



## Roy Neil Ashcraft

May 9, 1931 - January 9, 2021

Roy Neil Ashcraft was born in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1931. On January 9, 2021, Neil arrived in his heavenly home, where he will spend eternity with his Heavenly Father and his Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

In heaven, Neil has now been reunited with his wife, Joanna, his parents Archie and Ina, his sisters Betty and Nancy, his daughter-in-law Shellie, and his great-granddaughter Louisa, along with countless other individuals whose lives were impacted by Neil for eternity.

Neil and Joanna married in 1955 and were blessed with three children. Neil is survived by his daughter Pamela and Ron Bell and their adult daughters; Tami, Carrie, and Jake Mitchell and their daughters Sophie and Maggie; Mandie and Nate Menken, and their son Owen; as well as David and Ruth Ashcraft and their adult children Justin and Laura Ashcraft and their daughter Rayna; and Ashleigh and Kyle Dobbs; and Stuart Ashcraft and his son Shelby.

Growing up outside of San Francisco, Neil graduated from San Mateo High School, where he met his future wife, Joanna. Even before they were married, Neil and Joanna shared a passion for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to others. This passion led them to Biola University, with the hope of serving as missionaries to China upon graduation.

After completing his studies at Biola University, Neil and Joanna married and then entered graduate school at Dallas Theological Seminary. An avid learner, Neil also later received his DMin degree from Talbot Theological School.

Upon their completion of studies at Dallas Seminary, Neil and Joanna's path was redirected to Paris, France, where they served for four years with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM). From France they returned to northern California for seven years as Neil ministered, pastored and led Millbrae Baptist Church.

In 1970 Neil became the pastor of Scofield Memorial Church in Dallas, Texas, where he excelled as a shepherd leader for over 27 years. While in Dallas, Neil served in leadership roles on numerous boards, including the Central American Mission, Grad Resources and Market Place Ministries. After Scofield Church, Neil guided and led several Dallas-area churches through times of transition. For the past two years he has resided in Sugarland, Texas.

Neil loved spending time with his family and with Joanna, his wife of 58 years. Weekly, and when healthy, he looked forward to playing a round of golf. Neil valued the opportunity to mentor others, and he enjoyed watching all sports.

For all who knew Neil, Neil leaves behind a legacy of loving Jesus, loving family, and loving others. And we are all proud to call him Dad, Dadaw, Pastor and friend.

Due to current safety conditions, Neil was laid to rest in a family only graveside service on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Restland Cemetery in Dallas. A public Memorial/celebration service to honor Neil will be scheduled at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Missions Fund of Scofield Memorial Church in Dallas, Texas.

# Cemetery

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## **Restland Memorial Park**

13005 Greenville Avenue

Dallas, TX, 75243

# Comments

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“ I grew up at Scofield, Pastor Ashcraft was my Pastor for many years. We love him and all of his family. He was a kind , tender shepherd of the flock entrusted to his care, an example of how to love and care for others like Jesus. We are forever blessed by his service to Jesus. Much love to his family. Paula( McAfee) Weatherford

**Paula Weatherford** - January 24 at 02:06 AM

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“ A great pastor, friend, and true follower of Christ! I know he is in Heaven celebrating with our Lord. Rusty Cason

**Rusty Cason** - January 16 at 10:09 PM

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“ My wife Jane and I were blessed to attend Scofield Church when Pastor Ashcraft was there. As a result, we gained many lifetime friends and benefited greatly from his teaching and from the teaching of many others in our Sunday school who themselves were schooled in the Bible.  
In my view, Pastor Ashcraft was so effective because he never strayed from the fundamental of salvation from Christ crucified, but did so with great warmth and kindness.  
Thomas Howell

**Thomas** - January 16 at 01:09 PM

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“ Neil was an incredibly loving pastor. Never harsh or judgemental. He baptised our sons and was a model of the love of Jesus Christ. His memory shall always be cherished as well as Joanna's.

We shall be praying for his children, who themselves were such wonderful kiddos.

Robert and Judy Dawson

**Judy Dawson** - January 13 at 02:43 PM

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“ We are most grateful for the almost 20 years that we sat under Pastor Neil’s teaching at Scofield. We praise God for the good expository teaching we received. He and Joanna were faithful servants of our Lord Jesus.

**Joni Nedderman** - January 13 at 11:31 AM