



## Roy F. Aarons

July 26, 1929 - January 15, 2020

Roy F. Aarons, 90, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at his home.

Roy was born July 26, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Roy Aarons, Sr. and Mary Jane (Brown) Fisher. He married Florence Klimek and they later divorced. He married Lorraine Naliborski on August 26, 1978 and she survives in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 41 years, Lorraine Aarons of Centralia, he is also survived by seven children: Michael Aarons and wife Penny of California, James Aarons and wife Mary of California, Richard Aarons of California, Robert Aarons and wife Anggraini of Centralia, Timothy Aarons and wife Michelle of California, Carole Cooper and husband Randall of California, and Jacalyn Jimenez of California; 17 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; a brother: William Aarons of North Carolina and Andrew Aarons and wife Lorene of North Carolina ; several nieces, nephews and his first wife, Florence Vignola of California.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, a great-grandson: Jacob Bass, a brother: Joe Lees and a sister: Mary Ann Waltz.

Roy enlisted in Marine Corps in 1944. Served in the Pacific Theater (Guam, Iwo Jima, Japan, China and the Philippines) till 1948. He received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Roy was a decorated WWII and Korean War Veteran. After his discharge from the service in 1948, he enrolled in Illinois Institute of Technology with a major in Electrical Engineering in Chicago, IL. In

July 1950 he was called back into the service due to the Korean conflict, and he was released from active duty in October 1951. He had a long computer career with several companies -- starting with IBM as a Customer Engineer and ending with Plexus Computers as National Service Manager. He was a Lifetime Member of both the Centralia American Legion Post 446, where he served as a Financial Officer for 7 ½ years, and the Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055, where he served as Post Commander in 2006-2007 and 2010 - 2011. Roy was also a member of the Veteran Affairs Committee for the City of Centralia and a member of the Veterans Tribute Committee at Kaskaskia College. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia, where served as president/elder for 3 years in a row. His favorite Bible Verse was, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Roy enjoyed building model WWII airplanes, crossword puzzles, playing with toy trains and boats. Roy cherished the time he spent with his family and friends. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia with Rev. Stan Martin officiating. Military Honors will be accorded at the First Presbyterian Church by the American Legion Post 446 and V.F.W. Post 2055. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Aarons Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 16. 1:00 PM.

First Presbyterian Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Roy through the Veterans Tribute Project at KC. He also the emcee for KC's Enduring Freedom Celebration for many years. I grew to love Roy as we worked together over the years. He was just a gentle soul who will be missed.

Cathy Karrick

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Cathy Karrick - February 14, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ Aarons Family  
I'm sorry for your loss.  
My deepest Sympathy  
Ute E Riley

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Ute Riley - February 10, 2020 at 03:00 PM

MS

“ So sad, it was an honor to know you and have you as a neighbor for twenty six years Roy, gone but definitely not forgotten, enjoyed the talks we had and I wish there could of been more.

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mark sapolis - January 21, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ My sympathy and love to all of Roy's friends and family. When I saw him in church, he always had smiles even though he probably didn't feel well I'm sure he left his family with a lot of great memories.  
Rosemary Almy

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Rosemary Almy - January 20, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Roy F. Aarons.*



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January 17, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ *Jim, Mary, Adam, and Abi purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Roy F. Aarons.*



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**Jim, Mary, Adam, and Abi** - January 16, 2020 at 12:16 PM