



## Roy James Santmyer

October 9, 1926 - November 6, 2021

Roy James Santmyer, age 95 of Middleburg, VA, entered eternal rest November 6, 2021. He was born on October 9, 1926, in Irwin, PA, son of the late Roy and Gertrude Santmyer.

Roy was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the US Navy during WWII. He retired from the Government Printing Office after many successful and dedicated years as a monotype operator. Following his retirement, Roy and his wife Marge moved to Delaware, where he was an active member of the Elks Lodge 2540 and the Cape Henlopen Senior Center. He also volunteered into his late 80s at Beebe Hospital in Lewes. In 2018 Roy and Marge moved to Middleburg, VA, to be closer to family. Roy enjoyed traveling, dining out, and competitive card games. Above all, Roy cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, and according to Marge, a gentle man and gentleman, and a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Roy will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he generously touched.

In addition to his wife, Roy is survived by his children: Sally Gammon, Tom Santmyer (Debbie), Kevin Santmyer (Sally), and Steve Santmyer (Margaret Ann); his grandchildren: Sarah, Bradley, Jennifer, Nicholas, Emily, Jonathan, and Haley; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 11:00 AM, at Mary Mother of Peace Catholic Church, 30839 Mt. Joy Road, Millsboro, DE 19966, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment with Military Honors will immediately follow funeral services at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, DE.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols must be observed, and masks must be worn by everyone participating in any aspect of the service.

Those who are unable to attend services in person are invited to view the video recording of the services beginning April 6, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Roy's memory to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, #405, Winchester, VA 22601.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Please deliver all floral arrangements to the Lewes funeral home between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday, April 4, 2022.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Mary Mother of Peace Church  
30839 Mt Joy Rd, Millsboro, DE, US, 19966

**APR** **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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**APR** **Interment with Military Honors** 01:00PM

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Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE, US, 19966

# Comments

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**Parseell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** - April 05 at 02:27 PM

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“ Dear Roy,  
You are loved, honored, cherished and remembered in the hearts of the countless lives you have touched, especially those of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren through the values you instilled by simply living your lives.

You will be loved, honored, cherished and remembered always by me.

Nancy Shives Bender

**Nancy Bender** - April 05 at 01:29 PM

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“ Pop Santmyer & Mom Santmyer will always have a special place in my heart. When I moved to Moore's Crossing after losing my Father, it was a little scary for me. Living in a new town and having new neighbors made me feel a little anxious. After a week or two Pop & Mom were outside one day and I went over and introduced myself. After talking with them I knew I had made the right decision to move there. They both were so warm, kind, and loving. We became very good friends & family. I thought of them as my adopted grandparents, and their children welcomed me in as family as well. As time went on they moved to Virginia with their son Tommy, I truly missed them so much, wasn't quite sure what to do with myself. I stayed in touch with them and their family, I was able to visit with them when they came to Delaware. We talked every week over the phone. I will truly miss our weekly phone calls. Though we love others with all our Heart, we must remember God loves them best. I am praying for family for Peace and Comfort Love Vanessa

**VANESSA PETTYJOHN** - November 23, 2021 at 07:05 AM

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“ Roy was such a great person and a dedicated son to his mother who he visited several times a week and Marge volunteered in activities. He always had a smile on his face. May your family be comforted at this time of loss.

Gayle Dupras

**GAYLE DUPRAS** - November 15, 2021 at 12:33 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Roy. My Mom and Dad as well as myself always had a special place in our lives for the Santmyer family. My Dad met and worked with Roy at GPO and were fast friends there after as well as both families. Bowling, golf, and the summer vacation golf trips were always fun for all of us. I had the pleasure of bowling on the same team with both Roy and Marge on the Monday morning bowling league when my Dad, Roy, and myself all worked the night shift at GPO. Great fun! Roy was a true "gentleman" and I always enjoyed my interactions with Roy. You could not help but like Roy, he was that nice of a person. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

**David Thomas** - November 14, 2021 at 03:16 PM

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“ Very nice couple that helped out in our radiology department...Roy always had a smile and candy for us. They will be fondly remembered by Beebe employees. To Marge, I am so sorry to hear Roy passed away. Prayers for you to be at peace, knowing you will be with him again, as Our Heavenly Father has promised.

**Marcia Dunn** - November 14, 2021 at 09:52 AM

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“ Miss seeing Roy and Marge volunteering at Beebe. They worked in radiology. Always together. sorry for your loss! Kathi Frying

**Kathi Adronene** - November 13, 2021 at 08:20 PM