



Royce Glenn Roath

May 4, 1945 - July 9, 2025

Hub Roath, age 80 of Dibble, found his homecoming at 9:38 AM on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Royce Glenn Roath was born May 4, 1945 in Chickasha, OK, the 3rd of 4 children born to Roy Costella Roath and Gretta Lee (Sharp) Roath. He was raised in Dibble and attended school there graduating with the Class of 1963. Hub joined the United States Air Force and served in Guam during the Vietnam War. By chance, he saw a young lady from Abilene, TX named Diana Christian. He had to meet her and so he flashed his lights on his 1957 Pontiac to get her attention. They fell quickly in love and the rest as they say is history. They were married in Abilene on July 10, 1966. By 1972, they settled back home in Dibble where they raised their daughters, Ginger, Brooke and Gloria. Hub owned and operated Hub's Store in Dibble while working simultaneously as a home builder and contractor. He then started working in Civil Service at Tinker, and later the FAA, retiring as an Aircraft & Power Plant Mechanic after 40 years of dedicated service. Away from work, Hub enjoyed playing card games like canasta and pitch and square dancing. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and never missed a chance to tee off at the golf course. He looked forward to family camping trips and taking out the pontoon boat. Hub was a gifted artist. He painted and was a master woodworker. He built crosses and furniture and he shared his many talents with his family and friends. Hub was a man of great faith and a longtime member of Union Hill Baptist Church in Purcell. He served as a Deacon and was also instrumental in the CEF Good News Club, most notably

as “Bubba” the puppet, where he served in Child Evangelism for more than 39 years. He cherished Diana, his girls and was a proud papa. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his daughter, Ginger Ann Roath Armstrong; his parents, Roy and Gretta Roath and brother Butch Roath.

Hub is survived by: his wife Diana Roath of the home; daughters Brooke Armstrong and husband Brad of Dibble and Gloria Keeler and husband Justin of Maize, KS; sister Donna Hayhurst and husband Joseph of OKC; brother Dale Roath and wife Becky of Dibble; 5 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 PM Friday, July 11, 2025 at the Dibble Freewill Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Dibble Cemetery. www.wilsonlittle.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 10. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson-Little ~ Purcell
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-6543

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dibble Free Will Baptist Church
12044 Firemans Rd.
Dibble , OK

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Diana, I couldn't be there for Hub's service but you are in my heart and prayers. What a wonderful blessing you both have been to the community w your generosity of spirit and kindness. I'm so very sorry for your pain, but am happy Hub has made it to his great reward after a long and full life. May the Lord bless and keep you as always. Love you all. ☐.*
-- *Stephie Winters*

Stephanie winters - July 16, 2025 at 01:25 PM

PK

“ *Thank you for being such a Christ centered, kind and thoughtful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. My deepest condolences to your loved ones and may the Lord remind them every day of the love and joy you all shared. God Bless, Patty Dollar-Knapp*



Patty Knapp - July 15, 2025 at 11:16 PM

AD

“ *Obedience, obedience is the very best way to show that you believe. Hub and Diana sang this song almost every Sunday to me and others growing up in children's church. As I got older Hub was one of the greatest examples of obedience. Not only to me, but to his church, to his family and to Diana. The world lost a great man, but Heaven gained one.*

Andrew Dewbre - July 11, 2025 at 01:54 PM

BP

“Hub, one of the greatest, godly men I know. What sweet memories Jerry and I have serving with him and Diana at Midway. Also in Good News Club. . His puppet lessons were some of my favorites. We needed a bigger spot as time went on for our 90 kids in Hub and Diana’s house, so Hub built a big Good News Room. It was so nice and the kids filled it. He was such a blessing to us and so many kids through the many years! Many souls will be in heaven because of his and Diana’s generosity and love for the kids of Dibble. I have to mention also the great trips we took with Hub and Diana from snow skiing, Lake trips water skiing and so many cook outs. Sweet, sweet memories and we hold them dear. He was a special blessing and will be missed, but I know he’s in heaven saying, ”Diana, you just gotta see this, you’re not even going to believe it!”

Brenda Pickard - July 10, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“One of my favorite memories was during a trip to Turner Falls in Oklahoma. On a whim, we took a long detour off our original route to visit some relatives farther north. The boys still talk about that visit like it was yesterday.

“Remember when we stayed in somebody’s attic and went to a house that was an antique shop. The nice lady gave us all kinds of free treasures and the old man had a chair that massages legs, can we go back?”

It was one of those unexpected stops that turned into a lasting memory—filled with kindness, warmth, and simple joy.



Sara Hellums - July 10, 2025 at 10:20 PM

ML

“ We lost a great man today! He will be greatly missed but never forgotten! He served on the school board when I was a beginning teacher. He was such a great community leader. He also served as a leader in the community church. . He was a great leader of god and amazing family man and dear friend!

Mary Ann Temple Lee - July 09, 2025 at 10:34 PM

SH

Hub always made me smile! He was a godly man whose presence will be deeply missed!

Stacy Hackworth - July 10, 2025 at 10:58 PM

RB

“ We had many great gathering with Hunk of Hub & Diana. Good friends for almost 40 years. He will surely be missed.

Richard & Linda Baldonado - July 09, 2025 at 06:59 PM