



Roy Charleston

August 29, 1929 - June 30, 2021

Roy Charleston,

Born August 29, 1929, passed away on June 30, 2021. He was the son of Earl and Mae Charleston, both of Hammond, Indiana, and was preceded in death by them, his twin brother Ray and his brother Earl.

Roy was raised in Hammond and graduated from Hammond High School. He joined the United States Air Force in 1949 and served until 1955. During his Air Force tour, he spent his entire service in Long-Range Weather Reconnaissance. He spent several years in the Hurricane Hunters of the South Atlantic. He and his unit participated in Atomic Bomb tests while stationed in Saudi Arabia.

In 1955, Roy selected the Insurance business as his career and served 60 years until his retirement at age 85. He was a Senior Instructor for Life Underwriters Training Council. He served as a Member and President of Hammond Life Underwriters Association, and past President of Northwest Indiana General Agents and Managers Association.

Roy moved his family to Indianapolis in 1966, spending several years as Vice President of two local insurance companies. In 1985, he joined Key Benefit Administrators, Inc. and served as Vice President of Special Products. He served 30 years with KBA (long after normal retirement age). Roy worked with seniors in southwest Indiana, which was his pride and joy.

Roy's hobbies for many years were building model tall ships and gardening. During his lifetime, he was an avid weather watcher. He was a 50-plus year

member of the American Legion (Post 16, Munster, Indiana) and was a charter member of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Roy is survived by his wife, Dolores, to whom he was married for 70 years. He is survived by four sons, Thomas (Rita), Stephen (Heddy), Jeffrey (Lori) and Gregory (Rodney); four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 6, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memory Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
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Funeral Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - July 07, 2021 at 08:25 AM

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“ Deb & Joe lit a candle in memory of Roy
Charleston



Deb & Joe - July 06, 2021 at 08:15 AM

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“ I met Roy over 20 years ago and his mentoring and friendship had a profound impact on my life. He was tough but fair and I quickly came to have the utmost respect for him. He and Dolores were a delight to get to know. When he hired me as Director of St. Mary's Senior Connection in Evansville in the mid 80s he told me he was going to retire shortly. Each subsequent performance evaluation he reminded me that he planned to retire soon. Finally, after 15 years in this position, guess who retired?- I DID! Never knew anyone who was so dedicated to doing what he loved. He will be missed and my heart goes out to Dolores and the family. Thanks Roy for some very special memories.

Steve Imes - July 05, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roy Charleston.*



July 04, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Charleston.*



July 03, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Becky And Mark lit a candle in memory of Roy Charleston*



Becky and Mark - July 02, 2021 at 08:43 AM