

Roy Edmonds Obituary

KULPMONT — Heaven gained a barber, Roy Edmonds, of Den-Mar Gardens, on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, while surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Pikeville, Ky., March 16, 1937, he was a son of the late Roy Palmer Edmonds Sr. and Nellie (Stutz-Edmonds) Little. He enthusiastically reflected on growing up barefoot in the hills and living his childhood as a hillbilly. At age 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country for four years while learning how to be a barber. He served aboard the USS Boston CAG1, the World's First Guided Missile Cruiser from 1956-1959.

While stationed in Philadelphia, he and a friend traveled to Mount Carmel where he met his first wife, Priscilla (Schetroma) Edmonds. They quickly fell in love, married and had two daughters, Donna Jo (Edmonds) Boehmer and Darlene (Edmonds) Derr. Roy and Priscilla enjoyed 33 years of marriage before Priscilla's unexpected passing on April 28, 1992.

Few men find true love once in a lifetime but Roy managed to find true love twice, and on May 1, 1993, he married his second wife, Margaret (Baran-Honicker) Edmonds. With his marriage to Margaret, his family grew to include a stepson, Lawrence Honicker and his wife, Mary, and a stepdaughter, Marietta Honicker. Roy and Margaret were happily married for 20 years before his death.

Roy worked in the same barber shop in Mount Carmel for 52 years and was a member of the Mount Carmel Barbers Union and the American Legion post in Mount Carmel. You could always depend on going to the barber shop for Roy to "peel you like an onion." Roy shared his love of being a barber by mentoring Jesse Hadfield, who assumed the business in 2013.

Roy was a man of God and remained steadfast in his faith throughout his life. He

shared his love of God with his family and friends. Roy was always a positive and happy man and was grateful for every day the good Lord gave him. Beyond his dedication to his God and the barber shop, he gave and received so much love to his family. Roy was a dedicated family man and always put his family first.

Roy is survived by his wife of 20 years, Margaret (Baran-Honicker) Edmonds; two daughters, Donna Boehmer and her husband, Richard, and Darlene Derr and her husband, William Derr Jr., all of Mount Carmel; six grandchildren, Devon Manney and her husband, Brian, of Elysburg, Deidra Velez and her husband, Elijah, William Derr III, Joseph Derr, all of Mount Carmel, Melissa Derr of the U.S. Navy serving in Meridian, Miss., and Cassandra Honicker, of Kulpmont. Roy has a great-grandchild, Hannah Grace-Priscilla Manney, of Elysburg. He also is survived by a brother, David Gilliam, of Pinckney, Mich. We all love him and will miss him dearly.