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Christopher N. Rose

30 August 1920 - 5 August 2015

Christopher Nelson Rose, Sr., passed away 5 August 2015 of natural causes at the Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown NY. He was born 30 August 1920 in Clarkstown, NY, and was the first of three children born to Henrietta and Tippet Rose of Suffern, NY.

Christopher Rose Sr., graduated from Suffern High School and went on to Oswego University to Study Industrial Arts Education. His studies were interrupted by the war and he served in the United States Army Air Corp., from 1942-1946, as a 1st Lieutenant, Bombardier/Navigator in the 30th and 38th Bomb Groups stationed in Muroc, California, and Oahu, Hawaii, respectively. He met and married his wife Ruth Jane Ivey Rose in Glendale, California, on 29 January 1944.

After the war he returned to Oswego where he received a BS in Education in 1948 and his MS of Industrial Arts in 1951. He was a career educator and taught industrial arts in the Montclair, NJ, school system at Mt. Hebron School in Upper Montclair. After receiving his BA in Psychology from Rutgers University he continued his educational career as a Guidance Counselor at Mt. Hebron School until his retirement in 1986.

He was a lifelong scout in the Boy Scouts of America; a member of Troop 21 in Suffern, NY, as a youth and received his eagle award in 1938. In his adult life he served in leadership capacities with Troop 65 and Explorer Post 65 in Cedar Grove, NJ, and taught National Leadership and Environmental programs for the Boy Scouts of America and participated in numerous National Jamborees and one World Jamboree. He was an active scout until his passing.

He was a passionate outdoorsman and established the Montclair School System Environmental Education Program that survives to this day. He was a Co-operator with the Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service bird banding project for 50 years studying the migratory habits of North American birds and was Past President of the Eastern Bird Banding Association.

He also worked summers for the Department of Interior National Park Service for 10 years as a Resource Management Specialist at Gateways National Recreation Area Sandy Hook Unit helping to develop a land use management and environmental survey of the Sandy Hook ecosystem.

His ornithology studies and curiosity of flight, ultimately, brought him back to aviation and, in his 70s, he became an avid licensed glider pilot and member of the Valley Soaring Club, Middletown, NY, where he logged hundreds of hours soaring over Orange County, NY.

He is survived by his sister Janet Lehmberg, his daughter Karen Trapp, his son Christopher Rose Jr., 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren.

His funeral service was held at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 851 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ, on Saturday the 29th of August 2015. Any charitable contributions can go to the Boy Scouts of America or The American Diabetes Association.