



Roy Wayne Lawrence

May 14, 1930 - March 29, 2020

Roy Wayne Lawrence of Farmingdale, N.J. passed away March 29. Each day of his nearly 90 years of life was blessed with health, activity, joy and an undeniable and dedicated love for his immediate and extended family.

Born in Caldwell, Idaho, Roy grew up on his parents' farm among the peach and other fruit trees, which planted in him a love of agriculture and gardening. After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War and moving to the New York metropolitan area, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Rutgers University and Fordham University, respectively, eventually developing a keen and intuitive understanding of life insurance and its numerous products; employee benefits; pensions and retirement plans. Roy became a Certified Life Underwriter and managed employee benefits for various international companies, a career which enabled him to go into business for himself and successfully support human resources departments of several large companies as well as individuals with retirement planning for numerous years.

Roy's first priority throughout his adult life was always his wife Paula, his three daughters and his extended family. When not with them, Roy developed and refined passions for nature photography, which included building his own darkrooms and winning several awards; sailing; crafting remote-controlled airplanes and boats; square dancing; reading his beloved New York Times and mystery novels; playing bridge; traveling and collecting artwork during those travels. His favorite places to visit included Hawaii, where he and his

wife Paula often wintered, and Italy's Amalfi Coast.

An engineer at heart with a practical, naturally optimistic and deeply compassionate perspective on life, Roy blessed those fortunate enough to know, love and understand him. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Paula Lawrence, daughters Kathy Ruis, June Lawrence and Carol Lawrence; grandchildren Erika Eisinger and Alex Koelmel, and great-granddaughters Kayla, Morgan and Kenzie Eisinger.

For online condolences, please visit Roy's memorial page at www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com

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“ Roy's family would not know me, but I will say that I know Roy when he was in high school in Caldwell, Idaho. He was one year ahead of me, graduating in 1948, and I in 1949. Though of the same last name of Lawrence, we were not related. However, in those days he went by Wayne, which also was the name of my father. There were, therefore, two "Wayne Lawrence's" in our community, and sometimes the post office would get pieces of mail mixed up.

Our common interest was the hobby of model airplanes, and we were in a local model plane hobby club, and often spent weekends flying our planes in local fields. We had many mutual friends in common, due to this hobby. The last time I saw Roy (we called him either Wayne, or "Kilroy", though I don't believe he enjoyed that nickname). The last time I saw him was at the 40 year reunion of his class in Caldwell, Idaho. It was great to see him and several of our friends from back in the day, from our model plane "gang". He was trying to take a picture of his classmate group, and I said, "Wayne, let me take the picture so you can be in it." He willingly handed me his expensive camera, and I snapped the photo of Roy and his classmates.

My condolences to Roy's family, in their loss of this most excellent fellow. By reading the bio sketch, I learned a lot about his life and career that I did not know, his extensive education, and very successful career, as well as his fine family.

So to Paula and all the family, I extend my belated best wishes, and a prayer of gratitude that I was privileged to know Roy Wayne Lawrence.

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