

Leroy B. Spivey

December 11, 1934 - March 22, 2018

Leroy (Roy) Spivey was born in 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio during the recovery period from the Great Depression. Roy passed away at his home on March 22, 2018.

Roy spent his childhood there with his mother, father, two brothers, and a sister. He journeyed away from the city for summers to Melbourne, Florida and was surrounded by a loving group of aunts, uncles, and cousins. While still in Cleveland, Roy graduated from East Tech High School and after graduation worked several jobs including spinning records for the Moondog Alan Freed on Cleveland's WJW radio station. Roy played semi-pro baseball in the Cleveland area and was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. He played for both the Dodgers and the Yankees in the minor leagues for a couple years. With little hope of a successful career in baseball, Roy enlisted in the Army and left Cleveland for good. Roy was a renaissance man and his multiple talents led to a life well lived.

- Career in the U.S. Army
- Marriage, children and college
- A few government jobs - National Park Service and Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Space – Lockheed Space Operations - Kennedy Space Center
- Metro / NY City Transit -
- Consulting System Safety Engineering – his own business GSSEI , Alion Science & Technology, and Parson's Brinkerhoff (WSP)

In 2001 Roy was persuaded to take his first cruise and never looked back. He formed a travel group called "The Bucket List Group" and together, they traveled the world.

Roy is survived by his wife Bettie and children, Ben (Abby), Sean (Angie), Shannon (Youssef), Nicky (Charles), and Rodney (Tammie); 11 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his first wife Elisabeth Traub and their daughter, Helga. Also deceased are his mother, Arizona; father, Calvin; brothers, James and Calvin; and sister Helen.

Those desiring in lieu of flowers may make contributions to The Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crewmember Monument, to be dedicated on April 18, 2018, at Arlington National Cemetery. VHPA HQ, 2100 N. Highway 360, Suite 907, Grand Prairie, TX 75050.

Roy was loved by many and we will hold memories of him in our hearts forever.

*A private ceremony to honor Roy's service to our nation will be recognized with

Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leroy B. Spivey*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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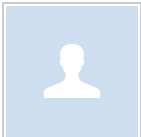
Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ *My world was made vastly larger, thanks to my travels with "Captain" Spivey and Bettie. The times I spent in his presence were wonderful. He was a warm, interesting and sharing person. I admired him so much. Rest in peace Roy, you earned it. Well loved, well lived, well done.*

Jeannie

April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a privilege to know Roy Spivey. He lived a remarkable life and lived it well. We will miss his stories - he had some great ones! Las Vegas will never be the same. Rest in peace Pa, we will take good care of Bettie. Elena Arellano & John Toth*

April 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Mr. Spivey, you were an honorable man.*

April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We will sorely miss the times we spent together at the house, both the parties and the quiet times together with you and Betty. We treasured your sense of humor and family stories; and admired your patriotism. We loved you Roy and will miss you.

April 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Me. Roy Spivey was a valued neighbor. He will be missed for the care and consider he showed for all of us. And, I always enjoyed conversations with he and Betty. Rest In Peace.

Mrs. Rae Martel

April 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Leroy B. Spivey

Blue Caribbean - April 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to Ben and Abby Spivey, and all of Roy's family members. He certainly sounds like a very special and talented man with a life well lived. I am so sorry for your loss but I'm sure you know that he is in a better place now and resting in peace.

April 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in peace dear Roy. You will be greatly missed.

Candle of Peace - March 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Roy was a gentleman I know as a Class Guy
Joe Brigham

March 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Roy, "Pa", will be profoundly missed. It was an honor to know and love this beautiful man. I will miss the mischievous twinkle in his eye. He is my national treasure.

March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Roy was deeply loved by many over a lifetime filled with rich experiences. He always had time for real connection to all around him. A good friend and an honest critic. He loved it all; life with all its challenges, adventures, stories, history, and living. He was an inspiration to many, who will miss that beautiful laugh and the real humanity he carried in his heart for all he knew. Namaste, beautiful man. Rest in peace.

March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest In Peace Mr. Spivey..

March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Praying for the Betty and the family. Roy was an extraordinary person, loved listening to his stories. He surely will be missed!

Cousin Valerie Price
Cleveland, OH

March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Leroy B. Spivey*

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM