



Coach Wayne Roeder

July 21, 1949 - February 6, 2026

Live stream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/VcaIZS0w67Q?si=pf1RkEMcOMC LgJRf>

Wayne William Roeder, known to many simply as “Coach,” saw his Savior face to face early on Friday morning, February 6, 2026. He finished his race with the same strength and determination that defined his entire life. Born on July 21, 1949, in San Francisco, California, to Willa and Harry Roeder, Wayne grew into a man of profound character whose influence would eventually span generations.

Wayne was a devoted husband to his wife, Gwen, and their marriage stood as a beautiful testament to their deep love, mutual commitment, and shared faith in God. They were a true team, and on February 12, 2026, they would have celebrated 54 years of marriage. Wayne was his wife’s greatest encourager, loving her with a depth and sincerity that served as an example to all who knew them. His devotion extended wholeheartedly to his daughters, Maggie and Bronwyn, and his grandchildren, Jonas, Harper, and Stonewall. To them, he was simply the best Dad and Grandy ever, and they remained the greatest joys of his life.

The trajectory of Wayne’s life changed forever in July 1970, when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at a James Robison Crusade in Garland, Texas.

This spiritual foundation led him to his calling as a coach and teacher, a role he believed was a direct assignment from God. Throughout his career at Bishop Dunne High School, Lake Dallas High School, and First Baptist Academy, Wayne touched the lives of countless young men and women. While he achieved great professional success, including three state championships and numerous coaching accolades, his greatest satisfaction came from the relationships he built. He lived by the conviction that the game itself was secondary to the people involved and the bonds formed on and off the field.

Beyond the sidelines, Wayne's ministry took many forms. At Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment, he was a fixture at the rifle range, where he shared stories and the message of Jesus with campers during their daily rest time. For many years, he also taught fifth-grade boys in Sunday School, forming connections so strong that he remained a mentor to many of them as they grew into responsible adults. Wayne possessed the rare gift of humility; he never viewed himself as important, yet he had an extraordinary way of making everyone else feel important and loved. He made a lasting difference wherever he served, leaving behind a legacy of faith, family, and a life well-lived.

A celebration of Wayne's life and legacy will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, Texas. The family will receive friends and loved ones during a visitation period at the church beginning at 10:00 AM, immediately prior to the service. Friends, family, and the many athletes he coached are invited to gather and honor a man who truly made a difference in every life he touched.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Wayne's memory to Hillcrest Baptist Church/Student and Children Camp Scholarships.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillcrest Baptist Church
265 West Pleasant Run Road
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ Wayne has been on my mind lately. I’m so sorry to read of his passing. Both Wayne and Gwen were there during the darkest time in my life and brought me through with grace. It’s an honor to be able to count them as family-no matter what life throws at us. Wayne was a true champion of faith and brotherly love.

Linda (Roeder) Brooks - May 03 at 08:26 AM

ES

“ Coach Roeder was also a champion off the field. He mentored and tutored our son Cole for five years. Cole graduated from FBA with honors and a GPA that earned him several scholarships. We credit Coach for all he poured into Cole’s success. He was an amazing man and we will love him for a lifetime.



Erin Steed - February 16 at 01:33 AM

GW

“ Greg, Debbie and Annie White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Wayne Roeder.

Greg, Debbie and Annie White - February 14 at 10:21 AM

GW

“ Greg, Debbie and Annie White purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.



Greg, Debbie and Annie White - February 14 at 10:21 AM

DG

“ Dan, Stef, and Girls purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.



Dan, Stef, and Girls - February 13 at 09:47 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Byrum Funeral Home - February 12 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.*



February 12 at 02:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach Wayne Roeder.

February 12 at 02:54 PM



“ *The Riggs Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.*



The Riggs Family - February 11 at 08:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.*



February 11 at 07:42 PM

TT

“ Tia Tia purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.



Tia Tia - February 11 at 03:56 PM

TT

“ Tia Tia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Wayne Roeder.

Tia Tia - February 11 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ Lynn and Meredith Black purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.



Lynn and Meredith Black - February 11 at 02:00 PM

LB

“ Lynn and Meredith Black planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Wayne Roeder.

Lynn and Meredith Black - February 11 at 02:00 PM

RL

“ Robert, L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Wayne Roeder.

Robert, L. - February 11 at 10:24 AM

W(

“ We love you, Amy and Donna (Harkenrider) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.



We love you, Amy and Donna (Harkenrider) - February 11 at 09:25 AM

TL

“ I love a well-written, thoughtful obituary and this one introduced me to Wayne's first three decades before Gary and I met the Roeders in 1984. The impact of that Robinson evangelistic crusade at Garland was evident by the way he served others not just in coaching and teaching, but within the churches where his family landed.

He did love those two girls wholeheartedly, and the grands they gave him. Love his grandfather nickname!

Praying for you, Gwen, Bronwyn, Maggie, the sons-in law and grandkids, too.

Tammi Ledbetter - February 10 at 11:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.*



February 10 at 10:12 PM



“ *John,Debbie,Janet Easton,Emily Benefield purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.*



John,Debbie,Janet Easton,Emily Benefield - February 10 at 08:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Coach Wayne Roeder.*



February 10 at 07:49 PM



“ *Rebecca B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Wayne Roeder.*

Rebecca B. - February 10 at 07:49 PM