



Roy Henry Isasi

July 10, 1929 - October 3, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Roy Henry Isasi, age 95, on October 3, 2024. Roy was a man who lived a full and vibrant life, marked by his boundless optimism, love of storytelling, and endless curiosity. His humor and wisdom will be missed by all who knew him.

Roy is survived by his beloved wife, Brenda, who stood by his side for many years. He leaves behind a large and loving family, including his three children: Barbara Isasi-Brown and her husband Sam, Roy Robert and his wife Sheri, and Charlie Isasi and his wife Cathy. His family extended to his stepchildren: Debra Kustka and her wife Kathy Morris, Tim Kustka and his wife Sitvanit, and Matt Kustka and his wife Denise. He was predeceased by his stepson, James Kustka, whose memory Roy carried close to his heart. Roy's legacy continues through his 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom will carry his memory in their hearts.

Anyone who knew Roy would say he was the ultimate optimist, always seeing the bright side in every situation. He's been known to say, "Besides that Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?" which was a testament to his ever-present humor and resilient spirit. He had an extraordinary gift for storytelling, often starting his tales with a playful, "Never let the facts get in the way of a good story."

Roy's fascination with history, particularly World War II, was lifelong. Though only 16 when the war ended, he amassed an incredible knowledge of the era, earning him a reputation as a scholar on the subject. Not long after, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, starting a journey that would span many different careers. Over the years, Roy was a television repairman, high school shop teacher, driver's ed instructor, realtor, lecturer, and a general "Mr. Fix It" for anyone in need. He lived several lifetimes' worth of adventures, always learning, always teaching, and always helping others.

In recent weeks, Roy shared that he was ready to give his life to Jesus, finding peace in his faith. It was just three years ago, while facing the uncertainty of open-heart surgery at the age of 92, that he wasn't quite ready. But in conversations with his pastor, Roy expressed his readiness and faith, offering comfort to his family in his final days.

Roy's life was one of love, laughter, and resilience, and his memory will continue to inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace, his soul at home with the Lord.

Services will be held on Monday October 7th at 10:30am at Wake Memorial Park, 7002 Green Hope School Rd, Cary, NC 27519. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Baptists on Mission Hurricane Helene Relief. Roy and his wife Brenda had a deep connection to Western North Carolina, having lived in Brevard, NC, for over 20 years, where they created countless cherished memories together.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/hurricane-helene/donate>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park
7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888

Tribute Wall

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“ We have had the pleasure of Roy's friendship for about 25 years. Have had many brunches at his home. Enjoyed our get togethers. My friend you will be missed. Until we meet again. Our deepest condolences to the family. Your friends Ann and Bob Moroni

Ann & Bob Moroni - October 06, 2024 at 05:12 PM

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“ Roy was full of life and stories and I grew to respect him for his love to my mom and general wisdom about life. So grateful he can to Israel to share on our wedding day June 23, 2005 Still remember him swimming in tantura which is a local Israel beach inlet on the mediterranean sea. We miss you and will always cherish you. Love the Israel Kustkas

Tim Kustka - October 05, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ My dad was an inspiration to all of us. It was because he became a teacher that I decided to become a teacher myself when I was still in elementary school. I went on to study Spanish and elementary education since living in New York that seemed to be the greatest need. I followed in his footsteps and I'm still teaching more than 50 years later. I am so glad he was able to complete his short stories and memoirs Just in time for his 95th birthday thanks to the help of Brenda and Denise. I will treasure that keepsake and use it as an inspiration with my students to show them that they too can be writers and that everyone's life matters. Thank you, dad

Barbara Isasi-Brown - October 04, 2024 at 06:07 PM