



Roy D. Fredrickson

February 1, 1930 - September 30, 2015

Roy Dean Fredrickson, 85 of Grand Island succumbed to his courageous struggle with cancer, transitioning to his Heavenly home September 30, 2015 at CHI Health St. Francis.

Celebration of life service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Russell Anderson and Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Private family burial of ashes will be in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday with a 7 p.m. prayer service and time of sharing at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Roy was born in the small prairie town of Loyalton, South Dakota on February 1, 1930 the son of Oscar and Anna Fredrickson.

On March 10, 1951 he was united in marriage to Genevieve Voeller. He entered the U.S. Army on November 28, 1951 and they relocated to Camp Polk, LA. After his tour of duty, Roy and Gen returned to South Dakota. Roy became a sales manager for Cro Collier publishing, traveling South Dakota and Nebraska. Roy and Gen settled in Grand Island in 1959 and made it their life long home.

Roy worked construction, helping build Stuhr Museum and the Grand Island Power Plant. He and good friend Phil Hazen started their own construction business.

Roy always had a passion for bowling and purchased the Cairo Bowl in 1970. He built and opened Westside Lanes in 1975. He always loved the game of baseball since he was a child. He umpired for 25 years at the armory and the

Platt-Duetsche. Roy coached his son, Terry in Grand Island Little League baseball to Class A city Champions in 1967 and 1968.

Roy enjoyed his winters in Arizona where he threw horseshoes and played softball with his brothers and sister. In 1997 he won the Nebraska State Horseshoe Championship. Until the age of 85 years he was pitching softball "hopscotching" the country playing in national tournaments. In 2008 his team won the Huntsman Senior World Series Tournament. He was nominated to the Nebraska Horseshoe Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Softball Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Genevieve; daughters, Dixie Fredrickson, Gail (Jeff) Jackson, Kari (Jeff) Bourke; son, Terry (Teri) Fredrickson; grandchildren, Justin, Kyle, Aisha, Dalton, Tali and Taylor; his brother, Dayle (Leann) Fredrickson; sister, Ardyce Buntrock and sisters-in-law, Marge Fredrickson and Agnes Fredrickson. Roy had a loving extended family and friend's especially good friend, Ken Kotinek.

Roy was welcomed to his new home by parents, Oscar and Anna, sister, Myrtice, brothers Clyde, Lyle, Deny and Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to Westside Junior League Scholarship program or the Grace Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ Roy D. Fredrickson

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ The Lueth family would like to send their sympathies to all of you. We lived on Brahama for a time and Gen was the assistant Girl Scout leader for Dixie and my Girl Scout troop. I always enjoyed Dixie's pictures and comments about her dad. May your many memories comfort you and give you strength and hope during this time of sorrow.
Karen (Lueth) Petersen, Susan Lueth, David Lueth, Mary (Lueth) Teachman, Amy (Lueth) Brechbill and Claudia (Lueth) Perez

Karen Petersen - October 07, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ Warren and I were very fortunate to have spent many enjoyable times with Roy in Arizona. He was still a great ball player and a good dancer. Our fondest memories beside ball games are of his birthday parties and his home made ice cream. Val Vista won't be the same without you, Roy!! Warren and Laura, Calgary, Alberta

Warren & Laura - October 07, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ I remember Roy teaching me and Merlin how to bowl. He was so kind and also had a sense of humor!

Maureen Betts - October 07, 2015 at 05:22 AM

BW

“ I remember Mr.fredrichsen when I was coaching five points bank with Terry.and also seen him many of times at Westside lanes.Roy was friendly and nice to talk too. He will be missed by everyone.
Sincerely Barry a. Wood

Barry w. wood - October 05, 2015 at 01:10 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of Roy's passing. He always had a big smile and great laugh.
Dad enjoyed spending time with him.

Gary and Mary Hazen

Gary Hazen - October 05, 2015 at 10:16 AM

GF

Thank you for kind words,Roy and your dad were 2 of a kind!we had a picture of your dad on the memory board. We will miss him.

gen fredrickson - October 11, 2015 at 12:11 PM

JP

“ I got to know Roy quite well while playing softball, he was the umpire behind the plate and I was catcher. A catcher and an umpire can get to know each other pretty well. We also had construction and rental property in common and I would consult him on many occasions. He was always encouraging. One needs to look no further than his family to see what a good man he was.
To the Fredrickson Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Such an honorable man.

Jim Partington - October 04, 2015 at 11:53 PM

GF

Thank you, Jim, for visiting Roy a few weeks ago. Roy was so glad to see you and enjoyed your visit so much. He thought a lot of you. And thank you for your kind words above. We did not know Roy umpired when you played softball. He will be missed by so many.

gen fredrickson - October 11, 2015 at 12:16 PM

LM

“ I played with Roy, and I have played against him. He was truly a gentleman, and a good softball player. I played against him last in Rock Island, Ill., in June, where we were all amazed at how quick he was for his age. He will be missed by anyone who ever knew him. May he Rest In Peace. Larry Michels Bellevue, Iowa

Larry Michels - October 04, 2015 at 09:14 PM

SG

“ Shelley Mongeau Goess lit a candle in memory of Roy D. Fredrickson



Shelley Mongeau Goess - October 04, 2015 at 11:14 AM

WC

“ I played many ball games with Roy and always enjoyed his ability as a ball player And more important his sportsmanship and friendship both on and off the field. We could always count on Roy to get a solid hit to left field and then go out on the mound and pitch a solid inning or two for our team or any team he played on. We are so sorry for his passing. Wayne Cory

wayne Cory - October 03, 2015 at 06:16 PM

WT

“ *Gen and family,
Mavis and I were saddened to hear of Roy's sudden passing. I have many happy memories of playing softball with the Val Vista Arizona team, coached by Roy and Dale. However, the greatest softball memory was Roy's all-star contribution to the Manitoba team in winning the Senior Softball World Championship in Phoenix in 2008. Roy was much respected as a person and leader on every team he played. May God give you and your family the strength to deal with the difficult days ahead without this wonderful person.*

*Will Tishinski
Manitoba, Canada*

Will Tishinski - October 03, 2015 at 08:06 AM