



Roscoe Franklin Northcutt Jr

June 7, 1926 - February 5, 2021

Roscoe Franklin Northcutt, Jr., 94, of Longview, Texas, passed away Friday, February 5, 2021, at Summer Meadows Nursing Home. Roscoe was a lifelong resident of Longview and was born on June 7, 1926, to Catherine and Roscoe Franklin Northcutt, Sr. He graduated from Longview High School in 1943 and received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Texas Baptist College. On June 10, 1950, he married his loving wife of 65 years, Virginia Beryl McBeth. He was a Christian and a proud member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

In 1949, Roscoe's passion for education and his love for children led him to pursue a career with the Longview Independent School District, first as a teacher then as an Elementary principal. Roscoe had definite ideas about education and tried to develop a lifelong love for learning in students he supervised. He wanted to make learning fun and meaningful, even if it meant taking his pony Sass and his Jersey cow Brownie to school so his students could experience riding a pony and milking a cow. He was dearly loved by all his students, faculty, and staff and was greatly missed when he retired as principal from Bramlette Elementary School in 1981 after 31 years in education.

Roscoe also had a deep love for nature and the outdoors. In his early years he was an avid bird hunter and spent many weekends hunting Quail at Virginia's grandparents farm in Cass County. As time passed, he fulfilled his dream of owning a farm and raising cattle. He spent countless hours with Michael and John, his two sons, feeding cows, building fences, fertilizing pastures, and cutting and baling hay. Some of his happiest days were spent on his farm on Page Road.

Roscoe adored his family and spent his entire life providing for the needs of those he loved. He led by example and was a great role model for anyone who knew him. He loved watching his sons and grandsons participate in athletic events, especially Lobo track and football. He cherished holiday gatherings where he was surrounded by family and friends and to his family's delight, often used these occasions to share humorous tales about his childhood growing up in East Texas. One of the most exciting days of Roscoe's life was June 7, 1977, when his first grandson, Michael (Bump) Northcutt, Jr., became his birthday present.

Roscoe was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his sister and brother-in-law

Thelma and Aubrey Buchanan. Left to cherish his memories are his sons Michael Franklin Northcutt, Sr. and wife Carolyn and John Mac Northcutt and special friend Michelle Osburg and her children Tristan and Emma; his two grandsons Michael Franklin Northcutt, Jr. and wife Amy and Dalton Chase Northcutt; his granddaughter Journi Brenae Weisinger and husband John; and great grandchildren John Robert Northcutt, Bailey Elizabeth Northcutt, and Jaxton Michael Weisinger. He is also survived by special nephew A. N. (Buck) Buchanan and wife Melanie and their extended family members, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Summer Meadows Nursing Home of Longview and Compass Hospice of East Texas for the love and care they provided Roscoe. They also want to thank Beverly Rainey for her loving support of Roscoe during his stay at Summer Meadows.

Graveside services will be held at Grace Hill cemetery in Longview, Texas, on Tuesday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will be from 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, February 8, at Rader Funeral Home, Longview. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made to the Longview ISD Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3268, Longview, Texas 75606, Macedonia Baptist Church, or a charity of your choice. An online memorial book may be signed at www.raderfh.com.

Cemetery

Grace Hill Cemetery

HWY 80 & Tyler St.

Longview, TX,

Events

FEB **Public Viewing** 01:30PM - 08:00PM

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Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview
1617 Judson Road, Longview, TX, US, 75601

FEB **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ I think your family knows how much love and respect our family has for your parents. I'm sure our parents are enjoying each others company now. I have great memories of the leadership, firm but kind voice, and exuberance for learning that Mr Northcutt shared. He was OUR wonderful principal at South Ward.

Becky Myers Murray - March 05 at 11:01 PM



“ Mr. Northcutt was Principal at South Ward Elementary during my years there in the 1960s. He knew all the students by name, and made us feel special and safe. One day in 5th grade, I broke a rule on campus. Mr. Northcutt came and took me out of class for a talking to in the hall, and I learned that discipline could be equal parts firm and fair. He led a long, exemplary life, and was a positive role model for me and so many who grew up in Longview.
with fond memories, Julia Wyant

Julia Wyant - February 13 at 12:10 AM



“ Mike, God bless you and comfort you and your family at this sad time.

Glenda Burt - February 09 at 11:34 AM



“ Roscoe Northcutt was a legend in his time. He dedicated his life to teaching children to be life long learners as well as loving and caring for others especially his family. Now that he has graduated to Heaven he will be reunited with his beloved wife Virginia. My prayers go out to his Mike, Carolyn, Bump, Amy, John and other family members.

Sally Barron - February 10 at 08:06 PM



“ I had such a crush on your dad. He was the first male teacher I had ever had at 1st Ward. That admiration continued and I was so proud when my daughter started to Bramlette and there was Roscoe. He had your mother always stopped to talk and share years of memories. They were an awesome couple and are now together again. Prayers for all of you.
Alice Poore

Alice Poore - February 09 at 08:51 AM



“ Mike and Carolyn, Our thoughts and prayers are with you with the loss of your Father. Take care and be safe. Casey Cammack

Casey Cammack - February 08 at 03:22 PM



“ Mike and family,

I remember your Dad from my days at South Ward Elementary and later going to school with Mike. I always admired your Dad as a Principal and the lessons I learned from him personally at school. He was a great leader and person. He lived a good life and made an impact on a lot of people.

Sorry to hear about your loss.

Randy Johnston

Randy Johnston - February 08 at 11:42 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Roscoe Franklin Northcutt Jr.



February 08 at 10:24 AM



“ I will always remember Mr. Northcutt with great fondness. He was one of my favorite customers during my days working at IHOP of Longview. I am praying for the comfort of his family.



Alex Vincent - February 08 at 10:14 AM



“ Prayers to the Northcutt Family. Mr. and Mrs. Northcutt came into Sally's Sandwich for many years while I worked there. They were the sweetest couple.

Gina Williamson

Regina Williamson - February 08 at 09:24 AM



“ Remember Mr Northcutt well. He and my dad were best of friends. Cut weeds at his house many summers. Thoughts and prayers from Arkansas.

Greg and Cindy Courington

Greg Courington - February 07 at 07:51 PM



“ Mike and John, I am so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful father. I remember your great parents well. It was always a pleasure coming to your home before you and Carolyn married, and listen to your father's stories, eat your mother's wonderful cooking and ride Zeb! Your family has done so much good for the community and touched many lives and hearts.

Debbie Richardson - February 07 at 02:16 PM



“ John and Mike, so sorry for your loss. When we moved to Page Road I had an immediate love for Roscoe and your mom. We connected over his love of education and his love for animals. They were good folks and always welcomed me for a visit in their home. Praying for comfort for the whole family.

Martha Steed - February 07 at 11:54 AM



“ One of the best for Longview School District. He left a legacy for caring about students

Laura Lott - February 13 at 12:36 PM