



Roy E. Poronto

July 11, 1937 - August 5, 2020

Roy Edgar Poronto, age 83, a resident of Shelby Township, Michigan, Went to be with his Lord peacefully on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 in Shelby Township. He was born on July 11, 1937 in Detroit to Edgar and Leona (nee Doan) Poronto.

Roy grew up in Detroit and graduated from Pershing High School. He went on to proudly serve in the US Navy from 1955-1959. Roy loved to share stories of his travels throughout the world serving on both the USS Borie (dd704) and the USS Sierra (AD 18) as a torpedoman.

Roy's Christian faith was central to his life. He and his beloved Ann joined Faith Lutheran Church in Troy, Michigan early in their marriage. He would faithfully serve as an usher and on the prayer team for Sunday morning services. His deep faith and calling gave him a chance to become part of the mission board spreading the gospel to people through many short term mission trips to Africa and Haiti and here at home in the prisons and jails for over 30 years. Roy was always ready and eager to share his faith with people. Even with his nurses in his final days.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann Poronto (nee Holbert), Five children, Katherine (Kerwin) Stover, David Stallwood, Paul (Debby) Poronto, Jonathan (Laurie) Poronto, Matthew Poronto. A loving and caring grandfather

to 18 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved sister Carol Kelel and loving parents Edgar and Leona (nee Doan) Poronto.

Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation/service room at any given time. Also, masks are required to enter the building.

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, Monday, August 10 from 2-8pm. A Private Family funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 11 at 11am at Faith Lutheran Church 37635 Dequindre Road (Just N. of Big Beaver Rd) Troy with Pastor Joseph Casiglia, officiating.

Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan with Navy Military Honors.

Family request donations to Faith Lutheran Church - Mission's- 37635 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083 - <https://www.faithtroy.org/missions>

Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home- Utica

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ My wife I worked briefly with Roy in real estate[Century-21] many yrs ago, quite a Christian fellow. jn

john jensen - August 11, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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“ We have so many fond memories of Roy and Ann as our neighbors for 25 years. God truly blessed us with such a special relationship. There have been many times during those years where Roy shared his advice, experiences and prayed over us and with us. He has truly been such a loving and special person to us and our children. He is truly missed. Our love and prayers go out to all the family as this last year has been so tough on all of you.

Sue and Kevin Willcock - August 10, 2020 at 09:11 PM

RS

“ Roy was a good friend who enjoyed spreading the Gospel message. I went to Haiti with him and remember he could hardly wait for a translator so he could go out and find anyone with whom he might spread the message of salvation. I also recall his driving a demon out of a young man in Haiti who had been brought to us by two of that man's friends. Don Polsdorfer and I joined in with prayer support while this was occurring. Roy also enjoyed going hunting. We chased pheasants and deer over the years along with ruffed grouse and rabbits. There are lots of good memories. Robert Standfest

Robert Standfest - August 10, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ Roy was my dearest friend. Over 46 years we shared life together. Our families became family and we are the better for it. Memories are too numerous to mention but the times most cherished were in ministry - mostly to those in jail and prison. Roy was a man who loved Jesus and spread that love and the saving grace of Jesus to so many people. Throughout good and bad times, he would often say, "God is Who He is." Roy understood the sovereignty of God and that His will is perfect. He loved his family deeply and expressed it continually. He will be greatly missed. Doug Lepo

Douglas Lepo - August 10, 2020 at 11:54 AM