



Roy Tenvel Bryant

July 7, 1927 - September 14, 2025

Roy T. Bryant

Born July 7, 1927, in Wellston, Oklahoma, to Minnie (Dandridge) and Zach Bryant, Roy Bryant peacefully entered eternal rest in the early morning hours of September 14, 2025.

Roy was the third of six children, and from an early age he learned the importance of hard work, family, and perseverance after the untimely passing of his father. Though times were often difficult, he took pride in how his family pulled together to make ends meet, leaning on each other and never losing sight of building a better life.

He began working at a young age, first in kitchens, where he discovered his gift for cooking. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Roy returned to Chickasha, where he married the love of his life, Clara Blunt. Together, they built a marriage that spanned 78 years and raised eight children.

Roy believed in the dignity of hard work and provided tirelessly for his family, often raising hogs and cattle or working extra jobs to ensure his children had what they needed. His career in food service took a transformative turn when he joined the Holiday Inn in Chickasha, where he sharpened the skills that would one day make him a successful business owner. In 1972, he and Clara, along with several of their children, opened Roy's BBQ on Missouri Avenue. From those humble beginnings grew a beloved community landmark known for its award-winning barbecue, waffle fries, and tangy sauce. For decades, guests came from near and far not just for the food, but for the warmth and

welcome Roy and Clara poured into every meal. They continued to operate the restaurant until their retirement in 2022, a true family legacy.

Roy's love for his community extended well beyond his restaurant doors. He gave generously of his time and talents, cooking and catering for reunions, celebrations, church events, and civic gatherings. He was a faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where he cherished his fellowship with others and especially enjoyed singing with the Chickasha Men's Choir.

A man of many stories, Roy had a gift for weaving fact and fiction together in a way that kept everyone laughing, learning, and leaning in. He loved gospel and blues music, and he loved people—often spending quiet moments at the restaurant visiting with customers, sharing encouragement, and leaving them with a smile.

Above all else, Roy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 78 years, Clara; his children, Willie Bryant, Leroy Bryant, Jan Hilburn (Julius), Vanessa Palmer, Wanez Fletcher (Amiel), Pam Ates, Felicia Graham (Michael) and Chris Bryant; grandchildren Russett Johnson, Nashema Simpson (Rick), Rodney Ates, Amiel LaTour Fletcher, Aveirial Johnson, Deidre Johnson, Romby Bryant (Melissa), Bryan Hilburn (Tiffany), Kenan Palmer, Brandon Bryant, Chaundra Bryant, Jillian Benson (Lenny), Justin Hilburn, Nikita Johnson (Andre), Tasheka Bryant, Willie Bryant, Robin Hood, and Chancellor Graham; as well as scores of great-grandchildren, extended family, and countless friends who were touched by his kindness and strength.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Fred, Vernon, T.J., and Russell, and his sister Opal.

The Bryant family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the many caregivers who so lovingly supported Roy in his final days.

Previous Events

Funeral Services

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 W. Colorado
Chickasha, OK 73018

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324 West Colorado Ave
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Visitation & viewing will be at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 520 Maple Street, Chickasha, OK on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, from 4 pm until 6pm. Visitation and viewing will also be held at Brown Legacy Chapel, 401 South 1st Street, from 1:00 pm to 6 pm on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, from 4pm until 6pm. Services: Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, 11:00 AM, First Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ clara would always hug my neck and roy would stopcutting meat and come sit with me and leave them people lined up out the door...nobody else treated me that way, god bless all the bryants...homer hulme 111

Homer Howard - September 21, 2025 at 03:06 PM

AB

“ My Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Uncle Roy Bryant, God Bless you Aunt Clara Bryant and the family with the Comfort, Peace, Understanding and the Strength you need today and the days ahead. Rest in Heavenly Peace Uncle Roy. Love Angie Blunt



Angelia Blunt - September 19, 2025 at 12:00 PM

PJ

“ My deepest condolences to Chaundra and family.



Phyllis James - September 19, 2025 at 11:52 AM

MT

“ Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Roy Tenvel Bryant



Marva Taylor - September 19, 2025 at 09:09 AM

AB

“ Mrs. Bryant & Family,
My memories of being with you; eating "snowcones", are special times. A few years ago we stopped by your BarBQ Cafe. I enjoyed visiting with Mr. Bryant. My heart aches for you & all the family. I am the oldest child of Jr. & Flora Maytubby, Aurelia Brown. Jan and I graduated together from OCLA. Jan, I'm sorry about not being with you.

Aurelia Maytubby Brown - September 18, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Ms Clara and Family, The OCLA Ladies send you our deepest condolences. Know that Mr. Bryant is more than a memory, you and your family were our “home away from” and our protectors. Our prayers and love forever.
The OCLA Ladies
Avis, Sophia, Jackie, Pam, Florence,
Janet

Nell Qualls - September 18, 2025 at 06:26 PM

OL

“ OCLA Ladies purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Roy Tenvel Bryant.



OCLA Ladies - September 18, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roy Tenvel Bryant.

September 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Tenvel Bryant.



September 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Praying 🙏🙏🙏 for the entire Bryant family. May God comfort and heal you all hearts.

Mz. Chris Davis

christine - September 18, 2025 at 07:35 AM



“ Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Roy Tenvel Bryant



Marva Taylor - September 18, 2025 at 03:34 AM



“ Roy n his wife were so sweet. I had my Antique Auction across from Roy's n ate there a lot. I miss those days when Ms. Roy would come and sit with me and she knew a lot.

Shirley White - September 17, 2025 at 11:33 PM

LS

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family, friends and community. Heaven gained an Angel. Rest well Solider 🙏

Linda Schiele - September 17, 2025 at 10:32 PM

AB

“ My Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Uncle Roy Bryant. To Aunt Clara and the family my Prayer is that God Bless your family with the Comfort, Peace, Understanding and Strength you need today and the days ahead. Rest in Heavenly Peace Uncle Roy.



Angelia Blunt - September 16, 2025 at 06:32 PM

DJ

“ All my prayers to the family. Roy has always been like family than my best friends father Rest In Peace Mr.B

Dock C Brown jr - September 15, 2025 at 11:39 PM

RM

Leroy, our hearts go out to you and your family. He will clearly be missed. You are in our prayers. Love, Jason, Ronda, and Shawn

Ronda Moore - September 17, 2025 at 11:56 PM

GS

My deepest sympathy to u, Clara and the family. We have a long history from the day ur Granddaughter asked if we were cousins. She read my nameplate at Oklahoma National Bank and my name was Bryant back then. Wonderful memories with u and Roy.

Glenna Bryant Shropshire

Glenna Bryant Shropshire - September 18, 2025 at 09:00 AM