



Roy Andrew Jerue

March 15, 1956 - June 20, 2020

Roy Jerue, age 64, passed away June 20, 2020 with his wife Emily at his side. Born on March 15, 1956 in Detroit to Richard and Carol (née Anderson) Jerue, he was a longtime resident of Oakland County and received his Bachelor's degree from Oakland University in Mechanical Engineering. Roy went on to spend most of his professional career as an engineer at Fanuc Robotics in Auburn Hills, where he played an indispensable role in designing new robots and worked for over 30 years before retiring in 2019. An engineer at heart like his father and grandfather, Roy was meticulous and always committed to doing things to the very best of his ability. Anything less was simply not in his nature.

Roy's knowledge and expertise went well beyond the world of mechanical engineering. Infinitely curious and always driven by a desire to achieve excellence, he mastered the craft of carpentry and the art of fine woodworking. From remodeling homes and fixing all sorts of machines to building award-winning pieces of furniture, Roy was happiest when he was being active, helpful, and productive. He also took great joy and pride in tending his garden and cooking a great meal for friends and family. He will be remembered and missed for his great wit and creativity. Those dear to him will always be grateful for his generosity, willingness to help, unsurpassed work ethic, and ability to fix just about anything. They will also keenly feel the absence of such a steadfast and reliable support in their lives.

Roy was a member of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers and a member of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild. He was especially fond of colonial and federal design in furniture, though he also had an appreciation for other styles such as Arts and Crafts.

He married his beloved wife Emily Bopp on August 25, 2007 in Huntington Woods, who mourns his loss. He will always be remembered and loved by his sons Ben (Celia Sánchez Natalías) and Kevin (Sara Stewart) Jerue. He also leaves behind his sister Laura (Bob) O'Dell, and brother Matt (Cheri) Jerue, as well as nieces and nephews, who will miss him dearly.

Memorial contributions to skyfoundationinc.org in support of Pancreatic Cancer Research or to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen cskdetroit.org are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Jerue family. I remember Roy to be a kind, polite and a gentle man.

Betty Studenski

Betty Studenski - July 12, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Roy is a hard working, dedicated and humble product development senior member. He is a great team player and has a very solid mechanical design experience. His contribution to FANUC's Paint product developments makes FANUC's automation so successful in the market. His design will always be kept in the system and remembered.

Jason Tsai - July 09, 2020 at 08:34 AM

DC

“ Roy had a terrific knack for solving problems and applying solutions. I was uncertain how we would get by at FANUC without him. Apparently the lord had a greater need for Roy's skills.

David Carbery - July 06, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ *As I sit here at my kitchen table I look down on a beautiful wooden bowl that Roy made me probably well over 20 years ago. It is a simple, beautiful design and the wood is so smooth it almost feels soft. Every time I pick it up I wonder how he could make it so smooth and I just want to touch it again.*

I look out over my garden and remember Roy and Emily’s garden, how pleasant and relaxing it is to the eye. (Donna, the hosta lady, would be pleased – you know Roy was her favorite customer!) How many hours did we sit and talk about plants?

Visiting Roy and Emily was a pleasure as they always cooked us new recipes, from scratch and with fresh food purchased that day from the farmers market. It made me think that I should be trying something new – needed to get out of a rut.

I shall surely miss when brother Matt and I would visit and the three of us would reminisce for hours about the goofy things we did growing up. Always laughing at our “adventures”. And always glad that mom didn’t find out!

Stealing the thought from Ron Tranmer’s poem A Dash Between (not his eloquent words) – It’s not the years birth-death that are important but what we live between them. Roy lived all his short 64 years fully and touched all who knew him. We will all remember him with love. Sister Laura

Laura Jerue O'Dell - July 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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Laura Jerue O'Dell - July 02, 2020 at 02:02 PM

MJ

“ Roy. Our dear brother and brother-in-law, gone too soon. Sixty-four years of precious memories and great times, with a respectable amount of crazy times thrown in.

There were so many traits we admired and qualities we appreciated about Roy.

He was a brother who was steadfast, reliable, always there, and willing to go the extra mile. No euphemisms, this was who Roy was.

An engineer at heart like his grandfather and dad, he used his keen eye and skilled hands in wood working to turn out beautiful, incredible, yet functional pieces of furniture and wood art. He lovingly crafted a gorgeous cherry mantel in his first house that became the riveting focal point of the home.

Never the loudest person in the room nor the clown at the party, he was not one to draw attention to himself. Quiet, low key, observing and taking everything in -- then he would knock you off your feet with a one liner, a zinger, a witty, insightful comment or quip. A straight shooter, not mean spirited. Right to the bull's eye.

Kind hearted and quick witted.

Roy, our dear brother, gone too soon.

~Matt & Cheri

Matthew Jerue - July 02, 2020 at 10:55 AM