



Roy Vernon Lawrence

December 8, 1926 - April 24, 2019

Roy V. Lawrence (92) went peacefully to his rest on April 24, 2019 at AdventHealth Waterman hospital. Mr. Lawrence was born in Coleysville, Jamaica, to Harold and Chriscel. An avid lover of mathematics, Mr. Lawrence built his career on excellence and earned a reputation for being a tough but caring professor at Hartford High, Bulkeley High, Northern Caribbean University, and UCONN. One of the highlights of his career was his participation in launching the Upward Bound program out of UCONN. Beloved husband of Audrey Lawrence, née Naar, Mr. Lawrence was active in the Adventist church, serving as school board chair, elder, school principal, and sabbath school instructor.

Along with his wife of 56 years, he is survived by his daughters: Donna and Janette; sons-in-law: Paul and Densil; sister: Vernor (Sissy); four grandchildren and their spouses; and dear friends. He will be sorely missed by the Umatilla SDA, Faith SDA, and North Street SDA church congregations. His memorial will be held at Umatilla SDA Church in Umatilla, FL on June 2nd, 2019. Viewing will be at 11:00am; the funeral service will begin at 12:00pm.

Tribute Wall

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“ Today I try to find a number for Mrs Lawrence and was hit with the shocking news of Mr. Lawrence's passing it's 110am just got off work and still can't come to terms with it. My dad my brother my friend is no longer there for me to call wow. As a kid just came from jamaica I knew nothing about America. Five days later I met Mr Lawrence. His advice and friendship has helped me to become a positive adult and a good father to my two sons. I often tell them that their true grandpa lives in Florida. Mrs Lawrence also became a strong positive influence in my life often times when I call we would speak longer then Mr Lawrence. I could go on and on. However I would like his children to know that their dad helped so many youngsters in his time so they have to realize how blessed they were to have a dad like Mr Lawrence. Rest in peace sir your work on earth is done. We will continue to do good because of what we all learned from you.

George campbell - June 12, 2019 at 01:27 AM

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“ Roy Lawrence was one of the most wonderful colleagues at Bulkeley High School, and I shall always remember him with fondness and deep respect.

Judith Kline
Hartford, CT

Judith Kline - May 08, 2019 at 10:34 AM

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“ Though it was many years ago that he was a colleague of mine, I remember Roy Lawrence vividly. He was a man of total probity, dignity and professionalism. Roy was a man who always gave his best to his math students, but, even more importantly, he was an outstanding role model for all of us. His religious belief infused all of his actions. Roy always interacted with students and teachers alike, with kindness and good humor. He had strongly held beliefs and opinions but always put them forward in a gentle and articulate manner. How painful it must be for his family to lose such a special person! His Bulkeley High School colleagues send our heartfelt condolences.
Claire O'Toole Cashman

Claire O'Toole Cashman - May 08, 2019 at 08:09 AM

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“ Mr. Lawrence was my Algebra teacher at Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT, around 1968-69. He was always patient (I wasn't the best student in that course) but I learned and made it through. He was one of the teachers that I never forgot. Thanks, Mr. L, for getting me through. RIP. Gloria H. Giroux, BHS Class of 1971

Glo Giroux - May 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM