

Royce Dean Clouse
March 9, 1958 - August 2, 2019

Royce Dean Clouse was born March 9, 1958 in Bakersfield, California.

Surrounded by his family, Royce passed away at OHSU in Portland, Oregon on August 2, 2019. Royce lived in Albany, Oregon with his wife of 28 years, Margaret Trolard Clouse.

Royce was born to Roy and Maggie Clouse and was the eldest of their four boys. His father Roy was in construction management, which required the family to move to numerous locations while he was growing up, including Alaska and Canada. His senior year in high school, Royce stayed with his uncle and cousins in Houston, Missouri in order to graduate early. He loved playing chess and earned the chess championship his senior year.

After high school, Royce enlisted in the army at the age of 17 and was stationed at the DMZ in Korea. His military occupation specialty was electronic technician in communications and encryption. After the military, he attended and graduated from Rhema Bible College in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He also earned an associate degree from Syracuse Business College in Syracuse, New York. He became a welder/pipefitter with the UA (United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters). Royce was a skilled welder and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and skills to teach those entering the field. He strongly believed in giving opportunities for his apprentices to learn on the job and was well liked among everyone he worked with. His forty-year career included welding, pipefitting, detailing, supervision, and working as a certified welding inspector. Most of his career was out of UA Local 290 in Portland, Oregon. On road trips Royce would often point out projects he had worked on to his children. In 2017, Royce graduated from a five year union training program out of Michigan. He was a longtime welding instructor at the Salem training center for the union apprenticeship program. He finished his career as a certified welding inspector and retired in January 2018 to be a full-time caregiver for his mother.

As a young man, Royce married Sung-Eun Jang and in 1981 they had a son, Stephen Clouse. Later, the couple divorced, and Royce relocated to Oregon. It was in Albany in 1986 that Royce met his life partner and best friend, Margaret Trolard Clouse. They married in 1991 and had two children, Jacob Clouse and Natalie Clouse. He was a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather. His wife, children and grandson were a priority to him, and he loved being home and spending time with his family, even just hanging out and having BBQ's. Royce was an accomplished chess player, and few could win against him. He loved to play against his children and anyone that would challenge him to a match. He also loved to play cribbage and poker. He was an avid reader and loved movies, especially science fiction. Throughout the years, Royce was also a Boy Scout leader and a Sunday school teacher which brought him great joy. His family will miss his laugh and just hanging out together.

He was known for his sense of humor, strong faith in the word of God, and as a caring and compassionate caregiver for his mother. He was a kind and friendly person who believed people should be treated fair and would make a stand on behalf of himself and others. We are grateful for the time that we had with Royce and all the ways that he loved us. We are broken-hearted that he is gone so soon, and our hope is in Jesus Christ that we will be together again.

Royce was preceded in death by his father, Roy Dean Clouse.

He is survived by wife, Margaret Trolard Clouse; son, Stephen (wife Rian) Clouse and his grandson Caleb Clouse of Albany, Oregon; son, Jacob Clouse (girlfriend Molly Judge) of Portland, Oregon; his daughter, Natalie Clouse of Albany, Oregon; his brothers, Gary (Lorali) Clouse of Pasco, Washington, Russell (Kathy) Clouse of Longview, Washington; James Clouse of Las Vegas, Nevada; and his mother, Maggie Clouse, of Albany, Oregon. He was also well loved by many nieces, nephews, brother and sister in laws and his mother-in-law, Nell Trolard.

A public graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10 at Willamette Memorial Park in Albany, Oregon. A celebration of life for Royce will be at the Clouse residence at 634 NE South Nebergall Loop in Albany, Oregon after the graveside service for family and friends.

AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Please leave your online condolences at www.aasum-dufour.com.

In Honored
Memory



Royce Dean Clouse
1958 ~ 2019

Broken Chain

By Ron Tranmer

We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you
you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:26 (NIV)

In Honored Memory of Royce Dean Clouse

Age 61

BORN

*March 9, 1958
Bakersfield, California*

ENTERED INTO REST

*August 2, 2019
Portland, Oregon*

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

*Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 1 p.m.
Willamette Memorial Park
Albany, Oregon*

OFFICIANT

Pastor David Vigna

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Amazing Grace"

CASKET BEARERS

*Stephen Clouse, Gary Clouse, James Clouse,
Jacob Clouse, Russell Clouse & Caleb Clouse*

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Paul Strickland, Paul Trolard & Scott Trolard

INTERMENT

*Willamette Memorial Park
Albany, Oregon*

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