



Russell Joseph LeBlanc

May 13, 2016

Russell Joseph LeBlanc, Sr., of Minden, NV, passed away on May 13, 2016, at the age of 89. Born in Brockton, Massachusetts on August 9, 1926, to Amos and Caroline LeBlanc, Russ was the fourth of five children. Russ had convinced his parents to allow him to enlist in the United States Navy when he was just 17 years, and he proudly served his country in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, participating in both the D-Day Invasion and the signing of the peace treaty after the surrender of Japan. In the years that followed, Russell tried his hand at several types of employment, but a career in sales is where he spent most of his working years. A first marriage that brought him two children ended after a short time. He was a sales representative for Stanley Home Products when he met future wife and life partner of 56 years, Shirley J. Burke, of Clifton Springs, NY, at a Stanley party. They married, had four children, and he remained working for the company, becoming a Branch Manager in Delaware and in Pennsylvania. Russell was never happier than when he had his family around him.. He loved to play jokes on people, was generous to a fault, loved animals, and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his wife, children, sons- and daughter –in-law, and grandchildren. Russ and his wife, Shirley, moved to Minden in 1998 in order to be closer to their children and grandchildren, all of whom live in California. He has been involved with the Sertoma Club and for years was a part of the Comstock Chorus, singing the lead parts with the barbershop group all around the Carson Valley. He enjoyed participating in a regional competition in which they took first place, and took much pride in being part of the group. He also enjoyed working in his woodshop, making countless toys for his grandchildren, as well as putting together scale models of wooden ships. A Shitz-poo named Sugar was his constant companion for the last few years and Russ doted on the dog as lovingly as if she were his child, Russell is predeceased by his eldest daughter, Cathy Jean Hogrell, brothers Bertram and Joseph LeBlanc, and sisters Shirley Pajek and Phyllis Silva. Russ is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Minden, NV; son William LeBlanc, daughter Laurie and her husband Brett Rickaby; son Russell LeBlanc, Jr. and his wife Juei-Hsin Chin; daughter Tina and her husband Marco Jerkunica; daughter Sherri and her husband Peter McDevitt; fourteen grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Comments



“ Russ will surely be missed. He was a great neighbor full of energy and life. He would bring me over mail that stated he won over a million dollars and I would have to tell him " Russ your not a millionaire today" as the letters were false. But on 5/13 you won big time. you were chosen to go home. RIP

Troy and Audrey Wilson

Audrey Wilson - May 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss Shirley, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this very difficult time.

NORVELLA HOGAN - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of Russell.
May God grant you peace and comfort at this most difficult time. Matthew 5:4.

Rachel Farmington - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Beautiful written sentiment to a beautiful life...our hearts are with you all during the difficult short term and the transformative long term. Much much love and heartfelt condolences.

Susan N & Michael T.

Susan Nordquist - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I have such fond memories of this man and that bright smile that he took with him everywhere. Love to all.
Sari

Sari Reid - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers with you all on this journey. Russ was certainly one in a million and will live on in many memories.

Arlene Rickaby - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM