



Roy Lee Downing

May 12, 1944 - March 16, 2015

Downing, Roy Lee, age 70, of New Martinsville, WV, died Monday, March 16, 2015 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born May 12, 1944 in New Martinsville, the son of the late Elwood and Dortha Roy Downing.

Roy was a retired store manager for Safeway; a Methodist by faith; he graduated from West Liberty University in 1966 and then became U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy K. Downing on October 28, 2014.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry (Mike) Wood of Washington, WV and Kathie (Tad) Telarico of Charlotte, NC; two brothers, John (Karen) Downing of Raleigh, NC and David (Ruth) Downing of Pittsburgh, PA; five grandchildren, Emily Koerber, Meredith Koerber, Cameron Wood, Mia and Jack Telarico; and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, with Rev. Sharletta Green officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GH

“ *John & Dave,
Sorry to hear about Roy Lee. I remember a lot about him when we
were all growing up.
Greg Herrick*

Greg Herrick - March 28, 2015 at 09:32 AM

CO

“ *I'll miss you Roy :(*

Connie - March 26, 2015 at 12:43 AM

RL

“ *Children...I'm sure your parents have told you how they came to
know each other and began dating. I knew them at that time. Your
mom, Dorothy and I were cashiers at Bruce Pool when we were in
high school. Your dad was a basket handler at the pool. I watched
their romance blossom. They were both so happy. I know you miss
them both. How blessed you were! Ruthie Wood LaFon*

Ruthie wood LaFon - March 19, 2015 at 08:53 AM



Gianpaolo
Sotomora
Caridi

“ *Gracias por la historia de amor más profunda que logré conocer
hasta la fecha, guardaré mi recuerdo en lo mas profundo de mi
corazón de sus sonrisas y espíritu jovial. Gracias por su cariño!
Espero que ahora puedan estar de nuevos juntos allá arriba.*

Gianpaolo Sotomora Caridi - March 17, 2015 at 05:48 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Roy Lee Downing, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of..... US Air Force Vietnam Veteran, Roy Lee Downing, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †



Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 17, 2015 at 08:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Lee Downing.*



March 17, 2015 at 06:53 AM