



Vincent R. Ross Sr.

April 2, 1927 - June 5, 2020

Vincent Ronald Ross, Sr., 93, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2020 with his wife of 66 years Naomi (Aka) Nim and son, James at his side.

Vincent was preceded in death by his mother Josephine Abate Ross, his father Vincent A. Ross, his brother Warren A. Ross and more recently his son Vincent Ronald Ross, Jr.

Vincent graduated early from Somers High School in Somers, N.Y. to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. After World War II, he graduated from Syracuse University with a BS degree in Wood Science. He finished his education at North Carolina State University with a Masters degree in Industrial Engineering.

Vincent started Ross Associates at home in Asheville, NC in 1962. His business and reputation grew quickly over the next 10 years and he opened an office in Canada. His reputation for integrity, fairness and excellence led Ross Associates to being rated in the top 100 consulting firms in the United States. It came as no surprise that Ross Associates was later chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to develop companies and manage resources throughout Europe. He also worked in Asia, Mexico, Central America and South America.

Vincent was a long time member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Throughout the many years he served as a representative to the Diocesan Convention, many years on the Vestry and was elected to Senior Warden from time to time, he also served many years as Lay Reader at the 8 A.M. Sunday service and also taught Sunday School. He was President of the Western North Carolina chapter of Professional Engineers. He led the chapter to volunteer their time in helping Mission Hospital obtain more efficient service and was on the board of Aston Park Health Care Center Inc. As a long time member of Biltmore Forest Country Club he delighted in playing golf with his many good friends.

After retiring in 2002, he donated 40 years of plant drawings, layouts and industrial engineering data to the Hunt Library Special Collections at North Carolina State University, providing others a unique view of the history of furniture manufacturing.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers please send a memorial donation in honor of Vincent Ronald Ross, Sr. to:

Thompson Home For Children, 6800 St Peter's Lane, Matthews, NC, 28105, or to one's own favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vincent R. Ross Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Mrs Ross, I am Sandy Lyman, Sally and Rud Lyman's oldest Son. I just wanted to express our condolences for Debbie and I + Dad and Mom. I know you and Mr. Ross were good friends, and we know he will be greatly missed. I hope Mr. Ross and Daddy are playing golf in heaven. Mr. Ross help our Daughter, Sterling get into NC State, and we are still truly grateful for that. Mr. Ross was a wonderful man and helped many people.*

Our prayers are with Mr. Ross, you and your family.

Debbie and Sandy Lyman

Mr. Sandy Lyman - June 16, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ *My beloved father in law has been my personal hero for over 30 years. I have never known a man who was more enthusiastic or optimistic about life. The words "not possible" and "can't do it" did not exist in his vocabulary. He loved life, he loved his "Bonnie Lass" Nim, he loved his sons and his grandchildren and his friends and family and his work. And he loved his golf. He gave so much to so many people with such goodwill and passion. Thank you for all the love and encouragement over so many years. I will miss you forever, Papa Bear.*

Jane Rheinheimer Ross - June 14, 2020 at 03:46 AM