

Obituary

Alfred Charles “Bud” Roth, III **October 28, 1930 - April 25, 2008**

Alfred Charles “Bud” Roth, III, age 77, of Flat Rock, North Carolina, died Friday morning, April 25, 2008, after battling cancer for several years.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he was a son of the late Eldon and Verna Blank Roth.

He was a proud U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex with four years of sea time attaining the rate of Metalsmith Second Class. He was awarded numerous campaign medals and ribbons.

He attended Kent State, Purdue, Ohio, and Michigan State Universities, and the University of Michigan. He taught at Ohio University for three years prior to moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he taught, as a master machinist and welder, in the Industrial Technology Department at Eastern Michigan University for 29 years. He instructed two graduate classes that built a Sonerai II pylon racer aircraft and a Monerai sailplane. He substantially built a BD-5 aircraft at his home. His love of aircraft grew in retirement to include antique cars. He owned a beautifully restored 1930 Model A pickup truck which he often drove with his wife in parades.

He was an avid inventor with ten patents ranging from industrial tools to household products. He authored the “Small Gas Engines” textbook and workbook which has been used by schools and colleges for the past 33 years.

He worshiped at Mud Creek Baptist Church. He was an active member of the Western Carolina Model A Ford Club, Greater Smokey Mountains Region Antique Car Club, Western North Carolina Air Museum, Kiwanis, Experimental Aircraft Association and The Michigan Club.

He leaves behind his devoted wife of 51 years, Mary Ann Tomsu Roth, of Flat Rock, who he loved dearly. He is also survived by his daughter, Arlene Contreras and her husband Raul of Grand Junction, Colo.; his son, Brian Roth, and Brian’s wife Mary Ann. He has five grandsons, Benjamin and Fred Barker; Landon, James and Kevin Contreras, all of Grand Junction, Colo. He has one great grand daughter Hayli Barker. He was also blessed and survived by his older brother Robert Roth and his wife Lucy of Southbury, Conn.; two nieces, Lynn Vela and Debby Woods; and a nephew, Steven Roth, all of the Southbury, Conn. area.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 28th at Mud Creek Baptist Church. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 29th at the church with Pastor Mark Hunnicutt and Pastor Cory Honeycutt officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park with graveside military honors conducted by Hubert M. Smith American Legion Post #77, Hedrick-Rhodes VFW Post #5206, and DAV Chapter 14. Return to Mud Creek Baptist Church for a time of fellowship and food, all are invited.

Potted flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made to your local Salvation Army or to The Hendersonville Rescue Mission at 639 Maple St., Hendersonville, NC 28792.

Forest Lawn Mortuary, at (828) 692-9188, is assisting the family with arrangements.