



## Roland Meyer

July 20, 1927 - November 11, 2012

Funeral services for Roland Meyer will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 15, 2012, at the Alva First Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Argo officiating and Rev. Michael Taylor assisting. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of the Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Roland Elmer Meyer, son of the late Herbert August and Lena (Haas) Meyer, was born July 20, 1927, near Okeene, Oklahoma. He passed away November 11, 2012, at Alva, Oklahoma at the age of 85 years, 3 months, and 22 days.

Roland attended school at Ingersoll and graduated valedictorian from Cherokee High School in 1945. In addition to being a talented basketball player, Roland also started farming in high school. He graduated from Northwestern State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics in 1955 and later received his Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion. He continued doctorate studies at Oklahoma State University.

He volunteered to serve in the United States Army from 1951-1953 and was a veteran of the Korean War. On July 12, 1954, he was united in marriage to Edith Lucile DeWerff at Ellinwood, Kansas. He taught high school math at Attica, Kansas, from 1956 to 1958. He was a career math professor at NWOSU, retiring as the department head in 1987. He was a lifetime farmer and rancher.

He was a devout Christian and a member of the Alva First Baptist Church for over 50 years where he was a deacon, taught adult Sunday School, and worked in the children's department.

After retirement, Roland fine-tuned his wood turning skills, and with Edith showed his bowls at many art festivals in the Southwest. In retirement, he continued teaching math by tutoring students in the community as well as volunteering for eight years at Bill Johnson Correctional Center helping GED students. Roland loved sports, watching many of his children's and grandchildren's games as well as following his teams on TV. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Roland learned to cook later in life as he became the devoted caretaker for his wife and was proudest of his pies.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Elaine Kay, and a brother Roger Meyer.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Meyer of Alva; daughter Maxine Cunningham and husband, Myron, of Norman, son Bruce Meyer and wife, Dixie, of Alva; sister Frances Nelson of Denver; adopted brothers Bob Meyer and Bill Meyer who were raised by Roland's parents; six grandchildren, Jared Cunningham and wife April of Norman, Kendall Speer and husband, Blair, of Norman, Kristy Meyer, Austin Meyer, Justin Meyer, and Mitchell Meyer all of Alva; and two great-grandchildren Walker and Jaxson Cunningham; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Bill Johnson Correctional Center Library Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roland Meyer*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *My condolences to your family. He was my math professor at NWOSU and loved to relate his days in the military. We never had a dull moment in class!*

**Yvonne Burden** - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a very talented man in so many ways Roland Meyers was. It was a true honor to know him as a friend and Artist.*

**David and Susan Haraughty** - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Meyer Family: Roland will be missed greatly! He was a wonderful man of God and I will cherish the many memories! Every time I saw him, he would always put his hand on my shoulder and say "How&s my cousin today?" It always put a smile on my face. Praying for you all during this difficult time.*

**Rachel Stewart** - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ As I get older it seems all the people who stood out to me in life as influential eventually pass away. As is the case with this sweet man. As a sr. in high school i had never been hunting until rolands son took me on thier property north of cherokee. I will never forget how Roland helped clean the head of the buck I shot so I could keep the Antlers. Though a small gesture, its one as a young man I will never forget. I too remember him being fond of his cooking while being allowed to visit for a bit at the kitchen table. May you rest in peace Roland.

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**Nick Penner** - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Max, Bruce, and family--  
Want you to know that I am thinking of you today. I was unable to come because my partner is in the hospital. I will always remember the good times, Max--getting your dad so rattled that he yelled at us, sitting in his math class as he furiously scribbled problems on the board...but mostly for the love he showed all of us.

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**LeAnn Brady** - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Meyer family.....Please know that you are all in our prayers during this difficult time. I have so many fond memories of Roland.....known in our household growing up as "Cousin Roland". I remember fishing in the pond or at the river after seining for crawdads or digging for worms. I remember Edith could always "outfish" anyone! Roland was the "who to call" person if you couldn't figure out the math problem. It always seemed so easy after he explained it. Rolands was always the first Christmas card received.....always with a message written in his own hand. I will remember his high-pitched unique voice, his laugh, and how he rung his hands as he would sit and visit in my folks living room. He referred to my father as "Sonny Haas". I don't remember anyone else calling him that. He will be missed. What a good Christian man.  
Hans and Christine (Haas) Hurst

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**Christine Hurst** - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dear Meyer family, What a loss to those who knew and loved Mr. Meyer. I can't imagine enjoying (yes enjoying) college algebra and trig courses with anyone else. Those were my favorite classes as Mr. Meyer was my favorite teacher. He was such a kind gentleman with a great sense of humor and stories to share. He will be missed greatly. My sincerest sympathy to the family.

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**Anita Noland** - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Dear Meyers family; I am deeply sorry for your lost of Roland. He was a dear friend to me while I was the Director of the Nursing Program at NWOSU. He was of great help to me while I was working on my Ed.D at OSU. He helped me with the statics on my Dissertation as while as the statics for my class. I also audited His algebra class. He did every thing he could to help me and make me feel welcome when I was a new faculty member. May God continue to bless you with good memories of Roland and the many good thing he did for you and his fellow man. Peggy White

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**Peggy White, Ed.D** - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ DEAR ONES, WHAT A SHOCK THIS MORNING WHEN I READ THAT OUR DEAR ROLAND IS NOW WITH HIS LORD AND SAVIOUR. HE AND I WERE BORN ON JULY 20TH. HE ALWAYS CALLED ME HIS TWIN. ONE YEAR I SENT HIM A MUSICAL CARD AND HE TOLD ME IT SCARED HIM! WE HAD A GOOD LAUGH. HE WILL BE MISSED SO VERY MUCH. OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO EACH OF YOU. ROLAND&S FAMILY WAS WELL GROUNDED IN THE FAITH AND YOU WILL HAVE GOD&S GREAT COMFORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD. EVONNE & DEAN KILGORE & FAMILY. 11-14-12

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**EVONNE & DEAN** - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Mr. Meyer often gave me a ride home from Stillwater, while he was a graduate student & I was an undergraduate. He had many interesting things to talk about and I never got bored during the three-hour ride. Mrs. Meyer, Maxine, Bruce, and your families, I pray that you would know the comfort that only God our heavenly Father is able to give in your time of sorrow.

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**Beth (Reynolds) Black** - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ Dear Meyer family, I feel like an important part of my past has just left! What a blow! Roland always seemed to be about, either as a parent or a teacher, and later as a dear friend. He WILL be missed sorely by those who took the time to listen to this dear man. May God be with us as we celebrate his life and mourn his loss.

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**Ida Evans** - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ what I remember about Roland is sitting with him and Herbert during church to keep me out of mischief while my mom sung in the choir. I wouldn't dare misbehave around Roland and my mother knew this. I also remember the fishing trips we took. He had the best fishing pond around. I remember his soothing calming voice he had when he taught us the word of god. My condolences to the family he will be missed by all.

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**Mike Walz** - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the Meyer Family in the loss of Roland. We know that he will be missed by all. Larry and Carolyn Woods

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**Larry Woods** - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Meyer family,  
Please know that you are in our prayers during this difficult time. I share this quick story to relate my feelings for Roland. I vividly remember Roland sitting on the hearth of the BSU fireplace telling students that doing things for God in the future is great -- but their most important responsibility is "to be the best student they can be. That is God&s calling now." I have used that over and over with students. I am very grateful. May God surround you with His love and grace.

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**Larry and Debby Justice** - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Meyer family, Thinking of you and the love of Roland&s life...his family. Was always an inspiration, whether being a teacher, a friend, part of the family of God, he always knew you and seem to always have a special hello.  
You will be missed

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM