



Aubrey Roane

March 26, 2026

William Aubrey Roane, 89, of Suffolk, passed away on March 26, 2026. Born in Portsmouth, VA, he was the son of the late John William and Esther Love Roane. He is predeceased by the love of his life, Margaret Brownley Roane.

At a young age, he took the big step of starting his own electrical contracting firm with the support and help of his beloved wife, Margaret. He built his business from the ground up and Roane Electric faithfully served the local community for over 50 years. Aubrey was a longtime member of Monumental UMC in Portsmouth.

He was a member of the Adams Sunday School class, the United Methodist Men, and served as head of the ushers. His Shrove Tuesday pancakes were legend, and he was known as one of the best breakfast cooks around. His large garden kept the family, the church, and his neighbors supplied with a variety of fruits and vegetables. He enjoyed get-togethers with his growing family and homemade ice cream was usually on the menu.

Aubrey is survived by his son, David Roane and wife Wendy and his daughter, Nancy Barnard and husband Gerry. Also surviving are five grandchildren; Brandon Roane and wife Robyn, Ashley Rogers and husband Mike, Bonnie White and husband Nick, Zachary Barnard, and Avery Barnard; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, John Roane and wife

Neva.

A funeral service will be held at 2pm Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at Monumental United Methodist Church, Portsmouth with Rev. Celeste Heath officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Portsmouth. Visitation will take place at Loving Funeral Home from 6-7:30 pm Monday March 30, 2026

Memorial gifts may be made to Monumental UMC.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Monumental United Methodist Church
450 Dinwiddie St
Portsmouth, VA 23704
(757) 397-1297

Tribute Wall

RK

“ I went to work for Aubrey as an electrician helper when I was 10 years old. Aubrey was an electrician working for Donald O Hawkins ,Electrical Contractor. Yes I was only10 years old. Aubrey taught the fundamentals and allowed me to learn from him. We worked alongside a veteran mechanic named Harmon who hummed the same tune everyday. It is still in my head and have no idea where it came from. I have only the fondest memories of Aubrey and was not surprised by his success in life and business. God bless him and his family.

Rick Knapp - April 02 at 05:40 PM

DR

“ I spent many hours at the Roane's house playing army men with David. I remember Mr. Roane as a kind gentle soul. He was a great presence in my life in the neighborhood and the church.
Debbie Darley Runyon



Debbie Darley Runyon - March 31 at 07:36 AM

TF

“ The Mueller Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Aubrey Roane.



The Mueller Family - March 30 at 05:54 PM

DJ

“ *DORA JEAN lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Roane*



DORA JEAN - March 30 at 09:28 AM

PH

“ *Pam and Mike Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Aubrey Roane.*



Pam and Mike Harris - March 29 at 12:01 PM