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Obituary for LeRoy “Roy” Anderson, Jr. 1931-2023

LeRoy “Roy” Anderson, Jr., age 91, passed away peacefully in Lewes, Delaware Saturday, May 27, 2023, with his dear friends Bob Howard and Robert Kovalcik by his side. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, the only son of Mary and Roy Anderson. He was predeceased by his life partner of 50 years, Ed Conroy.

Roy was a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg Virginia and the University of Alabama where he received a Master of Applied Arts degree. While there he worked in the drama department as a set designer.

Roy was drafted into the Army Medical Corps in 1954 where he trained as an occupational therapist at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He was then assigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. where he worked with soldiers returning from the Korean War. Roy said that working with the wounded warriors was the most rewarding experience of his life.

Roy made his home in Georgetown, Washington, DC. after four years of service in the U. S. Army. He met Ed in Georgetown where they both attended American University in pursuit of graduate degrees in education. Roy became head of the Art Department at a local High School and was a founding member of the Kennedy Center - where he and Ed were active in the Arts for many years.

Roy also sold real estate and owned an art and design studio. In the early seventies Roy and Ed bought a second home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Soon after moving to Rehoboth, they purchased a business property on Baltimore Avenue, known today as the Wooden Indian, still a vibrant specialty shop. Roy and Ed spent a few months every year in London, buying for their shop and enjoying museums, art galleries and theater.



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Roy and Ed spent their retirement traveling the world. They were long time members of the Rehoboth Art League in Rehoboth, DE and were privileged to know Mrs. Corkran, its founder. Roy exhibited his artwork, served on the board and was a friend and student of Howard Schroeder. One of his prize possessions is a painting in shades of blue of the old Customs House on the Lewes canal.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 2nd Street, Lewes, DE. Robert Kovalcik, Bob Howard, and family will be greeting friends at the church beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private. A Celebration of life luncheon will follow in Lewes, DE.

Donations are welcome in memory of Roy Anderson to the Rehoboth Art League (RAL), 12 Dodds Lane, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971. Or contact RAL directly 302-227-8408 Ext 204, or the Brandywine Valley SPCA, Georgetown DE, 22918 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE. 19947.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

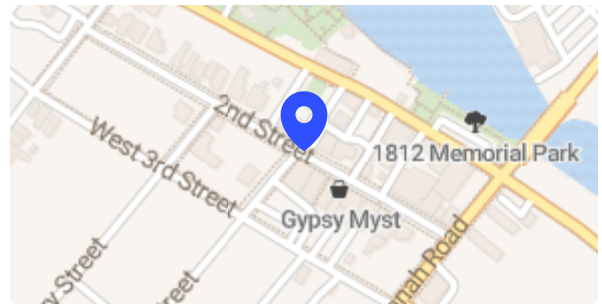


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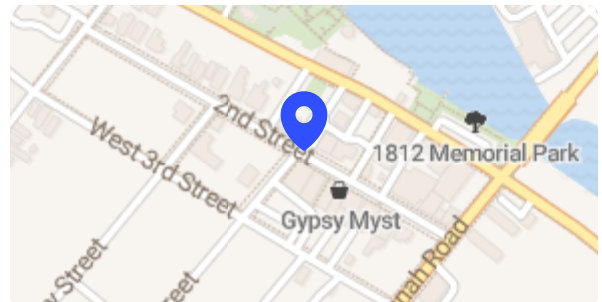
Visitation

-  **Friday**, June 9, 2023
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**
Second & Market Streets, Lewes DE



Funeral Service

-  **Friday**, June 9, 2023
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Joseph C. Pruett posted:

I taught with Mr. Roy Anderson at W-L in Arlington, Virginia 1973 and 1974. I taught English, Speech and Drama which included doing our plays and musicals. Mr. Anderson always was a help with his art department with many projects to help us produce our offerings there at W-L High School. He will always be in my mind and heart as a consummate educator, a real friend and colleague.

January 20 at 11:27 AM



Susan Prokop posted:

Many of Mr. Anderson's students from WL high school remember his with great affection and regard. In fact, we were trying to find him for our 50th reunion in October but alas that is not possible. We will hold his memory in our hearts

January 20 at 10:57 AM



Rose M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of LeRoy.



