



Mr. Royce M. Ray

September 18, 1946 - April 17, 2016

Royce M. Ray, a lifelong resident of Burlington, passed away on April 17, 2016. He was 69. Born on September 18, 1946 to the parents of the late Melvin and Elizabeth Ray. Royce served in the U.S. Army and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was an active member with the Disabled American Veterans and the National Order of Trench Rats.

He is survived by his wife Norma (nee Schmidt) of 10 years; children, Nicole (Francis) Kirrane and Michele (Marshall) Ware; step-children, Marlena (Rick) Samuelson, Barbara (Charles) Strowd, Lynn (Ken) Diehl, and Tiffany (Rob) Tillotson; grandchildren, Grace, Thomas, Abigail, John, and Taylor; a sister, Sharon Biles; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday April 21, 2016 at 12 noon at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Relatives and friends may visit with the family from 10 am-12 noon. Interment will be held on Monday, April 25th at 1 pm at the Brigadier General William C. Veterans Cemetery in Arnetown. Memorial donations may be made in Royce's name to Deborah Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Browns, Mills, NJ 08015 (www.deborahfoundation.org/donate) www.perinchief.com

Cemetery Details

BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Rd.,
Wrightstown, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
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Service

APR 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Royce M. Ray*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Mr. Royce M. Ray*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *I just read of Lt. Colonel Ray's passing and want to express my sincerest condolences to his family. After returning from Vietnam I was approached by a coworker and suggested to try one year in the NJANG in Burlington. It was through the guard that I met Royce and on a few occasions had the opportunity of working with him. What I enjoyed most about him was his diligence and his easy going mannerisms and his voice. I finally retired from the guard in 1994. Again my sincerest condolences, Glenn Miller, Roebing, NJ*

Glenn Miller - April 27, 2016 at 08:40 AM

CP

“ I believe that I know his two daughters Nicole and Michele. I use to live on Jamestown Road in Edgewater Park and babysat them. If this is their father, my heart goes out to them and I hope that they will get in touch with me. I did have contact with their dad for a short time back in the 90's. Please if you can give my name and e-mail to them, I would be very grateful. My name is Catherine Paine and my e-mail is CPaine1067@aol.com. I also have pictures of them when they were little and lived next door to me. I have been looking for them for years. Their dad, Royce was always proud of them and Michele was writing me for a time before we lost touch. Royce was a great man and a true friend to me. I am very sad to hear of him passing.

Catherine Paine - April 21, 2016 at 03:37 PM

 Sharon
Biles

“There is nothing that can replace the absence of someone dear to us, and one should not even attempt to do so. One must simply hold out and endure it. At first that sounds very hard, but at the same time it is also a great comfort. For to the extent the emptiness truly remains unfilled one remains connected to the other person through it. It is wrong to say that God fills the emptiness. God in no way fills it but much more leaves it precisely unfilled and thus helps us preserve – even in pain – the authentic relationship. Further more, the more beautiful and full the remembrances, the more difficult the separation. But gratitude transforms the torment of memory into silent joy. One bears what was lovely in the past not as a thorn but as a precious gift deep within, a hidden treasure of which one can always be certain.” ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sharon Biles - April 21, 2016 at 04:45 AM



Kathlyn Keeton

“ I know all of the folks who grew up and knew Royce (P.H.S. Class of 1965) are very saddened by this news. We just enjoyed him so much in September at our 50th Reunion. So sorry for your loss.

Kathlyn Bagwell Keeton

Kathlyn Keeton - April 20, 2016 at 06:30 PM

WF

“ I was saddened to read of the loss of your loved one. When we lose our loved one in death it is the most difficult time in our life. However, there is loving comfort in Psalms 55:22 to “throw your burden on God and he will sustain you..” Yes, no matter what you are facing God is there to help you get through it. May you continue to have the love and support from family and friends. I sincerely hope that this Bible message brings you a measure of comfort during this difficult time.

Williams Family - April 20, 2016 at 03:15 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Royce's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Marsha Cloudy - April 20, 2016 at 02:46 PM

J(

“ Loss a long time friend and fellow veteran. Served with him in New Jersey Army National Guard from 1981 -1995 . He selected me to become one of New Jersey's training sergeants served with pride . Rest easy this watch is over. God bless

Jerome Longmuir SFC (ret) - April 19, 2016 at 03:07 PM

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Sharon Biles - April 19, 2016 at 10:14 AM

ML

“ Norma,
You and your family are in my prayers. I am very sad you have lost Roy. My sincerest condolences. Infinite Love, Maddy Lopez

Maddy Lopez - April 19, 2016 at 10:14 AM

LK

“ Norma, my heart aches for you. I remember years ago when Royce was courting you, and he would call work and ask for Norma Bice in his handsome southern drawl. Then it changed to Norma Ray after much persuasion on his part. My deepest condolences to you.
Lisa Karapcik

Lisa Karapcik - April 19, 2016 at 09:08 AM



Rest in Peace, my dear,, dear friend. You will always have a place in my heart and I will miss you . The pain is over, and you are finally at rest with your Lord.

Sally Nic - April 20, 2016 at 07:29 AM

JG

I knew Royce Ray from Plainview High School and went through the Army ROTC program with him at West Texas State University. We both graduated in 1969 and were commissioned Infantry in the US Army. I lost track of him, but met him again last summer at the 50th Plainview High School reunion in Texas. It was a real joy seeing him again. He was proud of his military career, his work with Veterans, and his family. He will be missed.

Jim B Green

Jim B Green - April 20, 2016 at 09:33 AM