



Rollin Adrian Van Broekhoven

June 3, 1940 - May 18, 2025

Rollin Adrian Van Broekhoven, 84, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on May 18, 2025, of pulmonary fibrosis. He lived a life marked by fierce devotion to people and justice, but above all to Christ Jesus.

Rollin was born to missionary parents, Harold and Loraine Van Broekhoven, in Dallas, Texas, on June 3, 1940. He grew up in Guatemala and then attended Wheaton College in Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army for 15 years, during which he attended Baylor Law School (JD), University of Virginia School of Law (LLM), and George Washington School of Law (LLM), and worked as an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. As an attorney, he was admitted to practice before several state, military, and federal appeals courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Following his military career, he was appointed a Federal Judge, presiding for 32 years.

He earned doctoral degrees at Oxford Graduate School and became a professor and dean for their Centre for Religious Society Studies.

His passion for law, ethics, people, and Christ and His Kingdom led him to serve on the boards of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (6 yrs), Outreach Incorporated (18 yrs), Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (25 yrs) (Chairman), Mission Aviation Fellowship (13 yrs) (Chairman), International Bible Society (7 yrs), International Committee on Fundraising Organizations (9

yrs) (President), Dallas Theological Seminary (27 yrs) (Chairman), the Southern Bible Institute (27 yrs), and The Institute for Global Engagement (7 yrs).

In his retirement, Rollin spent his years traveling to China and working closely with students through the Asian Center for Law and Culture, and to Afghanistan and South Africa, advocating for religious freedom and human rights. His position as Post Judge Advocate for the American Legion Haymarket post connected him to his military family, where he supported several continual service projects for veterans, including identifying veterans in unmarked graves and providing headstones.

Rollin has been described by friends as an encourager, mentor, and faithful friend and by himself as a simple country lawyer. His love and devotion knew no social, educational, or economic bounds. He was quick with a smile, a joke, a personal anecdote, or a reminder that “if it ain’t Dutch, it ain’t much.”

Rollin is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Diana; his daughters Gretchen (Peter) and Heidi (Todd); his grandchildren Norman (Julie), Kendalyn (Kevin), Kaylee, Ian, Emily, and Adalyne; and his great grandchildren Ivy, Micah, and Finley. He is also survived by his siblings Cora Lou (John), Harold (Deborah), and Lois.

Service information is posted below, however If you cannot attend but would like to be a part of the service, it will be streamed at <https://greenwichpres.org/livestream/>

To support people close to Rollin’s heart, consider donating to Greenwich Afghan Refugee Ministry: : <https://greenwich.churchcenter.com/giving/to/van-b-roekhoven-memorial-mission-fund>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenwich Presbyterian Church
15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
(703) 754-7933
office@greenwichpres.org
<http://greenwichpres.org/>

Celebration of Life

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ Friends with Rollin since highschool. His mother my Sunday School teacher. Lived close to each other in Grand Rapids. He will be remembered as giving his best to his Master.

linda dyer - August 05, 2025 at 05:43 PM

LP

“ Rollin Van Broekhoven was a wonderful, delightful and humorous next door neighbor from June 1981 until I moved from Manassas, Virginia in August of 2008. The fond memories of our relationship as neighbors with Rollin and his lovely wife Diana will remain in my heart forever.

Lucy Paone

Lucy Paone - August 02, 2025 at 08:38 PM

CW

“ I am quite saddened to hear the news of Rollins passing. He was my professor and friend when I attended Oxford graduate school. I will never forget his kindness, His brilliant mind, and his quirky sense of humor. Rest in peace my dear friend. And I hope to see you again someday.

Charlene West - June 05, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DA

I am presently visiting USA from Australia, and a as saddened to hear he news. I worked with Rollin in Frankfurt/Main Germany, In the early 70's. A Brilliant human being

Danuta I Aaron - November 16, 2025 at 10:46 PM

SL

“ I respect Rollin very much and am deeply grateful for all he has done for me. I also appreciate the mentorship that he has taken of my spouse. The loss of Rollin, means the loss of a dear friend and a great mentor to me. Shiwei Li

Shiwei Li - June 03, 2025 at 11:01 PM

CR

“ My wife, Karen, and I have many fond memories of Rollin as we worshipped with him at Greenwich Presbyterian. In fact, our "saved" seats were right behind Rollin and Diana. Rollin would chide me if we sat somewhere else! I am grateful for the opportunity to have met Rollin and for the conversations we shared. Always, I admired his sharp mind, dedication to the Lord, and wit. He often reminded me of his Dutch Reformed roots. I appreciate this brother in the Lord and mourn his passing. However, I am certain he is enjoying his new home!

