australia and spent two years ministering in Tanzania. He is preceded in death by his parents; He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Laverne Ross, Cross Plains, TN; sons, Steven Clay (Laura) Ross, Tallmadge, Ohio, David Wayne (Paula) Ross, White House, TN and John Bailey (Mary) Ross, Robertsedale, Alabama; brother, Jim Ross, Oxnard, California; sister, Kat (Jason) Rhein, Colorado; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2018 at 7pm at White House Church of Christ with Ministers Terry McCormick and Matt Shouse officiating. Inurnment is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 11am in White House Memorial Gardens. Visitation is planned for Friday, September 21, 2018 4-7pm at the church. Memorial contributions are requested to Armor of Hope Ministries P.O. Box 483 Tallmadge, OH 44298, India Missions P.O. Box 209 Marion, AR 72364 or to Tanzania Missions 2707 South Lamar Street Denver, CO 80227. REMAINS REST AT AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery

White House Memorial Gardens
3629 Hwy 31 W
White House TN 37188
US

Visitation

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4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
White House Church of Christ
White House TN
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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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Interment

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11:00 AM -
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Funeral Home Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House

533 TN-76

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ Wonder why the obituary never said anything about his time spent in Michigan. He was a minister at the church of Christ in Battle Creek and in Hastings. He married me and my wife when I contacted him three years later he didn't seem to remember me He was there for us when my dad damn near died and we were so appreciative. Sorry we kind of lost track you know how we were we didn't know where he was. I guess maybe he wanted it that way I don't think he left On the best of terms with the church. He also baptize me for that I will always be thankful.

Jeff - December 30, 2018 at 08:14 PM

TS

“ I remember clay he was one of the best minister I have heard I remember the church of Christ in Portsmouth be when he preached he filled up the building if you didn't get a chance to meet him or hear him you missed out on a good kind hearted person he will be missed

Teresa sutcliffe - September 24, 2018 at 09:55 PM

JW

“ My family and I were living in Hawaii when Clay Ross arrived to the Church of Christ. It didn't take me long to realize everybody in town knew who the Church of Christ preacher was. He was involved in everything from radio and TV shows to outreach in the surrounding community. Clay and LaVerne were known and loved. Clay was able to get along with everyone in the church. My family loved and respected his family very much. John Williams

John and Kay Williams - September 22, 2018 at 12:56 PM

JM

“ I had been a Christian almost two years when Bro Clay came to Plattsmouth. He had a tremendous impact on my life and essentially set me on the straight and narrow path of faithfulness. He was a man of patience. He introduced me to vast array of biblical materials and also to several preachers of the generation or two older than his. If we have men to whom we regard as guardians of the Truth, he essentially set me before them through their writings. One of the things he taught me was by example. He said he would study one on one with a new Christian an hour a week for a year. I adopted that practice and now 40 years later study with new Christians two hours a week for as long as they like, but not less than two years. His many jeweled crown awaits for him. Jim Mettenbrink

Jim Mettenbrink - September 20, 2018 at 09:17 PM

JT

“ Clay was the preacher when our family first moved to Plattsmouth, Nebraska back in 1979. My parents were new Christians at the time. I seem to remember that he put my Dad to work typing up the church bulletin, which in those days meant typing on a mimeograph master. He left a year later to go to Michigan. I remember he returned to this part of the country a year or two later to speak at the Youth Rally and Bible Bowl in Sabetha, Kansas. He left from there and came back to Plattsmouth and spent the night in our home, and preached that Sunday morning. This was a man who belonged to a breed of preacher you don't see as often any more. His country antics, stories, and home spun wisdom built up many people. - John Telgren

John Telgren - September 20, 2018 at 08:12 PM

GS

“ Clay was a wonderful man, minister and father, he was always jolly and smiling and always made those around him smile. I carry a song around in my heart that he used to sing and sing it to my grandchildren to make them smile. Of all the ministers I knew growing up all very good men, Brother Clay will always be the one who had the greatest impact.

Greg Smith - September 20, 2018 at 06:06 PM

GC

“ That was all very so very kind. Prayer's to the entire Ross family.
The Cannons

Gary Cannon - September 19, 2018 at 04:42 PM

GT

“ This is beautiful, Connor.....and yes he did make this world a better place, for my family and our granddaughters. He will surely be missed!

Ginny Taylor - September 19, 2018 at 09:55 AM

GU

“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Clay Ross Jr.

Guest - September 19, 2018 at 09:52 AM

GU

“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Clay Ross Jr.

Guest - September 18, 2018 at 04:41 PM

CR

“ As a grandfather, he was very tolerant of immature behavior. I would swim in the water when it rained, constantly took up his time after school, and he would even draw little silly characters for me to scribble over with laser beams and explosions. He loved to talk about how things were 'down in Arkansas', and about his experiences in Africa. He and his wife have been nothing short of generous with their lives, and with their time And for their integral part in my life, I can say I have nothing short of the utmost respect for him. His commitment to helping others and his air of positivity and belief in people is something so much better than this world deserved. The world, and myself, will no doubt be far worse for his departure, but far the better having him grace it. Truly, it becomes difficult for me to put into words how much I respect what he has done, and what he stood for, but there is one thing I am certain of. That his life, so dedicated to making the world a better place, shall live on in the hearts of those he has touched. That in all of the things he so loved shall there bloom a flower of courage and faith, the beauty of which will dwarf all others. That in my heart, I will forever and fondly remember, my Grandpa. William Clay Ross.

Conor Ross - September 18, 2018 at 02:24 PM

AH

“ William Clay Ross

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2018 at 09:23 AM