



Royce Christian

February 27, 1918 - February 27, 2010

CHANNING - Royce James Christian, 92, of Channing, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was a lifelong resident of Channing, born Feb. 1, 1918, to the late Ed and Dora (McClure) Christian. He attended and graduated from Channing High School and a two year business college in Milwaukee.

During his school years and young life after, Royce was an active sports player known for his talents in baseball and basketball. He would talk about the time he went to Jackson, Miss. and when he was in the infield when Babe Ruth was hitting some practice balls. I know there are a few old timers out there that will remember the championship basketball game against Hermansville and the half-court shot Royce took to win the game.

Royce entered the service on May 7, 1941, and gained the rank of T. Sergeant. He served overseas during World War II from Feb. 18, 1942, to Dec. 4, 1944, in the Pacific Theater, Australia, New Guinea and New Britain, being honorably discharged on Aug. 15, 1945.

He married Evelyn Olson on Oct. 18, 1947, and they had two daughters. Royce worked for the Milwaukee Railroad for 31 years. He was a life member

of the Masonic Lodge, the united transportation union and Grace Presbyterian Church. His hobbies included trying to get the most beautiful brook trout or trophy deer, the biggest red tomatoes and oh, how he liked his flowers. He never let a pansy stay in the garden too long. He had to have it in the house because more will come.

His greatest gift to all was his love and kindness, sense of humor and quick wit. He enjoyed his crossword puzzles, game shows, casino trips and Sudoku. Dad, you will be forever in our hearts and we love you dearly.

Royce is survived by his two daughters, Carolyn (Robert) Stowe of Green Bay, Wis. and Cathy Swanson of Petersburg, Mich.; three grandsons, Rob (Jodi), Scott (Amy) and Kevin (Heather); six great-grandchildren, Travis (April), Brandon, Allisha, Jacob, Rachel and Zachary; and two great-great granddaughters, Madalyn and Evelyn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn and a brother, Gerald.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will take place at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Following the funeral service, the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military funeral honors.

Burial will be in Channing Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Royce's memory.

Special thanks to our neighbors for always helping our father with lawn care, snow removal, errands and anything he needed. Thanks to the V.A. Hospital for the help and care you have given our dad.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Royce J. Christian online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Hi, I am Peggy Mc Clure Gordon the daughter of Keith Mc Clure your dads first cousin. My Grandpa Ira Mc Clure was your Grandmother Dora's youngest brother. I used to keep intouch with your Dad at Christmas time and I am so sorry to see that he has passed away.

I do have some family information if you want to contact me.

Peggy

Peggy Mc Clure Gordon - Gillett, WI - Cousin - March 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Carolyn, Cathy and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. What a wonderful write-up on your Dad. Made me feel like he was right there. You made me smile remembering all of the wonderful things your Dad did and how much fun he was to be around. He treated all his girls like Queens! Sending love and hugs!

Jeannie

Jeannie Bortolini - March 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cathy and Carolyn

I love both of you and I hope your time of grief is short. Your dad was always a kind and freindly man no matter when I went through that alley, being it going to school or a ballgame. He will will be missed ,but it is a shame the younger kids never got to experience the true tradition of Channing. I will keep you in my thoughts and hope to see both of you some day. Please contact me if you read this, I would like to know that you received this.

Todd Lindeman

Todd Lindeman - March 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ Carolyn and family I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to you and all your family and friends. Hoping such a long and wonderful lifetime make you ever so grateful for your father and give him up to a loving savior. Lynn, Karen and I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Yvonne Ackley & girls - March 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM