



Roy B. Mattis, Jr.

June 19, 2017

Roy B. Mattis, Jr., 90, of Lancaster, PA, passed away at Calvary Homes in Lancaster on Monday, June 19, 2017. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Roy B. Mattis, Sr. and Lillian (Brown) Mattis. He was married to Esther (Robinson) Mattis for 64 years.

Mr. Mattis retired from being employed with Conrail, previously Pennsylvania Railroad, for 37 years. Roy served in the US Army during WWII. There was an accident during which time Roy suffered an accident while in training. Many of Roy's comrades were killed due to a defective hand grenade that exploded. Fortunately Roy's life was spared, but he suffered shrapnel wounds in his chest and leg for the duration of his life.

Roy was very active in young people's work as well as being the Superintendent of the Junior Dept. at Roxborough Presbyterian Church for many years. He was also President of Philadelphia County Christian Endeavor for one year.

Surviving besides his wife are his sons, Roy B. "Rick" Mattis, III, and Bruce D. married to Liza Mattis; his sister, Elaine Jacobs; his granddaughter Christina Mattis-Schaefer; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Virginia Mattis, Ruth Williams, and Margaret Kelly.

Relatives and friends are invited to Roy's Memorial Service on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 11:00AM at the Calvary Homes Fellowship Hall, 502 Elizabeth Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601. The family will receive friends one our prior to the service. Private burial will be in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Donations in Roy's name can be made to Calvary Homes Benevolence Fund (address above), or Hospice Homecare of Lancaster, 218B West Main St., Leola, PA 17540. Please visit Roy's

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Homes
502 Elizabeth Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601

Tribute Wall



“ Roy B. Mattis, Jr.

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Mr. Mattis was a huge influence on my faith as a child. He was a terrific Sunday School teacher. I still remember Bible verses from over thirty years ago, thanks to him. He made learning about the Bible fun. He was a kind and playful soul, and my family kept in touch with him even after I grew up and he retired to Lancaster. I remember stopping in to see him at the shore one summer. And I got to take several of my children to see him and Mrs. Mattis several times in Lancaster. He was always the same youthful guy! Heaven got a good one. He will be missed dearly by those who knew him. With care, Laurel (Bassler) Chapman

Laurel Chapman - June 30, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ I was so sad to hear the news. I remember Mr. Mattis fondly from my childhood. He lived around the corner from me when in Andorra and we both went to Roxborough Pres. I used to go to his house to visit and he and Mrs. Mattis were always so gracious and caring. I treasure those memories with them. My condolences to Mrs. Mattis and the family. Jessica Kohn (granddaughter of Vincent Irace)

Jessica Kohn - June 26, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to all. I have many happy memories of Mr. Mattis but remember best his "offers to help the umpires see things his way!" Love and prayers, Janet Gantz Anderson.

Janet Anderson - June 25, 2017 at 08:06 PM