



Roy J. Iveson

June 26, 1933 - September 21, 2022

Roy J. Iveson, age 89, of Grove, Oklahoma, passed away on September 21, 2022 in Joplin, Missouri. Roy, who was affectionately known as 'Skip' to his friends, was born on June 26, 1933 to Roy G. and Wilma (Seaver) Iveson in Topeka, Kansas.

Roy joined the United States Navy in 1953 and proudly served his country in the Korean War. After 3 years, he left active duty and served in the Naval Reserve for 10 years. In 1960, Roy was honorably discharged from the Navy as Hospital Corpsman, 3rd Class.

Due to a severe bout of PTSD brought on by his many experiences during his war service, it was suggested to him by his VA counselor to get a service dog. So, at 82 years old, 'Sally' came into his life. That same night, he got on his knees and thanked the Lord for bringing Sally to him and asked the Lord what he wanted him to do. It was then that the idea for Roy's program, 'One Veteran, One Dog, Two Lives Saved', began to develop. Roy trained Sally and she became his certified service dog. From this beginning, Roy changed the lives of well over 100 veterans with his program.

This is just a small glimpse of the man that Roy Iveson was. Roy married the love of his life, his wife Doris in 1953, which he described as the happiest day of his life. The couple had three children, Debra, Mark and Kathy.

Roy will be greatly missed by his many family, friends and many fellow veterans.

A Celebration of Roy's life will be at 1pm Thursday, October 27, 2022, at
Nichols-Stephens Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service

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Tribute Wall



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