



## Lawrence Roy Hudson

February 26, 1925 - November 19, 2013

1925-2013

Lawrence Roy Hudson, a resident of Belen, NM passed away at his home in Rio Communities on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Roy and his beloved wife Birgie moved to Belen in 1995. They purchased Water King of Belen and together they grew a small mom & pop business into a business that employed many of our Belen High School Kids. Roy joined the National Guard at the young age of 14 with his mother lying about his age. In 1941 his National Guard unit was inducted into the U.S. Army. He was wounded in Leyte in the Philippines. Roy was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for the courage and bravery he showed during war time. Roy was an avid pilot and he and Birgie logged many adventure filled hours flying all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In 1987 they joined a sailing club on Alameda Island in the San Francisco Bay. In 1988 they bought and refurbished a 40 ft. sail boat, together they christened it SISU (meaning Intestinal Fortitude). Again, they logged many hours sailing to Mexico, and all over the west coast. Snow skiing, dirt bike racing, camping, fishing, and spending time in their RV are all but a few of the many activities that Roy and Birgie shared together throughout their lives. Roy is preceded in death by his brother Richard Hudson; and sister Dorethy Wright. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, caregiver, and best friend Birgie of 45 years; brother Ernest (Ernie) Hudson and wife Billie of Sacramento, CA; Daughters Gayle Baker of Hayfort, CA, and Valerie Keith of Las Vegas, NV. Roy is also survived

by several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. To honor Roy's wishes no services will be held. Sign Roy's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Tribute Wall

Rose  
McCall

“ *Rose McCall sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Lawrence Roy Hudson*



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**Rose McCall** - November 29, 2013 at 10:46 PM

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McCall

“ *Rose McCall lit a candle in memory of  
Lawrence Roy Hudson*



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**Rose McCall** - November 29, 2013 at 10:45 PM

“ Feb 26, 1925-Nov. 19, 2013

*I have so many precious memories that I will always hold dear to my heart. Many included fishing, swimming, hunting, flying, skin-diving, and just driving to his favorite fishing holes. Getting up at 4:30 in the morning passing that one restaurant (open 25 hrs a day). My fondest memories of my dad we spending the summer on our Owens cabin cruiser and driving a 55 t-bird he gave me. I remember holding his hand, walking up a ramp or doc with only a gas pump, bar and restaurant.*

*We belonged to the Vallejo yacht club and grew up in the Sacramento delta fishing and swimming. One summer we just explored all the little fingers in the delta. When I was 7 he got a book on how to fly and joined the Napa Valley flying club with 15 other members. We flew a Cessna. He taught me how to fly; just going out doing “touches and goes”. We fished Lake Berreyessa for catfish and bass. We flew to Mexico for yellowtail, and of course, my little sister Valerie caught the only yellowtail, while I caught 10 Bonita. I can remember the blisters on my fingers. She landed that yellowtail all by herself, and my dad just laughed to see her do it. He taught us how to drive. I remember we would sit on his lap to steer, then we could shift gears, then one day we were big enough, we could reach the pedals. We grew up eating dove, duck, pheasant, abalone, venison, red snapper, and cockles.*

*I am proud to say that my dad was the finest most incredible man in the whole world. He was my whole life. He was a self made man. He always taught me where there’s a will, there is a way. He taught me everything I know. From tying my shoes, to tying a truck driver knot and a Bolin. His morals were majestic. He always did the right thing for the right reason. Walking through life, holding his hand has been the biggest privilege and the greatest joy of all my life. Thank you Bergie for loving my dad and taking such good care of him over the years. Mostly, I thank God, for giving me my dad. My dad will live on forever in my heart, as well as through my children and my grandchildren. His gusto for life and his qualities will live on through them, as I have taught my children everything he taught me, and I continue to teach my grandchildren.*

*It was my privilege to be raised by you daddy. You ARE the BEST-EST! I love you daddy, I'll be seeing you. Love Gayle xoxo*

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**Rose McCall** - November 29, 2013 at 10:43 PM

 Rose  
McCall

“ I have many precious memories that I will always hold dear to my heart. Many include fishing swimming hunting flying skin diving and just driving to his favorite fishing holes. getting up at 430 in the morning passing that one restaurant open 24 hours a day my fondest memories of my dad we're spending the summer on our Owens cabin cruiser and driving a 55 T Bird he gave me I remember holding his hand walking up a ramp or doc with only a gas pump bar and a restaurant we belong to the Vallejo Yacht Club and grew up in the Sacramento Delta fishing and swimming one summer we just explored all a little fingers in the Delta when I was 7 he got a book on how to fly and join the Napa Valley flying club with 15 other members we flew a Cessna he taught me how to fly just going out doing touches and goes we fished Lake Berryessa for catfish and bass we flew to Mexico for yellow tail and of course my little sister Valerie copy only yellow tail wow I caught 10 Bonita I can remember the blisters on my fingers she eat landed that yellow tail all by herself and my dad just left to see her do it he taught us how to drive I remember we would sit on his lap to steer then we could shift gears then one day we were big enough we could reach the pedals we grew up eating duck pheasant abalone venison red snapper and Dove. I am proud to say that my dad was the finest most incredible man in the whole world was my whole life he was a self-made man he always taught me where there's a will there's a way he taught me everything I know from tying my shoes to tying a truck driver Knot his morals were majestic he always did the right thing for the right reason walking thru life holding his hand has been the biggest privilege and the greatest joy of all my life thank you Bergie for loving my dad and taking such good care of him over the years mostly I think God for giving me my dad my dad will live on forever in my heart as well as thru my children and my grandchildren his gusto for life and his qualities will live through them as I have taught my children everything he taught me and I continue to teach my grandchildren it was my privilege to be raised by you daddy you are the best-est I love you daddy I'll be seeing you- love gayle--xoxo

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Rose McCall - November 29, 2013 at 10:17 PM



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*By daughter Gayle Hudson*

**Rose McCall** - November 29, 2013 at 10:28 PM

GJ

“*Birgie, such a privilege to have known Roy, his wisdom almost eery, those blue eyes that seemed to penetrate your soul, we will always remember. One of the few humans beings on earth that took advantage of every gift God bestowed. We can not all say that, but he can. He was dearly loved and though so missed, is in the best of hands.*

**Greg and Trina Jennison** - November 26, 2013 at 10:30 PM

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“*Grandpa Roy always sent me a birthday card he made with a picture he took of a rose, since my name is rose. I still have them in my scrap book. I love you grandpa Roy always and forever ?*

**Rose Rittenhouse** - November 22, 2013 at 04:45 PM

SN

“*Birgie, I only knew you and Roy a few short years but you were good friends. Reading the comments there was a lot I didn't know about an awesome person! You are in my thoughts. Sally Nittler*

**Sally Nittler** - November 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

VA

“ my dad, i love him with all my heart. thank you Birgie for loving him and taking good care of him... my dad did so many great things with me and my sister when we were children. camping, fishing, flying, just being together. i couldn't ask for better memories. i love you daddy and you will forever be in my thoughts. valerie xoxo

valerie - November 22, 2013 at 09:17 AM

VB

“ So sorry to hear of his passing, Deepest sympathy to you Birgie, and the family members.



Valerie Berniger - November 21, 2013 at 04:07 PM

RR

“ you made me fly left seat when we flew too Conchas Lake. As we approached the Manzano Mountains I said that we need to clear the mountains by a thousand feet. you said hold your altitude and you laughed your ass off as we cleared the top of the mountain by 200 feet. I was so proud when you said nice approach nice landing. after takeoff home you said fly over Mountainair we will go through the canyon on highway 60 then head home. I expressed my concern about the fuel We landed with less than a quarter tank which was still plenty to a seasoned pilot there again as you were laughing your ass off. You were awesome Roy thank you for your friendship!

richard romero - November 20, 2013 at 08:39 PM



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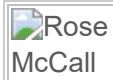
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RR

*Such a handsome guy ?*

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**Rose Rittenhouse** - November 22, 2013 at 05:26 PM

Rose  
McCall

*handsome grandpa roy*

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**Rose McCall** - November 29, 2013 at 10:36 PM