



Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.

July 19, 1919 - June 14, 2018

Dr. Roy Louis Groce, Sr., age 98 of Chickamauga, Georgia a preacher of The Gospel of Jesus Christ for seventy years went home to be with The Lord on Thursday – June 14, 2018. He was born on July 19, 1919 to the late James & Lillie Holmon Groce. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II where he earned numerous awards. He was a former employee of Southern Railroad where he worked as an electrician. Brother Groce pastored Head River Baptist Church in Cloudbound, GA, Mount Herman Baptist Church in Kensington, GA, Sunnyside Baptist Church in LaFayette, GA, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Chickamauga, GA, Dalton Baptist Tabernacle in Dalton, GA, Frawley Road Baptist Church in East Ridge, TN, New Bethel Baptist in Harrison, TN, Shield Baptist Church in Chickamauga, GA, and Cleveland Heights Baptist Church in Dalton, GA before he retired from pastoring but still continued to preach God's Word. He was a faithful servant of God! Reverend Groce married Leafy Opal Nave Groce on April 24, 1937. She was his school classmate in a one-room school house at Pond Springs School in Chickamauga, GA. Leafy was his sweetheart, best friend and wife for seventy-eight years. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his beloved Leafy, their daughter: Alice Green and daughter-in-law: Shirley Groce. Left to cherish his memory are his children: Charles (Barbara) Groce of Fort Oglethorpe, GA, Roy L. (Barbara) Groce, Jr. of Rocky Face, GA, Dr. Ernest (Wanda) Groce of Rossville, GA, Chester (Carolyn) Groce of Ringgold, GA, Earl (Meda) Groce of Rossville, GA, sixteen grandchildren: Jimmy, Ronnie,

Babs, Donna, Karen, Sherry, Laura, Corey, Belinda, Tammy, Eddie, Chet, Randy, Troy, Gary, Dana, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, many great-great-grandchildren. Our family has been given a great heritage by this man of God. We have been blessed to call him Dad, Papa, Pastor and friend. We love you dearly and treasure all that you taught us through a life lived to the fullest by your walk with our Saviour. This is not "good-bye", although we will miss you greatly, we will see you again in Heaven! Thanks for the life you lived, loved and shared with us! The family will receive friends Saturday from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Sunday from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am – Monday – June 18, 2018 at Victory Baptist Church in Rossville, GA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cleveland Heights Baptist Church Building Funds or to BIMl Missions in care of Victory Baptist Church. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – Chickamauga, Georgia. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Tennessee/Georgia Memorial Park

724 Hogan Rd.
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-5533

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel
215 Lee Ave.
P.O. Box 370
Chickamauga, GA 30707
(706) 375-2161
bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Visitation

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Victory Baptist Church
1013 LaFayette Rd
Rossville, GA 30741

Tribute Wall

HO

“ I wish i had got to see him one more time. He always called me Holly Tree. I was thinking of him and thought i would look him up. I did not know he died. The world is an uglier place for it. Cant wait to see you again Preacher Groce.



Holli - July 24, 2020 at 08:56 AM

FL

“ Franklin @Janice Lane lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.



Framklin @Janice Lane - June 26, 2018 at 10:20 PM

JJ

“ Jean Lane Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.



Jean Lane Jones - June 26, 2018 at 10:18 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear about Pastor Groce, I've known him since I was a baby. He was my Granny (Sibyl Jackson) preacher for many years. My heart goes out to the family!



Kelly (Jackson) Carter - June 17, 2018 at 09:16 AM

CF

“ Carpenter Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.



Carpenter Family - June 16, 2018 at 08:24 PM

ST

“ Sharon E Therber lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.



Sharon E Therber - June 16, 2018 at 04:04 PM

ST

Roy was a precious us Man of God and I'm sure touched many lives thruout his ministry!! He is home now with his wife and my parents!! Praying for the family and so sorry for your loss!!

Sharon E Therber - June 16, 2018 at 04:11 PM

CL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.....Roy was my great Uncle and he was a good man who will be greatly missed by so many....*



Cecilia Gravitt Ledford - June 16, 2018 at 10:24 AM

RC

“ *Renae Smith Crowe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.*



Renae Smith Crowe - June 16, 2018 at 12:55 AM

RC

There is much love and honor for my great uncle Roy in my heart. He and aunt Leafy played a huge role in the life of his nephew and his wife (my parents) James and Mildred Templeton Smith in the early days of their marriage. My condolences to each family member. I know uncle Roy will be greatly missed but I know his family are rejoicing that he is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and reunited with his loving wife.

Renae Smith Crowe - June 16, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ *Margaret Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roy Louis Groce Sr.*



Margaret Hawkins - June 15, 2018 at 11:29 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family through this sad time.

Beverly Blackwell & family.

Beverly Blackwell - June 15, 2018 at 07:35 PM



Remembering this precious man of God we shall meet again God bless the family

Margaret Hawkins - June 15, 2018 at 11:34 PM