



Dr. Rolland Laws "Rollie" Blake

November 6, 2016

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Dr. Rolland Laws Blake, "Rollie" lived a very full and active life. He was greater than 92, when God called him home Sunday, November 6, 2016 from Washington, D. C.

Born in Minneapolis, MN, January 16, 1924, he lived in Edina, MN for over 50 years. Later in life he would travel to Bethesda, MD for a portion of each Winter. He was preceded in death by his parents, W. D. "Ted" and Marjorie Laws Blake; his loving wife of almost 47 years, "Doris" Theodora Christ DeMoss Blake; and his sisters, Patricia Josephine and "Marti" Martha Carol Blake.

Rollie is survived by his children, Katherine Blake Scattergood, John Rolland Blake, Dr. Elizabeth Chrysanthe Blake, and grandson, Blake Scattergood. He is also survived by several brothers-in law, a sister-in law, many nieces and nephews and their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Rollie was a published Research Geologist, who worked for the Dept. of the Interior, US Bureau of Mines, for over 36 years. He was a Boy Scout and later served the organization. A World War II veteran, he served in the US Army Aircorp as a military motorcycle police officer, on the island of Guam.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking, canoeing, camping skiing, cooking- and especially eating. He enjoyed volunteering at the Greek festivals in the Bethesda, Maryland and Washington area. He was a member of the American Legion, and Kiwanis and was active in the church senior groups. Later in life he picked up tennis and billiards and enjoyed gardening throughout his lifetime.

He will be laid to rest with his wife, Doris, at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN on November 15, 2016. May Rolland's Memory be Eternal.
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Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55408-3334
(612) 825-9595

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Reception

NOV 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Rollie will be missed. Our prayers are with Elizabeth and her family during this sad time.*

His kindness, gentle manner and sweet smile for all of us will not be forgotten. I am thankful for having the opportunity to meet him, listen to his stories, and share some time with him.

*John, Veronica, and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Much love
Roxie*

Roxie Austin Brown - November 15, 2016 at 01:33 PM

VK

“ *It was a true pleasure knowing Rollie.*

His warm smile and personality really lit up a room!

I first met Rollie at a church event many years ago, and always looked forward to seeing him thereafter.

He will truly be missed, yet his wonderful spirit will live on!

Victoria Kosmides - November 15, 2016 at 06:03 AM

ST

“ Our family thoroughly enjoyed the friendship had with Rollie. He made celebrating shared holidays fun and fondly memorable. He was such a dear, sweet spirited man, who loved to share his life experiences and wisdom with humor and always did so with a sweet expression and smile on his face. Our parting comments about our friend Rollie are "earth has one gentle soul less, and heaven one angel more." And finally, "deep in our hearts a memory is kept, of one we loved and shall never forget." Love and prayers to Rollie's Family. From the Taylor Family: Bonnie, Ken, Sally, Todd, Kenny and Tara



Sally Taylor - November 14, 2016 at 11:14 PM

DB

“ While Cathy and I didn't know Rollie very well, having met him in passing a time or 2 when visiting out neighbor, Tammie, we have gotten to know Elizabeth. We want to let you know, Elizabeth, and your entire family that we are sorry for the loss of your Dad. We are sure that your steadfast commitment to care for him and to extend love to him over the last season of his life offered both comfort and joy. May God sustain you, Elizabeth, and all who are with you as you remember Rollie's life and the deposit he made in each one who knew him. We will continue to pray for you and are standing with you and your family in your time of loss.

Duke & Cathy Bendix - November 14, 2016 at 06:43 PM

MA

“ I come from a farming background. One year Rollie, Doris, and Elizabeth came to the Farm for a Thanksgiving Dinner. Of course, during dinner my brother finds out Rollie is a Geologist. If you know any thing about farming you know that in the Springtime rocks come to the surface, big and small... My brother and I were picking up rocks He picked an unusual rock, threw it in the back of the gator and said: That's a "Rollie Rock". So as you too go through life, and you pick up an unusual rock, you will remember Rollie... and call it a " Rollie Rock"

Marilyn - November 14, 2016 at 01:24 AM

TJ

“ A kind and true gentleman. Rollie, you will be missed, especially during the holiday season as will your hearty appetite and the smile you got on your face when you saw each holiday meal that awaited you! Hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, VA, will not be the same without the "Rock Hopper." Thank you, for all the sticks you picked up, making it easier for me to compete for better grass in my yard than you and Elizabeth had in Bethesda, MD. There are many wonderful memories I could share concerning Rollie, I will always remember your smile and your laugh. Thank you being a part of my life and touching my heart!



Love you, Tammie Johnson

T. Johnson - November 13, 2016 at 11:20 PM