



Mr. Roy Hubert Gregory

January 27, 1919 - October 3, 2013

Roy Hubert Gregory was born January 27, 1919 in Marshall County, Alabama. He lived several years in the Sand Mountain area before moving to Birmingham where he graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1937. Soon thereafter, he married his childhood sweetheart, Hazel Kelley to whom he remained married until her death in 1981.

When America entered WWII, Roy joined the U.S. Army/Air Corp. He retired from the Air Force 22 years later in Orlando.

He remained in Orlando after retirement until he relocated here in 2007 to be nearer family.

Roy flew combat missions as a navigator/bombardier during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He survived being shot down over enemy territory during WWII and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for an especially dangerous mission over North Korea.

He participated in the Berlin Airlift at the end of WWII, dropping needed supplies to the people of East Berlin after they were partitioned off and barricaded by Russia.

The last part of his career was spent as a crew member on a Strategic Air Command bomber during the Cold War with the USSR. He spent many hours on alert or keeping planes in the air as a deterrent force to the Soviet Union. His crew won the International Bombing Competition twice during this period. Over the course of his retirement, Roy and Hazel acted as hosts to many friends and relatives visiting the Orlando area as tourists and to several

foreign exchange students and their families.

He was a hands-on grandfather and also helped care for many friends, neighbors and elderly family members living in the area. He was a dedicated, compassionate caretaker of Hazel during her two-year battle with ALS.

In 2007, he relocated from Orlando to Ashley Glen in Peachtree City to be nearer family.

Roy is survived by a son, Roy Gregory, Jr. and his family, who reside in Charlotte and a daughter, Sandra Heidt and her husband, who live in Fayetteville; four grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Douglas Cemetery

AL HWY 75
Douglas, AL 35964

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home
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