



James Leonard Roten

May 11, 1931 - February 20, 2016

James Leonard Roten, 84, Topeka, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016.

Leonard was born May 11, 1931, to Joe and Mae Manasco Roten in Cleburne TX. He graduated from Grandview High School in 1948. Leonard married JoAnn Basham in Grandview TX on July 2, 1949. He attended the University of Southern California. Leonard retired after 40 years in the purchasing department at Santa Fe Railroad. He was a Bi-Vocational Pastor for 55 years in churches in Texas, California, New Mexico, and Kansas.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 66 years, JoAnn Roten; children, Judith Hardie (Barry), Gary Roten (Jeanie), Carla Siebert (Lonnie); grandchildren, Kyle (Sheila), Kevin (Trisha), Janara (Matt), Terri, Tiffany (John), Tracy (Brian), Jordan (Kari), Jaime (Josh), Jesse (Brooklyn), Jacie; 24 great-grandchildren; close cousins, Billie Sue Fields and her daughter, Sandi Fields. He was preceded in death by his sister, Wanda Roten.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2016, at Maranatha Baptist Fellowship, 4935 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka KS 66609.

Funeral service will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2016, at the church. Burial to follow at Mission Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Maranatha Baptist Fellowship, or
Grace Hospice, 3715 SW 29th Street #100, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mission Center Cemetery

29th and Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Fellowship
4935 SW Burlingame Road
Topeka, KS 66609

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Leonard Roten*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Gary & Jeannie, So sorry to see this about your father passing. It's hard no matter what to lose a parent. I know you have many fond memories of him and that will comfort you. But the biggest comfort, and I know you hold this true, is that he is young and happy in heaven right now and you'll see him again. That's what I held onto when my dad passed.*

Sincere condolences, Barb Peter

Barbara Peter - February 25, 2016 at 08:40 AM



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Terri - February 24, 2016 at 02:12 PM



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Terri - February 24, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Leonard Roten.*



February 24, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *JoAnn I send my sympathy to you and your family at this sad time. You and your husband were important members of our group of travelers to the Holy Land. Jane and I enjoyed your company and inspiration. May you find comfort in your good memories. Olive Ubel*

Olive Ubel - February 24, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ *Dwaine & Myrlene, Travis & Peggy Basham, Ken & Lleta Scoggins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Leonard Roten.*



Dwaine & Myrlene, Travis & Peggy Basham, Ken & Lleta Scoggins - February 23, 2016 at 11:19 AM

RN

“ *Blessed by Leonard! (by Richard Nelson, February 22, 2016)*

*He was a man who took a stand
to stand on love...
for God, my friends, and family*

*He made his name to bear no shame
because he followed the master plan...
following the Master*

*He shared the love of God above
to do on earth all that he could*

*He married well as time did tell
and left a partner treasured indeed*

*He made us friends by humble ends
showed who he was... a friend indeed*

*And now he's gone... or is he though
He's in our hearts and thoroughly so*

*A very short twenty and five
were the years he touched our lives
yet eighty-four with many others*

*How many more did he here serve,
with willing sweat and faithful nerve*

*How can we say goodbye to him
he's only begun to take life in*

*He remains alive to me
he's firmly in our memory.*

A saint on earth a child in heaven

his work goes on... He's seen the Son

Richard Owen Nelson - February 23, 2016 at 10:31 AM

DM

“ *My thoughts and prayers to your family at this time. I'm sure he will be missed by all.*

Debby Marshall - February 22, 2016 at 07:11 PM

MK

“ *Gary,
So sorry for you and your Mom's loss. I remember your Dad as one who had a great sense of humor. I also remember him bailing us out one cold, snowy winter night. Great man, big loss.*

Mike King

Michael King - February 22, 2016 at 12:15 PM

JG

“ Well, thus may be repeated because I posted yesterday and after I was finished, I saw that the link would expire. Humm. So if this is there twice, you can laugh two times.

Leonard was an amazing man of God who walked the talk. He and Joanne were role models for John and I during our marriage. We shared our lives in church, vacationing, cards, walks in Costco on Friday nights, dodger games and lots of humor. one dodger game, we were watching the game and Leonard was counting how many times the umpire pulled up his pants. His humor kept us in stitches. Then there was the time in Hawaii when Leonard mixed up his words using testicles instead of tenacles on the rice where we were eating. We laughed so hard, everyone in the restaurant started laughing and they didn't have a clue.

*Thanks for the memories and I
Know you and John are catching up.*

*You are loved and many lives are richer because of who you were.
Love, Jan*

jan griffin - February 22, 2016 at 09:11 AM

 Doris
McCafferty

“ *I remember one summer when Leonard, JoAnn, Pat and I were going to a Dodgers ball game in California. We decided to stop at restaurant called The Northwoods Inn to have a bite to eat. Leonard said he was not very hungry so he ordered the chef's salad. He and we all had a big laugh when the salad arrived. It was huge and served on a large meat platter. So glad he and my Pat have reunited in Heaven. He was special in my family's life. Doris McCafferty*

Doris McCafferty - February 22, 2016 at 08:16 AM

CK

“ Nice memories back in the 50's, especially playing "42", some times into the wee hours with our kids asleep on pallets. Such a great man!

charlotte Kolls - February 21, 2016 at 09:05 PM