



Rev. Joseph Thomas Garland

April 3, 1943 - February 2, 2026

With deep sorrow, yet with the assurance of faith, we announce the passing of Joseph “Buddy” T. Garland, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, pastor, brother, and friend, who entered into eternal rest on February 2, 2026, at the age of 82. Born on April 3, 1943, in Sherman, TX. Joseph lived a life devoted to God, his family, and the people he was called to serve.

Joseph was a dedicated pastor whose life was marked by unwavering faith, compassion, and humility. He served his congregations with a shepherd’s heart, offering guidance, comfort, and love to countless individuals over the years. As a man of God, Joseph lived with the hope he preached, and he met death with the confidence of knowing he would be in Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. His legacy of faith will continue to live on through the many lives he’s touched.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Dora Garland; his children, Mason Garland; Robert Garland and his wife Lora; Karonda Garland; Debra Bryant and her husband, Jimmie; and Carrie Mendez and her husband Alfredo. His love and guidance will live on through his 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom were a great source of pride and joy to him.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, James Stanley Garland and mother, Marie (Thorn) Garland; beloved brothers, Lloyd, Bill, Robert, and

Ernie Garland; and sisters, Janiece Shamberger, Patsy Hancock, Cora Teague, and Sandra Teague.

Joseph proudly served his country in the United States Navy earning honorable discharge. He was also a devoted member of Ford Lodge #270 in Pilot Point. Among the many meaningful friendships he formed throughout his life, his bond with Art Scott held a special place in his heart.

As we honor Rev. Joseph “Buddy” T. Garland, we remember not only the life he lived, but the love he gave and the faith he so faithfully shared. Though his presence will be deeply missed, his testimony and spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved him.

A grave side service celebrating Rev. Joseph’s life and faith will be held on February 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Tioga Cemetery, 14872 FM 922, Tioga, Texas. Pallbearers: Jimmie Bryant, Mason Garland, Alfredo Mendez, Jorge Mendez, Alex Taylor, and David Snipes. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Cemetery

14872 FM922
Tioga, TX 76271

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Sincere condolences from my wife, Mary, and I. Our children attended his church's school in Alamogordo, NM, many years ago. I am sure that Buddy had a profound impact on many lives in his many years of ministry. Prayers for all of his family and friends who will miss him so much. James Regions

James Regions - February 06 at 03:46 PM

DP

“ Brother Buddy was a dear friend when he pastored in Mississippi and Indiana. I have only seen him once in the last few years, but have always considered him a friend.

David Parker - February 05 at 12:01 PM

FM

“ Our prayers go out for Uncle Buddy's family, friends and congregation. He was always there for our family whenever we needed and we'll never forget the love and support he provided my mom! Love, Frances Menees and family

Frances Menees - February 04 at 04:11 PM