Chip Register - June 03, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MM

“ Rollin was an incredibly kind, decent and good person. He was a great attorney and I always enjoyed conversations with him. Susy and I also knew him as our neighbor and we feel great loss and grief in his passing. We pass along our best wishes to Diana and his family. Mark and Susy Moorstein

Mark Moorstein - May 31, 2025 at 10:14 PM

FW

“ My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.

*Francis William
Bahrain (Gulf)*



Francis William - May 28, 2025 at 06:38 AM

DF

“ Dear Diana, I had the joy of knowing Rollin when he served on the MAF board. I was always blessed by our interactions as he was always fully engaged and the conversations were filled with his wisdom and wit. My heart goes out to you and your family as you learn to live on this earth without Rollin being present, but I also know that you will see him again in that life that never ends. May you sense God's comfort and peace in abundance, Dave Fyock

Dave Fyock - May 28, 2025 at 06:01 AM



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May 27, 2025 at 10:14 AM



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May 27, 2025 at 10:02 AM

RH

“ I first met Rollin during the Foundation for New Era bankruptcy proceeding. My law firm represented the Evangelical Council for Financial Responsibility. Rollin was the Chair. He was instrumental in arranging a settlement between many of the parties which greatly reduced the losses suffered by many groups. He was relentless in his efforts.

We remained in contact after the conclusion of New Era. Rollin became a close friend. I admired his energy, his breadth of interests, his continuing faith even when confronted by a devastating illness. My wife Joy and I will miss him dearly.
Dick Hill

Richard Hill - May 26, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MB

“ Rollin and I were classmates at Baylor Law back in the 60's. We reconnected at various times in our respective public service careers. Late last year, we collaborated on an article that recounted our memories of law school at Baylor and how God had guided our steps into ministry and missions. We shared it with Baylor Law's new Dean Jeremy Counseller, but knew it was way too long for any of their publications. Earlier this year, Mary Lou and I visited Rollin and Diana in their home and shared a lunch at a nearby historic inn. One of our mutual connections was Advocates International, on whose board I served for a number of years. Rollin's record of selfless service is an inspiration to me and thousands he touched through ministry. I look forward to seeing him again when my own time comes. In the meantime, we will keep Diana and Rollin's children in our prayers. Matt Bristol

Matt Bristol - May 26, 2025 at 01:31 PM

PL

“ Rollin was my professor, friend, and mentor. I deeply appreciate the exemplary life he lived before us—especially in a world increasingly marked by moral failure and corruption, even within Christian circles. My prayers are with Diana and the bereaved family.

*With love and appreciation,
Paul Sungro Lee*

Paul Lee - May 26, 2025 at 12:25 PM

DC

“ Debbie Gilberts Precept class purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rollin Adrian Van Broekhoven.



Debbie Gilberts Precept class - May 24, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DC

“ A beautiful man who welcomed me each time I saw him. I thank God for all the time Rollin spent on this earth giving so much to all who were blessed to come into his life...if even for a brief time. To Diana and the rest of Rollins family ..thank you for sharing this lovely man with all of us...

*With much love
Diane Carroll and family*

Diane Carroll - May 24, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RS

“ Rollin was my mentor from the mid-eighties. We used to sneak away during Sunday school to talk about theological themes. When I thought about going to seminary, he counseled me to accept the challenge. When I was considering doctoral studies, he sent a letter filled with encouragement and advice. Whenever we were together, he was a blessing and always had an interesting story to tell. Rollin was my model for lifelong service to the Lord. I will miss him.

Richard Smith - May 22, 2025 at 02:57 PM

TK

“ Rollin and I have had a great friendship ever since we were Wheaton College roommates. While we haven't seen each other for a few years, he still called occasionally to update us and say he was thinking of us. He was a dear friend and we will miss him greatly. Diana, we pray for God's comfort for you and your whole family. Lovingly, Tim Klenk

Tim Klenk - May 22, 2025 at 02:37 PM