



Roy Earl Teters

October 9, 1924 - June 30, 2007

OBITUARY

ROY EARL TETERS JR.

Mr. Roy Earl Teters, Jr. age 82 of Springfield, MO, passed away at 4:45 AM Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, MO after a long illness.

He was born in Bolivar, MO on October 9, 1924 the son of Roy Earl Teters, Sr. and Mabel Elnora (Peterson) Teters.

Roy, a World War II veteran, serving in the 423rd U.S. Army Air Force Base Unit as a waist gunner on the B-24 Bomber "Here's To You" in the European Campaign. After the war, Roy returned to Bolivar and joined the family business started by his grandfather, Teters Nursery and Floral. In the 1950's, Roy served on the Bolivar City Council and as Post Master of Bolivar. He also served as the chairman of the Polk County Republican Party. Roy and his brother started Teters Floral Products in Bolivar, MO, which grew to become one of the largest artificial flower companies in the country. He later returned to the flower business and started Universal Flowers in Springfield, MO. Roy, an entrepreneur by nature, engaged in numerous business ventures, including

the oil business.

Roy was an avid reader and history buff. In his spare time, Roy loved gardening and growing his own plants.

Surviving is his wife Rosa Teters and her daughters, Cecilia Steinberg and her husband Adam of St. Louis, MO; and Angela Teters and her husband David Geisler of Springfield, MO; a daughter and son from his marriage to Elizabeth Redford, Janet Snook and her husband Jim of Florence, AZ, and Larry Teters and his wife Nancy of Rogersville, MO, Nine grandchildren, David Burks of Springfield, MO; Stanton Teters of New York, NY; Robert Burks and his wife Melissa of Bolivar, MO; Jim Teters and his wife Janell of Springfield, MO; Angela Long and her husband Andy of St. Peters, MO; Stephen Burks and his wife Tara of Springfield, MO; Lane Teters of Springfield, MO; and William and Kate Steinberg of St. Louis, MO; also 13 great grandchildren: Caleb and Jacob Burks, Hunter and Hayden Burks, Evan, Grant, Lola and Roman Teters, Drew and Adam Long, and Kylie, Aleah, and Hannah Burks. One sister, Lois Barnes of Bolivar; a sister-in-law, Norryn Teters of Bolivar, and a brother-in-law Bo Russell of Kansas City, MO

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Mabel and siblings, Tiffin Teters, Wilma Johnson, Thelma Breshears, Nina Jester, and Ida Mabel Russell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, July 3, 2007 in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Harold Hendrickson officiating. Mr. Ron Becker will have a poem reading. Musical soloist will be David Hacker singing "My Way" and "In The Garden" with as the Pianist. Also a CD by the late Dr. Ben Koon singing "The Lord's Prayer". Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Military honors will be conducted by the AMVETS Post 114 at Flemington,

MO. Casketbearers will be Al Ellison, Bill Jester, Bo Russell, Jack Hacker, Henry T. Teters, Jr. and Dale Walker. Honorary casketbearers will be Jack Stufflebaum, Bob Burks, Roy Morton, Larry Hedgepath, Carl Koon and Roy Knox

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com .

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Tribute Wall



“ Roy Earl Teters

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Roy Earl Teters

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ I knew Roy through my dad

Roy was a great person to know

Doug Konopack - May 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We enjoyed knowing Roy, however briefly. Rosa, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen & Jay Savan - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our memories of Bolivar include Roy, Elizabeth, Larry and Janet, and of course, Teters Floral. He was just a solid icon of the community, a hard worker, with a youthful exuberance. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss and grief. His legacy will live forever through his family and community history.

Love, Larry and Kay

Larry and Kay McColm Davis - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM