

Parkwood Church,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 16, 2026
2:00 p.m.

Funeral Service for Lorne Cecil Roach

May 31, 1943 – May 11, 2026

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn – **O God, our help in ages past**

Remembering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – **O Lord my God (How great Thou art!)**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – **Psalm 90**

New Testament – **1 Timothy 3**

Meditation – “Excellent standing and great assurance”

Prayers of Intercession and Supplication

Hymn – **The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended**

Benediction

Lorne Cecil Roach, C.A.

Lorne was born May 31, 1943 and nurtured in Greenfield Park, Quebec. He married Margaret (née McDonald) on May 14, 1966, who together with their children Kenneth (Anne-Marie Crowley), and Jennifer (Thomas Wellum), and grandchildren, Rachel and Nicole Roach, and Angelina Correia, survive, and for whom we seek in our prayers God’s peace, comfort, and strength.

He had a long career in finance for the city of Gloucester, prior to retirement.

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“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.”

“Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 1: 12; 3: 13 (NIV)

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Thanks is expressed to Diane Walford for musical accompaniment for today’s service, to Abraham Ren and Jill Wu for assistance with visuals and livestreaming, and to the Fellowship Team for hosting the reception.

Pallbearers: Daniel Drolet, Ross Nicholls,
Jennifer Roach, and Kenneth Roach

All are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately following the service.

Inurnment will take place at Pinecrest Cemetery at a later date.

Lorne and Margaret Roach were received as members of Parkwood Church, Ottawa in June, 1974. In September, 1974, Lorne accepted appointment as treasurer, bringing both professional qualifications and personal commitment to quiet, competent, and comprehensive service and administration as the chief financial officer and treasurer of the congregation.

Commencing at a time prior to the advent of personal computers, Lorne kept track of receipts and disbursements in a handwritten ledger and produced neat handwritten financial reports. Advancing with the computer age, he learned and used software enabling him to keep accurate records and prepare diverse and comprehensive reports on all aspects of the congregation's finances.

He quietly and confidentially received tithes, offerings, and special gifts for the ministries undertaken by Parkwood Church. He fulfilled duties commonly undertaken by an envelope steward, providing envelopes to regular contributors, tracking contributions, and issuing tax-deductible receipts at the end of each year.

He served as a member of the Finance and Maintenance Committee, later the Finance and Maintenance Team, attending monthly meetings and presenting financial reports, and offering counsel about cash flows, contracts for maintenance of the facilities, payments for personnel, and contributing to the annual budget preparations.

He administered stipend and allowances for the minister, and payroll for all church employees, and handled correspondence with the Canada Revenue Agency for deductions and remittances.

He paid bills, and ensured that documentation for all expenses was secured, for the satisfaction of auditors. His tenure spanned three building campaigns: the original construction in 1974, the 1996 expansion, and the 2016 replacement of the old Mulvagh Wing. He wrote thousands of cheques. The accounts were always in good order.

He handled investments and gave advice to the session and congregation about capital and savings for special and future projects.

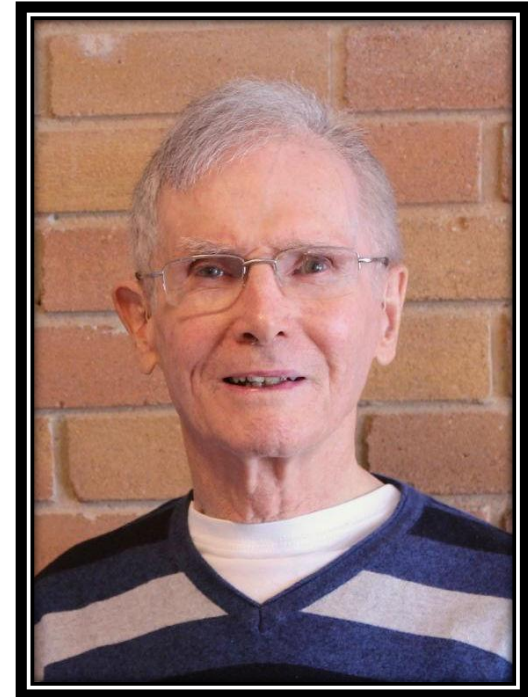
He maintained communication with the offices of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, ensuring timely remittances of contributions for the work of the wider church and a wide variety of mission undertakings.

He prepared and filed the annual employment income forms for employees, the annual registered charities return with the federal government, and the financial portion of the annual statistical return for the session with the presbytery. He also prepared and administered for some twenty years an annual grant application for a summer student under the Canada Summer Jobs programme of the federal government.

Lorne also willingly and generously shared his knowledge, experience, and wisdom with the treasurers of other congregations within the Presbytery of Ottawa, who often came calling for help and advice.

Only following his retirement on December 31, 2017 did the session and congregation become increasingly aware of the extent to which Lorne Roach made an enormous investment on a daily basis for more than four decades of his time and talent in the life and ministry of Parkwood Church, Ottawa. To God be the glory for this service rendered!

[The foregoing is an extract from the certificate of appreciation presented by the Session and congregation of Parkwood Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, to Lorne Roach in October 2018 following his retirement as treasurer of the congregation after 43 years of faithful service.]



Lorne Cecil Roach

(1943–2025)