



Wendell "Doc" Roy

April 20, 1932 - June 26, 2014

Wendell "Doc" Roy, died June 26, 2014 at his home in Fort Collins, CO, at the age of 82. He was born April 22, 1932 at Millsap, Texas to Dalton and Marie Roy. Following high school, he served 4 years in the Navy, much of his time on the aircraft carrier, Essex, with tours in the Philippines, Japan, and Korea. His lifetime love of airplanes started at this time. He married Margaret "Margo" Jones, on June 8, 1957, in Weatherford, Texas and they were married for 57 years. He began college following his discharge from the Navy, receiving Bachelor and Master's degrees from North Texas State University. In 1963 he earned the first Doctor of Industrial Arts Education degree at Texas A&M University. His teaching career was as follows: West Texas State, University of West Florida, University of Northern Colorado, and retired from Colorado State University. He was a past member of the Gideons International. Following retirement he worked part-time at Al's Newsstand, in Old Town, and made many new friends. He was called the "Renaissance Man" because of his varied interests and talents, but airplanes always remained his passion. He founded an Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter in Greeley in the '70's and remained a member until his death. Among the many awards he received over the years were Colorado Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year and the prestigious Award of Merit from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He also served as president of the SME Southwestern Region. Survivors include his wife Margaret "Margo" and two sons: Alan and wife Kristen of Morrison, CO; and Evin and wife Amy, of Greeley, CO. He was beloved

"PawPaw" to his grandchildren: Amy, Trevor, Jonathan, Zachary, Ethan, Michael and Lucy. Survivors also include brothers Edgar Jean, of Holliday, TX, Monte Carolyn of Millsap, Texas, and his sister-in-law Mary Lou Roy of Arlington, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert. Visitation is scheduled Monday, June 30th from 5-7pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Funeral Service with military honors by the Ft. Collins All Veterans Honor Guard will be held Tuesday, July 1st at 2:00, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Please visit bohlenderfuneralchapel.com to send the family online condolences.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I am so blessed to have had Wendell as my Cousin. He was a wonderful part of our Family. He will be missed and remembered by all the Family.

Judy Haverstick - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Doc Roy was an integral part of my success in the Industrial Technology/Manufacturing Engineering discipline at CSU from 1986 through 1989 and he will be truly missed.

James D Hickey - July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

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Chuck - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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Chuck - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ My thoughts are with all of you. I have many fond memories growing up on 26th Avenue in Greeley. One of them being your dad building an airplane in your garage! May all the happy memories help you through this difficult time.

Nicole Parkhurst Phillips - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Margo, I extend my sympathy to you and your family. May God bless you and your children now and always. Betty Wallen-Wood

Betty Wallen-Wood - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I will always remember Wendell's gentle smile. When he smiled, everyone smiled.

Heather Stenner - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Evin and family, we are so sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. You will be in our prayers. Erin and Greg Miyoshi

Erin Miyoshi - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My condolences to your family left to miss Doc's bright outlook on life. I enjoyed my few conversations with him which were filled with much EAA history. Farewell, Doc.

Bob Wuestenberg - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family

Marine Corps League Auxiliary - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Doc Roy's passing. He was a great teacher and even better friend who took great pride in his student's accomplishments. I will miss him deeply. My most sincere condolences to the family on the loss of such a great man.

Michael Gunkel - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ *Classmate, instructor, mentor, friend*

Wallace. Johnston - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Margo, I was saddened to see that we lost Wendell. I'm so glad I got to see both of you at Dave Jelden's service. My husband was also in the Navy. Wendell was always a real favorite of mine You too. Please contact me anytime 339-8784. Blessed are those who mourn. For they shall be comforted. I wish you peace, Love, Nancy Ross*

Nancy Ross - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

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LM

“ Margo, I was so sorry to read this. One always assumes that one so active as Wendell will be around forever. I don't want to bother you with a telephone call right now but give me one when you are up to it. We can plan a lunch date when you are ready. Love and prayers to you and your family. Liz

Liz MacLauchlin - June 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Roy Family, I wish to express my condolences on the passing of Dr. Roy from here on earth to the promise of heaven. I was a student at CSU and had Doc Roy for numerous classes while earning my degree. I was just thinking of him the other day while re-building a gearbox for my employer. Doc Roy had us design gearboxes in a drafting class and I remember vividly him walking us through the design to make sure we comprehended the concepts. He was kind and patient and a very respectable man. I am a much better person for having met him and been a student of his. Years later while visiting my home town of Ft. Collins I bumped into Doc at Al's Newstand and we enjoyed catching up - he had aged most gracefully. Doc Roy made a deep impression on me of what a decent man should be like. I can imagine your grieving will be deep and I am sorry for your loss. Please know that his life's work was very enriching and made a significant difference in the lives of his many, many students.

Andy Reichert - June 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Wendell's dad and my mom were brother and sister and Wendell was 12 when I was born..being the first girl with 6 older boys cousins & brothers, I was spoiled!! Every year it seemed as tho Wendell drew my name at Christmas for gift exchange. The last gift I remember getting from him was a doll that he bought at the PX. It was almost as big as I was at the age of 5 or 6 and she had angel skin, she was beautiful!!! He was a kind, kind young man and as he grew older that kindness grew with him. He was thoughtful and was always in teaching mode. I learned about 'killing hogs' on the phone about 10 years ago. Haven't had an opportunity to use that skill yet. He was loved by many and will be missed by many. Until we meet again, you will be missed and remembered for your love of learning and teaching. Love to the family. He loved his wife, boys and their wives but nothing compared to the grands!!

John & Fredda Arney - June 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Margaret and family, May your hearts find comfort in knowing Jesus understands, and He is there to listen, to love you, to wipe away your tears. Praying His peace upon you. We love you, Russ and Ann Roy

Russ and Ann Roy - June 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM