



Roy F. Osterby

August 12, 1930 - July 11, 2020

Roy Osterby,

89, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away peacefully at home and surrounded by family on July 11, 2020. Roy was born on August 12, 1930 in Grant, Michigan, to the late Christian and Jennie Osterby. He was the fourth of four boys; Victor, Einar and Don. His younger sister, Helga, rounded out the family. After completing his education, he eventually moved to Wausau, WI, where he began his career as an insurance underwriter. There, he met his wife, Betty Mathews. They got married on November 21, 1956 in the middle of a blizzard. They stayed together 63 wonderful years until the time of Roy's passing. Roy earned his CPCU (Charter Property Casualty Underwriter) credential and was also a member of Toastmasters. He was an avid golfer. Roy, who pitched for his Grant High School baseball team, won the State Championship with his team, and went on to pitch in the Minor Leagues.

Roy rarely missed an episode of Jeopardy. He grew up helping his parents in their Danish bakery, so he had a sweet tooth that lasted all his life. Roy did the crossword puzzle in the paper every morning and loved to put together one of his many jigsaw puzzles in the evening (with the help of Betty and his cat, Speedy).

Roy is survived by his loving wife, Betty Osterby; daughters, June LaPlant and Jane VanBuskirk (Craig); grandchildren, Joshua Duke (Sabrina), Heather LaPlant, Julia Stoner (Zach) and Jessica Duke (Chayton); great-grandchildren, Sophie, Maverick and Samson; and sister-in-law, Esther Osterby. Three

brothers, Victor, Einar and Don Osterby; and a sister, Helga Stream, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Humane Society of Indianapolis, 7929 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Visitation will be Friday, July 17, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. until the time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Memorial Service

JUL 17. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ Today is Roy's birthday. I met this man through work. He was truly a man of integrity and character. Roy loved and cared for all of his family members. His wore his enjoyment for life on his sleeve and in his eyes everyday. Sports, competition, a "let's get it done" attitude and humor kept him engaged with life. Roy, God Bless you as you rest in peace.

Richard Deering - August 12, 2020 at 09:47 AM

BO

Thank you Rich Deering. What a lovely and accurate tribute to Roy. Roy enjoyed working with you and your crew at the warehouse. He and the twins would mention every so often the green popcorn and going up the ladder in the warehouse. Roy kept his ability to remember numbers almost to the end. Something he was proud of. Thank you for being his friend.

Betty Osterby - October 15, 2020 at 12:14 AM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - July 29, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JE

“ I always enjoyed talks with Roy at family gatherings. He was a very kind man, with a very gentle soul. I will forever cherish the memories. R.I.P .!

Jenn - July 16, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Roy F. Osterby.



July 15, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ A very intelligent man who kept most of his feelings to himself like the men of his generation. Now he is free from all pain & suffering. God bless him.

Carole - July 14, 2020 at 09:27 PM



Thank you Carole. You knew him well.

bjosterby - July 14, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ I remember Uncle Roy and Aunt Betty visiting when I was really little. Uncle Roy played memory with me and told everyone how great I was at it. He was a very sweet, kind man. I wish he'd lived nearer so we could have seen each other more.

Leigh Henline - July 14, 2020 at 06:57 PM



Thank you Leigh. I remember when Roy played that game with you. You won didn't you.

bjosterby - July 14, 2020 at 10:54 PM

EG

“ Roy was a soft spoken and kind man. He was also very generous. He was a wonderful brother-in-law and always made you feel welcome in his house. We spent many happy times with him and we miss him so much. So glad we had the good fortune to know and enjoy this lovely man.
Eddie and Sylvia Gardner



Eddie and Sylvia Gardner - July 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM

BJ

Thank you Sylvia and Eddie.

bjosterby - July 14, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roy F. Osterby.*



July 14, 2020 at 01:28 PM