

Roy Raymond Karner

March 3, 1928 - December 11, 2019

Roy Raymond Karner went home to eternally praise Jesus, our Savior, at the age of 91 on December 11, 2019.

Roy and Elizabeth “Betty” (Werschler) Karner, the love of his life, moved to the country and spent their last months together under their daughters’ care. Roy died peacefully, surrounded and held by his four daughters. We reminded him often that although his memory wasn’t working so well anymore, his heart loved as deeply as ever. Roy had deep faith in and love for his Savior Jesus and we are comforted by the knowledge that he is now abiding with Christ.

Dad would not want us to go on and on talking about his life. Instead, he’d want to be sharing the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus. However, these are a few words about him from his family. The best way we know to sum up our dad’s life passion is to say that he loved God and he loved people. And we loved him dearly.

Roy was born on March 3, 1928, in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He was the third of five sons born to Frank and Esther (Schultz) Karner. Roy attended Saint John's Preparatory School in Winfield, Kansas, served in the National Guard, and then attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri. He met Betty in Canada during a vicarage in northern Minnesota, Ontario, and Manitoba. They were married and began a lifetime of loving devotion in June, 1954. Dad used to say they were like Canada Geese; they mated for life. In September, 1954, they answered God's call into the mission field and served His people in Hong Kong for fifteen years.

In 1969, Roy and Betty moved to Hopkins, Minnesota, where he served first as an associate pastor then as senior pastor at Zion Lutheran Church until his retirement in 1993. He continued to provide wise leadership during vacancies and to tenderly minister to people as a visitation pastor in several congregations around the Minneapolis area until well into his 80's.

Roy is survived by his beloved wife Betty, brother Harold Karner, sister-in-law Elisabeth Karner, daughters Kim (Henry) Haverstock, Kathi Jensen, Keri (Dan) Siekert, Lori (David) Chvojicek; Grandchildren Father Paul Haverstock, Anne (Michael) Roeber, Kent Haverstock, Brittany (JP) LaChapelle, Brooke Jensen, Kaitlyn Siekert, Megan Siekert, Michael Chvojicek, Ryan Chvojicek; and great grandchildren Evline LaChapelle, Sophie LaChapelle, Madeline LaChapelle, Benjamin Roeber and Hannah Roeber. Roy was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Alfred, Walter, and Franklin.

A memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Hopkins, Minnesota, on Tuesday, December 17th, 2019, at 11:00. Visitation will begin at 10:00. A luncheon will follow the service.

Memorials should be designated for the Zion Lutheran Church Missions Fund.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Raymond Karner.*



December 16, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy Raymond Karner.*



December 16, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ *Lynne and Pete Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roy Raymond Karner.*



Lynne and Pete Johnson - December 16, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Dear Betty, My prayers are with you and your family. I share in your loss. Many wonderful memories of time in Texas, Home Group meetings, many delicious meals at your home and all the kindness and loving you and Roy always had for everyone. Much love to you always. God Bless, Marlys Johnson*

Marlys Johnson - December 15, 2019 at 04:59 PM



Thank you, Mrs Johnson. I've shared your kind message with mom. Thank you.

Lori Chvojicek - December 15, 2019 at 05:49 PM



Betty my thoughts and prayers are with you. Roy was an amazing man and I always enjoyed visiting with him at reunions. He was a great example for us all.

La Donna J. Karner-Nieto - December 16, 2019 at 07:17 PM



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Lori Chvojicek - December 14, 2019 at 10:32 PM



*Above taken at GPa & GMa Karner's 50th anniversary celebration in Del City, OK.
Circa 1970 or 71.
(Thanks, Marlene.)*

Lori Chvojicek - December 14, 2019 at 10:33 PM



*You're welcome, Lori! 😊
Love & prayers for you all, Marlene ❤️🙏*

Marlene Karner Johnson - December 16, 2019 at 09:17 PM



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Lori Chvojicek - December 14, 2019 at 06:45 PM



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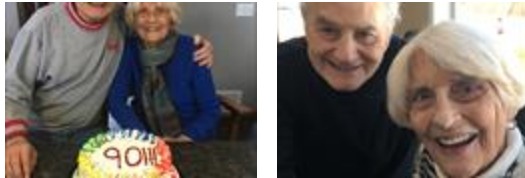
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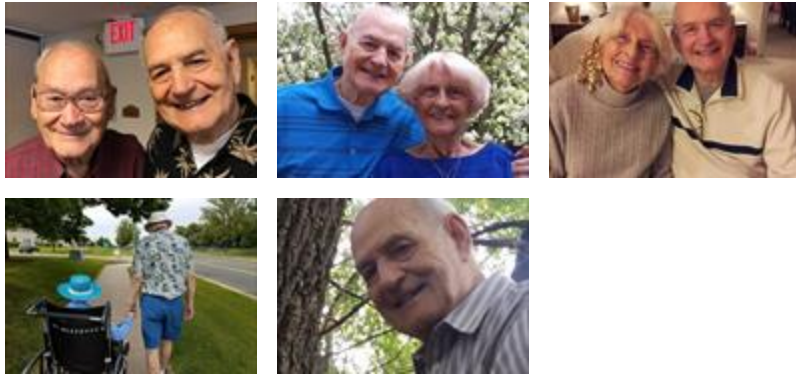
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MJ

“ *Marlene Karner Johnson lit a candle in memory of Roy Raymond Karner*



Marlene Karner Johnson - December 13, 2019 at 09:41 PM

JL

“ *Uncle Roy will be missed. He was a very gentle loving man. He had quite a sense of humour. His smile was beautiful. RIP Uncle Roy.*



Jack & Phylis Lenderbeck - December 13, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Raymond Karner.*



December 13, 2019 at 03:41 PM