June 7 at 12:03 PM



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Elizabeth Hochholzer posted:

My 50+ years of friendship with Roy go back to our early teaching days in Arlington, where he and I developed and coordinated special classes of English and Art students who read, wrote, drew, sketched, and went on field trips to the Kennedy Center, art museums, theaters and historical sites, all while connecting with each other and us! I moved to Rehoboth, where I continued my teaching career, and Roy and Ed became the popular owners of The Wooden Indian and also developed a wonderful relationship with my young daughter, Sarah. We lived in the same area of Rehoboth, within walking distance of their home, where we often stopped by to visit, were invited for lunch, and had them back to our house for drinks and dinner. Years later, after Sarah went off to college, I divorced my husband and Roy lost his dear partner, Ed; we still stayed in constant touch, even when I moved to Lewes, connected with my partner, Alan, and now live half-time in Maine. I think often of Alan's and my last visit with Roy at Brandywine, just before we returned to Maine in early May. We fondly reminisced about our teaching days, moving to Delaware, and his reliance on his dear friends, Bob and Robert, whom we will miss seeing as you gather for the service in Roy's memory. However, my daughter and her partner, Jen, will be there to remember the long and wonderful friendship we all had. Forever yours, Beth Hochholzer

June 7 at 7:26 AM



Sarah Hochholzer June 27 at 9:13 AM

When I was a kid, Roy let me run all over the store and touch everything. I'll always remember Roy's patience.



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Anderson family.



June 5 at 2:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Anderson family.



June 1 at 9:14 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of LeRoy.



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Michael Nester posted:

Roy and my mom were colleagues for 25 years at W-L High School in Arlington. They became friends and remained so until my mom passed in 2019. Roy was a one-of-kind man. Always enjoyed getting together with him (and Mom) for lunch in Rehoboth. He will be missed by all who called him friend. Rest in peace Roy.

June 1 at 6:43 AM

ND

Nancy Davis June 1 at 8:34 PM

Roy and I were dining partners for two years at Brandywine Assisted Living. How fortunate was I to have his knowledge of art, travel, music and literature accompany each meal. We read the same books, watched the same shows and laughed at our antique pursuits. Rest in peace, my friend.

ML

Mimi Levasseur posted:

Rest in Peace Roy!! You were such a kind and caring person! I know Your beloved Ed is waiting for you with open arms!!♥♥♥

May 31 at 11:03 AM



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David Chalfant posted:

23 Years ago to the exact date of your passing, I walked into the Wooden Indian and my life was changed forever. Roy and Ed became my "two gay dads". Not having parents in any real way for decades, their guidance, friendship and love which everyone felt helped me especially navigate confusing times. To travel with them was "regimented bliss ". Hawaii, the UK, Los Angeles and places in Russia with my brother Mark to serve as translator for notes made on backs of portraits. To hear their tales of adventure was to be transported. To experience the adventure with them was a true gift. Roy had the extraordinary talent of making anyone who was engaged with him feel better about themselves. I once informed him I thought he was surely a Wizard. He had just spoken with three unruly young women and by simply greeting them with "Hello ladies. My that's a pretty blouse you have on" the three duckling became swans in grace and improved language! I am now the age he was when we met. I am stunned by the distance I have to travel to be anything resembling the man he was. I will miss our Sunday calls and will keep your advice and faith with me always. - Love you - David

May 31 at 10:28 AM



Terry Gardner May 31 at 11:37 AM

Dear David, Our thoughts are with you, we know how much Roy meant to you. Terry and Ruthie



Ron lit a candle in honor of LeRoy.

Roy, you were and will be an inspiration Your life experiences, conversations, opinions and joy of art and travel have made a lasting impression I will particularly miss your recommendations on television and movies



May 31 at 8:56 AM



David Wunderlich May 31 at 9:49 AM

Roy, we love and miss you. You and Ed were the most fun-loving couple and a great influence on our lives too. all the meals, the cocktails, the laughs, London, portrait miniatures, The Wooden Indian, The Selective Eye, Montgomery county schools, and so much more. We could never forget you and Ed !



Teresa Andris May 31 at 9:35 AM

Roy will be sincerely missed. Such a special person in so many ways !



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring LeRoy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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