



## Mr. Gerald Leon Roper

October 9, 1933 - December 3, 2024

A celebration of the life of Mr. Gerald Leon Roper, 91, of Henderson, will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at First Methodist Church with Pastor Travis Roper and Kevin Roper officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at a reception in the Parlor of the church following the service.

A committal service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Lakewood Memorial Park, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mr. Roper passed from this life on December 3, 2024, at Hospice Homeplace in Tyler. He was born October 9, 1933, in Henderson to the late Leon and Blanche (Hawes) Roper and spent most of his life there. Gerald graduated from Henderson High School and went on to graduate from Sam Houston State University. He also attended Baylor University where he met the love of his life, Sarah Bain. He further received a Masters degree from the University of Houston. During this time, he served in the US Army Reserve for 9 years. Mr. Roper was a Special Education teacher for Galveston ISD and Special Education Supervisor for Texas City ISD before finishing his career in education at Tatum ISD. During his tenure at Tatum, he owned and operated Leon's Bakery for 10 years.

Fishing was a way of life for Mr. Roper, a skill that he shared with several friends of all ages throughout the years, and he loved to have a fish fry. He was also a gifted musician who played the organ and sang in the church choir for over 40 years as a member of First Methodist Church. Mr. Roper was also a member of the Rotary Club of Henderson where he was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Sarah Bain Roper of Henderson; children, Kevin Roper and wife Tina, Chris Roper and wife Jami all of Henderson, and Kelly Wilson and husband Cliff of Joinerville; sister, Peggy Sproles of Henderson; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Henderson Rotary Club, c/o Treasurer Jeri Gaddis at P.O. Box 522, Henderson, TX 75653 and/or Hospice of East Texas Homeplace at 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Committal service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park  
1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Reception

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall St.  
Henderson, TX 75652



# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Claudia Morgan-Gray lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



**Claudia Morgan-Gray** - January 12, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



**Pam Brown** - December 28, 2024 at 08:29 AM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



**Gary Wilkerson** - December 23, 2024 at 02:34 PM

GH

“ *Gina Harrison lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



**Gina Harrison** - December 16, 2024 at 04:32 PM

PD

“ Sarah, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gerald. Please know that you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pat Dawson - December 12, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BH

“ Barry Hampton lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper



Barry Hampton - December 10, 2024 at 08:12 AM

SH

“ Sue W HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper



Sue W HENDERSON - December 08, 2024 at 01:36 PM

JW

“ Mr Roper was a good and kind man. A great role model. He will be missed.



Joey Watts - December 07, 2024 at 02:46 PM

CR

“ *claude robinson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



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**claude robinson** - December 07, 2024 at 12:30 PM

BA

“ *Praying for the family. I know Gerald is enjoying himself now.*

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**Barbara Arent** - December 07, 2024 at 09:35 AM

DA

“ *Donna Dorsey Aaron*



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**Donna Aaron** - December 06, 2024 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ *Peace & Prayers to the whole family. Sandy & Carole shared a lot of good memories of all of you. Sandra Doerge & Carole Doerge Hollingsworth*

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**Carole Doerge Hollingsworth** - December 06, 2024 at 09:22 AM

DA

“ Prayers for the family of Mr.Roper  
Donna Dorsey Aaron



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**Donna Aaron** - December 05, 2024 at 11:45 PM

MG

“ Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in  
memory of Gerald Leon Roper



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**Missy Hacker & Steve Green** - December 05, 2024 at 09:06 PM

HC

“ Harriet craig lit a candle in memory of Gerald  
Leon Roper



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**Harriet craig** - December 05, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ Sarah, so sorry to hear about Gerald. My prayers are with you.

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**Rebecca Mulkern** - December 05, 2024 at 01:26 PM

PC

“ Sarah and family. I was so sorry to learn of Gerald’s passing. He is now pain free and fishing with Dale and George. Prayers for you and your beautiful family during this difficult time.

Pamela Dorsey Combs - December 05, 2024 at 01:05 PM

SD

“ Sherri Davis lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper



Sherri Davis - December 05, 2024 at 11:36 AM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort.  
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - December 05, 2024 at 10:32 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper



Brent Hale - December 05, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LC

“ *Linda C Culp lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



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**Linda C Culp** - December 05, 2024 at 09:38 AM

CW

“ *I am sorry for the loss of Gerald but am happy he is singing with the angels and all is well with his soul. Love you Sarah. Cyndy*

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**Cyndy Willard** - December 05, 2024 at 09:37 AM

PP

“ *pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



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**pud patterson** - December 05, 2024 at 08:19 AM

JJ

“ *Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



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**Jason&Susan Jarrell** - December 05, 2024 at 08:07 AM

BB

“ *Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



Blake Ballenger - December 05, 2024 at 07:34 AM

WR

“ *Sarah, sincere sympathy to you and your family.*



Winnie Ramey - December 05, 2024 at 03:50 AM

GW

“ *Greg Williams lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



Greg Williams - December 05, 2024 at 03:10 AM

CL

“ *Charlotte Lockridge lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



Charlotte Lockridge - December 04, 2024 at 11:22 PM

SA

“ Taught with Mr. Roper at Tatum ISD. He was a Fine Gentleman and a gifted educator.



Sam Adams - December 04, 2024 at 11:20 PM

CS

“ Gerald and Sarah were gracious hosts to us on numerous occasions. We will miss Gerald so much. Jim especially enjoyed fishing with him. He was one of a kind.  
Jim and Carolyn Stringer.

Carolyn Stringer - December 04, 2024 at 08:32 PM

JC

“ Jim Cowart lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper



Jim Cowart - December 04, 2024 at 06:23 PM

KE

“ Karin. Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leon Roper



Karin. Eubanks - December 04, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BS

“ *Bob and Monica Sanders lit a candle in  
memory of Gerald Leon Roper*



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**Bob and Monica Sanders** - December 04, 2024 at 05:20 PM