



Roscoe R. Aspley

October 12, 1931 - May 21, 2018

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Roscoe Roland Aspley of Chanhassen, MN died peacefully after a brief illness on May 21, 2018. He was 86.

Rocky was born on October 12, 1931 in Manhattan, KS to Roscoe W. & Theresa C. (Helget) Aspley. His parents owned a boarding house across the street from the Union Pacific train depot in Manhattan, KS. He loved to talk about all of the men and equipment that he saw coming through the train depot during WW2. Growing up, the rail yards and the Kansas River-bottoms were his playgrounds.

He worked as a nurse anesthetist for well over 40 years before finally retiring in 1999. Rocky met his future wife Lavonne, an RN, when they worked together at a Minot, ND hospital. In 1959, they made their home in Scottsbluff, NE until the family moved to Minnesota in 1979. He was a patient and loving father who loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and his pets.

Rocky was an even-tempered man with a cast iron stomach. While most people eat toast or cereal for breakfast, Rocky's favorite breakfast consisted of a can of Vienna sausages and a cup of instant coffee. Having watched his hairline gradually recede over the years, Rocky always like to say that he truly

enjoyed having less hair to comb and more face to wash as he looked in the mirror each morning.

As an Army Veteran and a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War Veteran, Rocky lived life on his own terms. He once pulled a pistol on a large group of intoxicated hippies back in the early 1970's, who were throwing rocks and using profanities in an attempt to force his family to leave a particular campground spot that they had wanted. Without saying a word, Rocky sat the pistol on the picnic table and continued with his meal. It was the hippies who ended up leaving quietly.

Rocky is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lavonne (Hungness) Aspley of Chanhassen, MN; sisters Dorothy Lukert of Topeka, KS & Marjorie Lichtenhan of Dwight, KS; daughter Susanne Aspley of Excelsior, MN; son Samuel Aspley of St. Paul, MN & grandchildren Anthony, Ariel and Ayden. Rocky is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Cora Rose Strosnider, all of Manhattan, KS; and a brother, George R. Aspley of Grandview, MO.

Rocky's ashes will be interred in Grandfield Lutheran Cemetery, Sheyenne, ND. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., June 1, 2018 at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
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Memorial Service

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Rocky was a rare character. I always wanted to be around him to see what interesting thing he would say next. One time he gave me a wooden nickel and told me not to spend it all in one place. He told jokes with the driest sense of humor. And he was a master of observations.

Uncle Rocky never covered the deep love he had for studying family history. He had a vast collection of "tidbits" as it were and was always willing to share what he learned.

It was my pleasure to have known him.

Anita

Anita Ascher - June 05, 2018 at 06:45 PM

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“ As a child I remember Uncle Rocky trying to teach us nieces and nephews tongue twisters. The one I remember most was: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. He would try to get us to say the entire thing-we couldn't and he could. We would all end up laughing at ourselves and wished we could say it as well as our Uncle Rocky! He was so fun to be around. I will miss him. Elaine

Elaine - June 04, 2018 at 10:04 AM