



## Dr. Roy A. Jespersen

January 2, 1919 - November 8, 2011

Roy Arnold Jespersen left this earth on November 8, 2011. He was born in Tucson, Arizona in an area formerly known as Binghampton, January 2, 1919. His father was Oscar Fernando Jespersen. His mother was Martha Louise Abegg. The family moved to Phoenix in 1936. That is where he met his wife, Berniece Ruth Larson, thru his sister, Irene, because Berniece wanted to ride with him on his motorcycle. On their ride, he took her to the airport, where he was learning to fly. She became interested in flying and later started taking lessons. Roy moved to Hollywood, where he worked for Douglas Aircraft. When World War II started, he entered the Army Air Corps and served in the South and Southwest Pacific as a crew chief on B-17's and B-24's. When he was discharged, he went back to Hollywood. On a trip back to Phoenix to see his family, he was reunited with Berniece and they were married shortly. Roy loved trucks, and they owned their own truck for awhile. Berniece's father was a Chiropractor, and because of the help Roy received with his health problems, he was inspired to go back to school and become a doctor. When he graduated, he opened his practice in Holbrook, Arizona, which was so successful he built his own clinic. Then he was struck by a neuromuscular disease, which made him unable to continue his work as a doctor. They lived in Holbrook for 41 years, then moved to Mesa, Arizona. Roy was preceded in death by Berniece in 2008 after 60 years of marriage. He and Berniece had two children, Patrice Crossman (Michael), Payson, Arizona, and Gary (Kim), Mesa, Arizona, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 am, Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Bellavia LDS Ward Chapel, 3440 South Signal Butte Road, Mesa, AZ with a viewing at the church prior to services from 9:45 to 10:45 am. Interment at the National Cemetery of Arizona.

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“ Warm memories of a good and caring friend.

**Kelcey** - November 10, 2021 at 10:13 PM

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“ Roy drove truck for my family. I got to be good friends with him, Called him my other grandpa. We would talk when he got back from his run. I really enjoyed the time I spent with him.

He had many stories to tell me. He was so very proud of his wife and family!

Roy was a great man! Heaven is a better place to have him!

You are all in my prayers, Crissy Phillips Hall

**Crissy Hall** - November 13, 2011 at 02:44 PM