



Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter

November 25, 1931 - August 22, 2015

Royal Edward VanMeter, age 83, passed away August 22, 2015, at the Rensselaer Care Center. Roy was born in McCoysburg, Indiana on November 25, 1931, the son of Nellie Lucille (Bussell) and Clarence U. VanMeter. Roy was a lifetime resident of Jasper County and attended the Hanging Grove School.

On December 2, 1951, Roy married Carol M. Dewey in Barkley Township, Jasper County, Indiana. Carol preceded him in death in January 26, 1992. Roy enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 26, 1952, serving with the 610th Engr. Co.

On October 27, 1954, he was released from active duty with the rank of Sargent.

Roy retired in 1993 from Rensselaer Auto-Parts where he had been a machinist for thirty-seven years. He had previously been a mechanic at the former Hermanson-Nash Sales in Rensselaer. Roy was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Rensselaer. Other memberships include V.F.W. Post #1279 and American Legion Post #29, both of Rensselaer.

Roy is survived by his loving family, son Larry (wife Migdalia) VanMeter of El Paso, Texas, daughter Carolyn (husband Tom) Smith of Monticello, Ind., son Curtis VanMeter of Pilot Point, Texas and son Scott (wife Debra) VanMeter of Rensselaer, ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and his second wife, Patricia L. (Benner) Nagel VanMeter. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Carol and a grandson, Keith VanMeter.

Friends will be received by the family on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 10:30 A.M. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery with military rites. Memorials may be made to the Jasper County Home Healthcare and Hospice

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
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Service

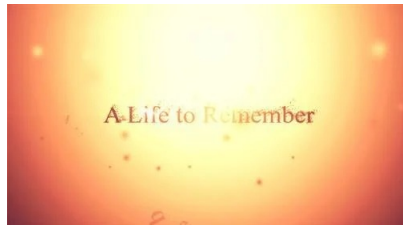
AUG 26. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 24, 2015 at 12:07 PM

DM

“ *So very sorry for your loss,.
Dianne Malone and Clarence Gilbert*



Dianne Malone - August 26, 2015 at 11:09 PM

KC

“ *Ken & Sandra Culp lit a candle in memory of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter*



Ken & Sandra Culp - August 26, 2015 at 10:58 AM

KC

Our sympathy to you Pat & family.

Ken & Sandra Culp - August 26, 2015 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ Jerry And Beth Hammond lit a candle in memory of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter



Jerry and Beth Hammond - August 25, 2015 at 07:00 PM

PL

“ Phyllis Lanoue lit a candle in memory of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter



Phyllis Lanoue - August 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM

BF

“ Bethel Ford lit a candle in memory of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter



Bethel Ford - August 24, 2015 at 09:47 PM

JK

“ Jody And Nathan Knoth lit a candle in memory of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter



Jody and Nathan Knoth - August 24, 2015 at 08:55 PM

EV

“ I rember sitting behind he's chair in the liveing room waiting for grandma Carol to get supper done he would put a can of peanuts on the floor and we would sneak and eat them because grandma would say not to eat she was cooking supper but me and grandpa Roy ate them anyways then we would go to dairy queen he always spoiled us

erica vanmeter - August 24, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ 5 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 24, 2015 at 06:49 PM

MV

“ Migdalia VanMeter purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter.



Migdalia VanMeter - August 24, 2015 at 05:37 PM

MB

“ A great man has passed on to his reward. He was and is a inspiration to all who had the good fortune to have been in his company. My life and accomplishments are a tribute to his guidance and consul and he is sadly missed. Rest in peace Cuz until we meet again.

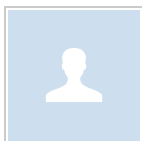
Merle and Nancy Busselle, Warner Robins Ga.

Merle Busselle - August 24, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ Although I never met Mr. Van Meter I know his sons Larry and Curt, if they are half the man their father was I truly know a great man. My condolences to the entire family Steve Walker

Steve Walker - August 24, 2015 at 04:13 PM



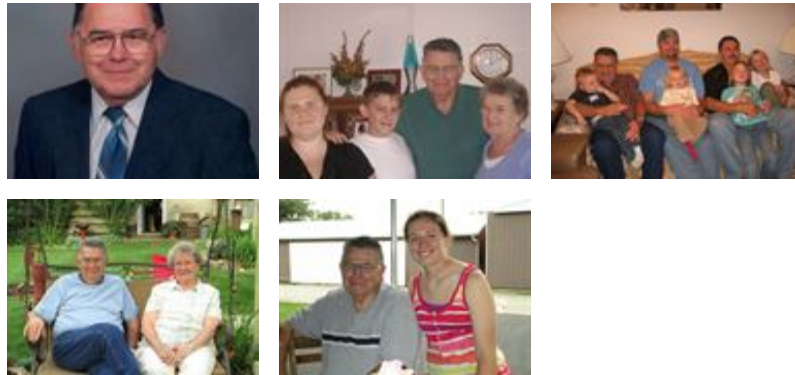
“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter.



August 24, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 24, 2015 at 11:55 AM

HS

“ Hank and Jane Nickles and Gregg and Cheryl Schwartz purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter.



Hank and Jane Nickles and Gregg and Cheryl Schwartz -
August 24, 2015 at 08:49 AM

AM

“ Love going to grandpa Roy and grandma Carols house and fishing in the river...Christmas at their house was the best..Grandpa always had a fire going..love that smell ...but the coolest thing was the vacuum cleaner in the wall...just plug in the hose ...(vacuum canister was in the garage)

A.J. Van Meter - August 24, 2015 at 12:11 AM

EV

yes christmas was the best

erica vanmeter - August 24, 2015 at 08:18 PM

CA

It sure was... AJ thought he was Santa!!! Lol

Capri - August 25, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Royal "Roy" Edward VanMeter.*



August 23, 2015 at 01:26 PM

CP

“ *Grandpa Roy was one of my favorite people. I remember as child going to see him at the shop on Saturday and he always took me to get a donut. I would only let him pull my teeth because he was the only person who knew how to do that. And who can for get the time old man Bill got the bright idea to pee in the road in front of all us. By the time Grandpa Roy and Grandpa Knucklehead got done with him, well let's just say he never did that again. I love you Grandpa!*

Capri Payne - August 23, 2015 at 05:17 AM

JS

My Mom, Marie Pettet was Roy's aunt and was a resident in the special needs unit with Roy. They regularly sat together holding hands. Our sympathy to Pat and the Van Meter children, Larry, Curt, Scott and Carolyn and their families.

Judy and Don Smith - August 23, 2015 at 03:00 PM

EV

yes capri payne they sure did that old man bill didn't wont to mess with them again

erica vanmeter - August 24, 2015 at 08:29 PM