



## James Roy Greer

May 28, 1927 - September 28, 2017

Longtime radio and sports broadcaster, Roy Greer, 90, of Bryan, TX; passed away on Thursday; September 28, 2017 in Bryan, TX surrounded by his loving children. A celebration of his life is scheduled for Saturday; October 7th, 2017.

Roy was born on May 28, 1927 in Fort Worth, TX to Oren and Rhea (James) Greer. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Richard Greer; his wife, Sunshine (Reynolds) Greer; and his daughter-in-law, Judy Greer.

Roy proudly served his country as Seaman First Class in The United States Navy during World War II and served on The USS Lexington. Following the war, he became the general manager of KSAM Radio in Huntsville, TX. During his time in Huntsville, he met and married his wife of sixty-five years, Sunshine (Reynolds) Greer. From 1956 to 1961, Roy was the sports director for KORA Radio and the play-by-play broadcaster for Aggie Basketball and other Aggie sports during the Bear Bryant football era as well as covering high school football. From 1961 to 1971, Roy was the sports director and play-by-play broadcaster for KVET Radio in Austin and the play-by-play broadcaster for Longhorn Basketball and other Longhorn sports during the Darrell Royal football era as well as covering high school football and The Austin Senators and Austin Braves which were minor league baseball teams. It was also during this time that he covered President Lyndon B. Johnson when he was home in the Austin area.

Roy was an active member of The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Jefferson, TX where he served as a deacon for many years. After moving from Jefferson, he joined The First Presbyterian Church in Bryan, TX. He attended services at Generations Center for Senior Living where he loved to serve and share the love of Jesus with his friends whom he considered to be his second family.

Survivors include his children: Carolyn Elaine Greer Smith and husband, Hobie of Shreveport, LA; Lt. Colonel (USAF RET) Dr. Milton Greer and wife, Jayne of Frisco, TX, and Hal Greer of Bryan, TX; his grandchildren: Sunnie Hooten, NP and husband, David;

Aaron Smith and wife, Meghan; A.J. Smith; Joshua Greer and wife, Melissa; Annie Greer; Dr. Kittie Greer; Ian Greer and wife, Kristin; Holland Rhea Greer and Thomas M. Greer; and his great-grandchildren: Blaise, Kannon, Skye, and Steele Hooten; Hobie and Wyatt Smith; Timothy and Zachary Greer; and Ethan and Adalyn Greer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Generations Center for Senior Living at 2817 Kent Street; Bryan, TX 77802.

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Roy. He was hands down the best boss I ever had, and he was so much fun to be around. I was at KKYR in Marshall, Texas, when he came in as boss man, and I was the secretary/bookkeeper. One day one of our dj's didn't come in and the one going off the air refused to stay, so it was just Roy and me, and Roy had a meeting he had to go to, so he said since I liked to talk, he wanted me to take the shift. He quickly showed me the controls I needed to know, like how to turn the mic on/off, get the music going, and he was outta there for his meeting. I kept that board shift for years.

Roy never, ever cussed - well, except for one time. We had a tornado headed our way and he told me to get the hell out. I didn't hesitate, I grabbed my purse and took off because if he was cussing, he meant it.

I also want to take this opportunity to say hi to Carolyn and Hobie, who is my favorite ex air traffic controller. I've thought about y'all over the years, too. I missed not being able to give Hobie a hard time with him dishing it right back. I hope life has been good to you!

**Debbie Jones** - April 17, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ I just saw your post, Debbie. It is so good to hear from you. Daddy and Mama had a good life. They lived in Bryan, Texas for 13 yrs or so. Mama passed in May of 2015. Daddy had a stroke in 2011 and couldn't use his left side of his body but never lost his wit. He was funny until the last couple of days of his passing. Hobie and I just celebrated our 47th anniversary and are doing well. We had a baby boy in 1989 and now have six grandchildren. Life has been good for us. I hope life has been good for you as well. I remember your golden voice... good memoires.

**Carolyn Greer Smith** - August 26, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ Ruby Schutz lit a candle in memory of James Roy Greer



**Ruby Schutz** - October 07, 2017 at 10:17 AM

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“ I had been a night DJ at KSAM while attending Sam Houston and several years later in 1968, while I was working as the headquarters public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, Roy recruited me to be the weekend night DJ and engineer at KVET in Austin. Under DPS policy I had to use an air name at KVET but Roy was fine with that. He was a true legend in Texas broadcasting and to have had the opportunity to practice that craft for a couple of years under his coaching and leadership was a once in a lifetime experience. I admired him greatly and extend my sympathy and best wishes to his family.

Jim Robinson  
Madisonville & Houston, Texas

Jim Robinson - October 04, 2017 at 11:46 PM



“ Thank you, Jim. He would of been thrilled to read your comment.

Carolyn Greer Smith - August 26, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ I remember him always calling me Lizzy, and him and momma Sunnie watching me for two weeks while Scott was being born.

Sandy Robertson - October 04, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“ Rest in peace Roy I know you are seeing your beloved Sunnie and Jesus, love you!

Dixie Williams - October 04, 2017 at 08:54 PM