

Where were you when?
Yes, that is the question...
Where were you when Peral Harbor was attacked?
Where were you when JFK or MLK were declared “gone”?
Where were you when the Twin Towers came down?
Where were you when you received the news that someone you loved was no longer present?

Alvan “Roy” Martell, born February 19th 1933 in Milbank, SD to Edward Manson Martell and Anna Julia (Swartz) Martell, died on February 7th 2020.

Roy graduated from Milbank High School in 1952 and then enlisted into the US Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Robert A. Owens, one of the Navy’s first “hunter-killer” destroyers. He attained the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class. Roy received an Honorable Discharge in 1956.

Roy married Joan Dorothy Read on May 26th, 1957 in Redwood Falls, MN.

Together they were blessed with 3 children: Tony in October 1957, Tammy in August 1960, and Troy in February 1966.

Roy was a faithfully active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN since 1962. During his fellowship he served his congregation through their various Men’s Ministry projects and eventually on the Board of Lay Ministers.

Just ask anyone who knew Roy and they would agree that he was one who “lived life to the fullest”. This was witnessed by many who knew he enjoyed activities such as fishing (yes all-seasons), hunting, bowling, dartball, throwing horseshoes (without the horse attached), and more! In later years, Roy began a new past time involving the use of wood in what is titled “intarsia,” which is an elaborate form of marquetry using inlays of wood. As the story goes, Roy and his daughter Tammy were at a craft show while visiting in MI when Roy noticed a booth displaying unusual wood pictures. Tammy was the one who said, “You can do that dad!” She bought dad a book and asked him to make her a picture. How could any father refuse what his daughter asks? Thus, began Roy’s “self-learned gift” to many! And just to make clear, did you read that Roy liked fishing?

One winter his daughter and son-in-law returned to Alexandria for Christmas. Roy demonstrated an unusual twist to an exciting and sometimes dangerous sport called “ice sailing”. Rather than having a sail attached to a sled or boat-type-thing (which would be to traditional and normal for Roy) he instead made a sail, held it in his hands and then at full speed zipped across the ice on skates! And do you know that frozen lake water is not smooth? Roy, the “original extreme sports dude”!

Want more stories about how Roy left his “finger-prints” on so many hearts and lives? Just ask “us” who were privileged and blessed by his “touch”.

Roy is not only “seeing his Savior face-to-face”, he is also having an amazing “heavenly reunion”. Welcoming Roy “home” are his parents, his brothers Charles, Albert, Gene, Kenny, Lyle and his sisters Helen, Genevieve, Phyllis and Rosalie. Roy will also be united with his children Tony & Tammy.

In Loving Memory



Alvan “Roy” Martell

1933 ~ 2020

In Memory of

Alvan "Roy" Martell

February 19, 1933



February 7, 2020

Funeral Service

Zion Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Saturday, February 15,
2020, 10:30 AM



Officiant

Pastor Dennis Angland

Organist

Mertice Brueske

Casket Bearers

Dale Flesner	Don Kingston
Harlan Campbell	Alan Brogaard
Casey DeJong	John Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers

Andrew	Alexander
Anna	Krystal
Ayden	Aunalee

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

*Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection
and the life;
he who believes in me,
though he die,
yet shall he live,
and whoever lives
and believes in me
shall never die."*

John 11:25, 26

