



William Nettles

July 25, 1928 - April 15, 2009

NETTLES, William Ronald Ron Nettles of Royersford, PA, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. He was 80 years of age. Ron, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, was born and lived in Royersford his entire life. He graduated from Royersford High School and served in the US Army from 1950-51, where he was stationed in Germany. He was a banker for the National Bank of Royersford and Industrial Valley Bank for 39 years having retired as Assistant Vice President. An active member of the community, Ron was the Mayor of Royersford for 14 years; the Treasurer of the Royersford Area Community Chest, Royersford Free Public Library, Royersford Police Pension Fund, Buckwalter Scholarship Assistance Fund, Karin Lynn Thum Fund, Edward Gaffey Fund, David Brumbaugh Cancer fund, Royersford Service Unit of the Salvation Army; the Chairman of the Royersford Park and Recreation Commission and the Royersford Community Nursing Service; the Secretary of the Royersford Borough Planning Commission and the Spring City American Legion Baseball Association; the Director of the Spring-Ford Education Foundation; and a member of Spring City American Legion Post #602 and other numerous community boards, associations and commissions. Ron was a Founder of the Royersford (now Spring-Ford) Area Youth Athletic League and served as Commissioner for 33 years. He also was the Founder and Commissioner of the Royersford (now Spring-Ford) Babe Ruth League. He was also the first Statistician for the Spring-Ford (Royersford) High School Football team and served in that role

for over 55 years. He is the beloved brother of Doris (nee Nettles) Evans of Voorhees, NJ and loving uncle of Carol Evans Saghirian and her husband Bob of Washington Twp., Gloucester Co., NJ and David A. Evans and his wife Elizabeth of Gibbsboro, NJ. He is also the loving great-uncle of Molly Saghirian Crellin of Arlington, MA, and Ashley Evans & Adam Evans both of Gibbsboro, NJ. Friends may greet the family on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, where a Celebration of his life will be held at 2:00 PM. Interment will be following the service at the Fernwood Cemetery. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family requests memorial donations to either the Royersford Free Public Library, the Spring-Ford Youth Athletic League or to the Royersford Area Community Chest.

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the Ron Nettles family. Ron had a huge influence on my early years in little league baseball. I remember well many times playing baseball and helping him cut the grass at Victory Park and also him presenting me the battle title in 1965 of which I still have. Such a kind man and wonderful influence to many. Heaven will gladly receive this Angel!! Thank you "whimpy".. you have touched me for life. My condolences once again. Sincerely appreciative and sad, Dale Heffline

dale heffline - dalewh@ptd.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ To the Nettles Family, I am sorry for your loss and for our community's loss. How could I ever forget "Wimpy" and my days with the Little League and Babe Ruth League? How could anyone? I had no idea at the time how important those days would be to me or how great a gift Ron was to me and to Royersford. A big, big man - one whom I remember very fondly of my "growing-up years" in Royersford. Peace be with you . . . Bud Adams

Joe "Bud" Adams, Jr. - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AN

“ Mr. Nettles walked slowly past our home as was his custom always with his Springfield or Boston Red Sox jacket and cap. We rarely spoke but I always reminded my 2 young sons that "he was the mayor of Royersford". Later as they played baseball and were in uniform, I would see Mr. Nettles pause from his walk to get a glimpse of my boys heading out with bats and gloves in hand. What a legacy he left. Our thanks to the rich history we have in the borough and the SFYAL league. Our prayers are with the family. Mr. Nettles life is truly an inspiration to all of us here in Royersford.

a neighbor - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

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“ Please accept my condolences to all of Ron's family members. I am on the Royersford Library Board and worked with Ron for many years. He was the Nominating Committee and would call and say that I had done a great job as secretary and would I be interested in reappointment; he frequently offered to double my salary and give me a BMW! We always joked about that. We also were in e-mail contact - notes and jokes. He was a very, very kind gentleman, very patriotic, very public spirited and had a memory that didn't stop. He will be missed by many in the Royersford area.

Eileen Hughes - ehughes@ursinus.edu - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BM

“ Dear Mr. Mayor, you will be sorely missed by everyone who knew you, as the kind, gentle, gentleman you were. There was never a day we did not see you smiling, whether at the bank, or at the ballfield, or attending all those meetings as treasurer for most of the town's organizations. Your soft voice and kind words when speaking to all of your many friends will indeed be missed. God Bless You, our dear friend. Your shoes will never be completely filled. A part of you will live on forever in our hearts.

Bill and MaryAnn Herbsleb - mahstar518@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TJ

“ We are praying that your sense of grief and loss quickly melt away as you remember Ron's life and the special memories he left behind. May the Peace that passes understanding be yours in this time of mourning. Blessings to you all, Jeff, Marilyn, Josh and Matt

The Bills Family - jdbmeb@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RS

“ Ron "Wimpy" Nettles made life for us kids on South 3rd Ave fun and memorable back in the day. He had a servant's heart, gave to all and never wanted in return. I owe Mr. Nettles a deep debt of gratitude for without him as my mentor/guider/teacher and friend, I would not be here today. God must have needed his field of dreams taken care of in Heaven. God Bless Mr. Nettles; he was indeed one of a Kind.

Rob Copenhafer - swacope@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM