



CWO-3 (Ret) Roy Dean Henson

July 11, 1943 - April 25, 2019

Roy Henson was born on July 11th, 1943 in Richland, MO. Roy was the 2nd of 6 children born to Warren and Dorothy Henson.

Roy spent his childhood years growing up in Stoutland, MO where he still has many friends and family.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August, 1960 one month after his 17th birthday. This was the summer before his senior year. He received his GED and completed 2 years of college credits while in the Navy.

Roy served in the US Navy from his enlistment in 1960 until his retirement in 1983. During his career he spent much of his time at sea, racking up an impressive list of ships on which he served.

After recruit training in San Diego, CA he reported aboard the USS Caliente where an older boatswain's mate took the young boy under his wing and taught him everything he knew about the rate.

Roy flourished under the tutelage of the senior seaman who was a hard task master, but one that held a very esteemed spot in Roy's memory and heart.

Years later, Roy followed suit by becoming a hard but caring taskmaster who

readily share his knowledge with the younger deckhands.

A decorated Vietnam War veteran, Roy had an illustrious career. During his service he had the honor of being a plank holder on two different ships. He was also responsible for a detachment of amphibious Seabees deployed to the Mediterranean Sea.

In 1975, Roy was selected Sailor of the Year for the Fleet Maintenance Assistance Group Naval Base Norfolk, VA. He was commended for his, “outstanding performance of duty, leadership, initiative, military appearance and example to fellow Navy men.”

Achieving the rate of CWO-3, Roy spent his remaining time in service at COMTRALANT- Norfolk, VA overseeing all amphibious warfare training on the East coast until his retirement on August 31, 1983.

It's safe to say that the only thing Roy loved more than the Navy was his family.

Roy is preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Dorothy (Kuykendoll) Henson, 2 brothers: Robert and Claye Henson; 1 sister: Evelyn Phillips; 1 daughter: Tracy Ceretto.

Roy passed away on the morning of April 25, 2019 in Richland, MO, and leaves to mourn his passing: his beloved wife Lois (married April 25th, 2004), 5 children: Jody Henson of Industry, PA, Lonny Henson (Laurie) of Tavares, FL, Terry Henson of Aumsville, OR, Lacy Powell (Daniel) of Philadelphia, PA and Cody Henson (Katie) of Richland, MO; 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; 1 sister: Dorothy Raye Wells (Gene) of Stoutland, MO; 1 brother: Rick Henson (Ellen) of Stoutland, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Roy's family and friends will miss his humor, intellect, and candor. Through our tears, let us see the blessings of knowing and loving Roy – a great and noble man.

A celebration of life service was held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 03, 2019 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Roy's dear friend, Jerry Mouton officiating. Interment with Full Military Honors followed at 3:00 p.m., in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with the Navy Chaplain officiating.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Roy Dean Henson and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be sent to www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of CWO-3 (Ret) Roy Dean Henson*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 03, 2019 at 06:46 PM

MV

*I served with Chief Henson on USS Glover from 1974-76. He was the most professional, dedicated, and caring man I knew. I served 28 years on nine different ships and Chief Henson inspired the most. This video brought back great memories and some tears to see how he aged gracefully and how he loved his family above all else. I will miss him.
Manny Vital, CDR Ret.*

Manny Vital - March 29, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ *CWO-3 (Ret) Roy Dean Henson*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

DP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all, wish I could be there. Uncle Roy , go rest high on that mountain, you earned that spot. Give mama a hug for me and tell her I'm going to be ok. Love you all...*

Dana Pruitt - May 03, 2019 at 12:35 PM

TH

“ Rest in peace Daddy. I'm so very happy that I got to spend some much needed time with you. My heart is heavy, but I will keep you there forever. I love you so much. Sail onward Dad.

Terry Henson - May 02, 2019 at 12:34 PM

CB

Was your dad on the USS Glover?

CAPT Butler - March 10, 2022 at 03:03 PM

CA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for the family. God Bless you all.
Carol & Jerry Gideon
PWSD#2 Stoutland, MO.
Alan, David, Larry, T.C., Frank & Farrell



Carol - April 30, 2019 at 10:40 AM

RH

“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of CWO-3 (Ret) Roy Dean Henson



Robin Hobbs - April 29, 2019 at 07:19 AM

MB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Roy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Jim and Mary Lou Bentsch

Mary Lou Bentsch - April 28, 2019 at 05:11 PM

WU

“ *Our deepest condolences to you and you're Family!
I served with Roy on the Mauna Kea AE22
1965-1967 .
and had the good fortune to meet Roy & Lois
At the San Francisco
Reunion. good memories! our Prayers are with you!
Wayne and Barbara Unrath*



Wayne Unrath - April 28, 2019 at 11:39 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in
memory of CWO-3 (Ret) Roy Dean Henson*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 26, 2019 at 09:33 AM

BO

“ *The Henson's are a wonderful family! And our
hearts go out to you all during this difficult and
sorrow filled time. We pray for God to comfort
you as only He can...
Barry, Cheryl and Adam Oursbourn*



Barry, Cheryl & Adam Oursbourn - April 25, 2019 at 05:58 PM

RS

*Roy was a dear friend of ours. We got to know him through USS
Mauna Kea Reunions and we were blessed having gotten to know him.
Lois, you have our deepest sympathy at this time and you are precious
to us. You are in our prayers. Dick and Sharon States*

Richard and Sharon - April 27, 2019 at 11:05 AM

MM

Roy we will miss you ! We were so blessed to have the ship mates that we had on board The Mauna Kea !

Marion Munn - April 30, 2019 at 10:27 AM

EF

Sorry to hear of Roy's passing. We went on board the USS Caliente at the same time. Always enjoyed seeing he and Lois at reunions and once here (where I live). He was a very good seaman and well liked. He will be missed by many. I will sure miss him. Wishing peace and healing grace to the family.

Ed Fordyce

Ed Fordyce - April 30, 2019 at 04:17 PM