



## Roy Benaka

July 25, 1935 - September 10, 2010

Roy Merle Benaka, 75, passed away September 7, 2010, in the Life Guidance section of Atria Hearthstone East in Topeka, Kansas. Roy was born July 25, 1935 in Netawaka, Kansas, the first of seven children to Wilma and Clyde Benaka. Roy began school in Netawaka before moving to Topeka. In Topeka he attended Topeka Lutheran School, Holiday Jr. High (Class of 1950) and graduated from Topeka High School in 1953. Early in his life he was employed at Santa Fe Railroad and Standard Oil Stations. Roy was enlisted in the Kansas National Guard and attended Officer's Candidate Training school from 1953 until 1959. He also owned and operated Roy's Standard Service in North Topeka from 1956 until 1962. The family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for two years while Roy attended Lutheran Lay Leaders training school. Upon returning to Topeka he worked at Lindsay Water Conditioning until 1976 when he began working as a Motor Vehicle Driver for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1997. Until 1998 Roy continued his passion to do water softener repairs as 'The Soft Water Doctor.' Roy was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Topeka for many years where he taught Sunday school and served on the Board of Education for both the church and Topeka Lutheran School. He currently attended Faith Lutheran Church in Topeka. He also was a member of Active Prime Timers and Telephone Pioneers. Roy had been involved with North Topeka on the Move (NOTOMA) for several years and was a loyal member of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) for over 20 years and diligently served his fellow postal workers as a union

steward. Roy is survived by his wife of over 56 years, Mary Ann Benaka; four sons, Tom (Charlotte), Tim (Sue), John (Dayna), and Mark (Cindy), all of Topeka; and one daughter, Sylvia (Todd) Warner of Overland Park. Also surviving are sisters, Ruth Hobkirk of Naples, Florida; Doris Thelen of Topeka; brother, Robert Benaka of Topeka; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceding Roy in death was his mother, Wilma Wingfield, and step-father, Warren Wingfield; father, Clyde Benaka, and step-mother, Liz Benaka; and sisters, Betty, Barbara and Deloris. Visitation will be Friday, September 10, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home located at 2801 S.W. Urish Rd. in Topeka, Kansas 66614, and the funeral service will immediately follow at 1:00 pm. Burial will be at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery at 6th and Gage in Topeka following the funeral. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Topeka Lutheran School Scholarship Fund or Faith Lutheran Church, sent in care of the funeral home. Roy's family would like to express their appreciation to all of his caregivers at Atria Life Guidance for their service and kindness over the past year as well as Midland Hospice for their care and support during his final hours.

# Tribute Wall



“ Roy Benaka

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ I just heard about Roy's passing. I worked with Roy at the USPS for several years, as well as working with him in the APWU. My parents knew and worked with both him and Mary Ann. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Gwen Ketter - September 17, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ To the Benaka Family:  
We are thinking of you and wishing you peace during this sad time.  
~NCCU, Your CU Family

New Century Credit Union - September 15, 2010 at 04:53 PM



“ Mary Ann,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time. May he rest in peace. He will never be far from you. If you sense him, he is there.

Mary Lou Rivera - September 14, 2010 at 04:03 PM



“ I knew Roy from contact at union functions and when he used to pickup our mail at the MDC at Forbes. He was an excellent co-worker and a good friend. My condolences on your loss, he will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Arthur Morford - September 13, 2010 at 12:11 PM

ZB

“ DEAR MARY ANN AND FAMILY’

ROY WAS SUCH A KIND MAN AND WAS RESPECTED BY ALL.  
WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FUN WE HAD AT THE  
CHICKEN FLY EVERY YEAR. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF  
YOU.

ZANE AND DOLLY BROWN AND FAMILY

---

**ZANE AND DOLLY BROWN** - September 10, 2010 at 03:04 PM

RF

“ Mrs Benaka and family, they say time heals all, but i can remember  
my dad as if it was yesterday.

Roy was a good man and a good neighbor, i remember the time roy  
caught me and tim and dale workman smokeing a cig up stairs in  
tims room before school, needless to say i will never forget the look  
and what he said to all of us.

so sorry for your loss, God Bless you all.

---

**Renne & Rhonda Shumway Family** - September 10, 2010 at 11:45 AM

JS

“ Sylvia and Family....My thoughts and prayers are with you at this  
time. I have wonderful memories of GREAT times spent with you  
and your parents, Sylvia. Very good people!! Thinking of you, Julie  
Sorensen

---

**Julie Hanson Sorensen** - September 10, 2010 at 11:35 AM

EH

“ MaryAnn & family...We wish to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Always remember the big smile Roy always greeted us with. His suffering is over and you can rest assured that he is with his Lord and Savior. God bless and keep you. The Hansons

---

**Ed & Helen Hanson** - September 10, 2010 at 10:57 AM

RK

“ The smile of Roy always brightened my day. This is a sad time for everybody that knew Roy, however, Roy would be the first to tell everyone to celebrate his graduation from this life on earth to eternal life in Heaven with our Lord. Our prayers for friends and especially his family will be for God to grant peace and comfort. God Bless and Keep you. Rick and Cheri

---

**Rick & Cheri Kuebler** - September 09, 2010 at 09:08 PM

NT

“ Mary Ann, I will always think of Roy with a smile on his face. My deepest condolences are with you.

---

**Natalie Teasley** - September 09, 2010 at 05:19 PM

DE

“ To the whole family I am so sorry for your loss. I have very happy memories of your dad,he always had a smile for us,even if he knew we were up to something. He will be miss by many who knew him!

---

**DeeDee** - September 09, 2010 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ Tom and Charlotte,and family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. Your family will be in our prayers.  
Namaste

---

**Judy and Mike Hudson** - September 09, 2010 at 02:03 PM

DW

“ *Our prayers are with your family over your loss.*

---

**Dave & Sue Williams** - September 09, 2010 at 11:42 AM

MA

“ *Sorry to hear about the lost of your father. I remember him so well, when my family went to Saint Paul's. My Prayers are with you all.*  
*Marilyn (Kuebler) Down*

---

**Marilyn** - September 09, 2010 at 11:06 AM

MR

“ *Mark,*

*So sorry for your loss. Kevin and I hold you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you in the days, weeks, and months ahead.*

*Michele Reese  
Auburn, KS*

---

**Michele Reese** - September 09, 2010 at 11:00 AM

CM

“ *maryann & family. Please accept our condolences. You are in our prayers. Please accept our apology for our inability to attend viewing and services. shirley is having back surgery tomorrow at St Francis Hospital. The Lord be with you and lift you up as you grieve your loss.*

---

**charles & shirley martin** - September 09, 2010 at 10:31 AM

S(

“ *In the short time I knew Roy, I thought he was a very pleasant and sweet man who always had a smile for me. It was such a pleasure to work with him. My condolences to Roy's family. I know he will be greatly missed by all. God Bless.*

---

**Stephanie Sell (Advocare)** - September 09, 2010 at 09:00 AM

MO

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of Roy. I remember many happy times with him from our days at St. Paul's and at Telephone Pioneers. May God comfort each of you in the loss of such a fine man. He will be missed by many. Marian Orton*

---

**Marian Orton** - September 08, 2010 at 04:54 PM