



Roy L. Wellman

November 14, 1922 - August 19, 2020

Roy L. Wellman, age 97, of Gurnee and Libertyville, Illinois, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2020. He was born November 14, 1922 in Isle, Minnesota to Phillip and Hannah (nee Magnusson) Wellman, both immigrants from Sweden. Roy grew up in Itasca, Wisconsin, working and fishing his way through childhood before serving in both Europe and the Philippines during World War II and later graduated from Carnegie Tech in Pittsburg. He married his beloved wife of 69 years, Pat, in 1944 and they raised four children in Libertyville while Roy worked as an engineer at Abbot Laboratories for 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Patricia (nee Hamilton-Weir) and son and best fishing buddy, David, as well as one brother, Warner Wellman, and three sisters, Alice Frederikson, Esther Mills, and Ruth Nelson.

Surviving are his dear sister, Irene Slettum; his children, Karl (Cheryl) Wellman, Sue Ann Kucuk, and Sharon (David) Hartshorne. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

An avid fisherman, Roy is a member of the Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, WI and was active in restoring bluebird habitat throughout Lake County. He was an active member of St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville and served in the church choir and on its Foundation for many years.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Many thanks to JourneyCare and to Burnett-Dane Funeral Home for handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated for St. Lawrence Church Foundation or to the JourneyCare Foundation. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Roy and my dad worked together (and car pooled) at Abbott for many years. He was a good man.
Joe Nemmers Jr.

Joe Nemmers Jr. - August 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM

DS

Yes, Joe, Roy always spoke fondly of your dad. Thank you for your thoughts.

D & S - August 26, 2020 at 06:34 PM

BC

“ My sincere sympathy to all of you in Roy's family. I worked with him in Abbott Engineering for many years. I had a lot of respect for him and considered him a good friend. He was well-liked. We also did a little barbershop singing together.

Bob Coates

Bob Coates - August 25, 2020 at 12:21 PM

DS

Thank you, Bob. Roy talked a lot about his friends at Abbott.

D & S - August 26, 2020 at 07:02 AM

PB

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Pat Bartholomew - August 22, 2020 at 02:22 PM

PB

The Bluebird buddies are back together

Pat Bartholomew - August 23, 2020 at 05:59 PM

DS

Thanks so much, Pat. Great Photo! Birds of a feather!

D & S - August 25, 2020 at 10:44 AM

TE

“ *My condolences to Roy's family. I first met Roy when I was in grade school and he and Skip Jones were my Explorer Scout leaders. They were both fantastic and really taught us a lot while taking us camping on a number of fun campouts. I lost touch when I went away to college but saw him again after returning to Libertyville. He was a wonderful, caring person and we will miss him at St. Lawrence Church.*

Terry - August 22, 2020 at 08:33 AM

DS

Thank you for your thoughts, Terry. He thought the world of you.

D & S - August 25, 2020 at 10:48 AM