

In Loving Memory Of
Royce Cornell
February 2, 1944 - July 25, 2025

Royce Allen Cornell passed away peacefully surrounded by family on July 25th, 2025 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Royce was born on February 2, 1944 in Boscobel, WI to Toay "Tony" and Olinda Marie Chilson Cornell. As a child, Royce had to walk to the Little Red School house for his elementary education. Later he graduated from Boscobel High School in 1962. Throughout his childhood and early years, he spent many hours working on the family farm. While in High School, Royce worked at the Piggly Wiggly. He was employed there for a few years and once was flown in on a friend's helicopter, dressed as Santa Claus, to the amusement of the local children.

After High School and student teaching, Royce married Norma Jean Robinson at the Methodist Church in Boscobel on June 15, 1967. They had 3 children: Troy, Kelly, and Brandy. Royce had enlisted into the Navy on March 23, 1967 where he served honorably for two years as a Medical Corpsman attached to the Third Marine Division. During his time of service, Royce trained in Illinois, California, and Florida. He was deployed to Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

For his service, he received the Bronze Star. He also received his honorable discharge as a HM3, Hospital Corpsman Third Class. After his honorable discharge, he continued to protect and serve the country by enlisting in the Reserves for a few years.

Royce's acts of services did not end there. He volunteered his time in many organizations such as the Jaycees and the Self Help Home Program where he helped families in need build homes. During this time he found his love of woodworking that grew into a great satisfaction of building things for others.

In the early 1990's, Royce traveled to Wyoming to visit a friend and quickly fell in love with the area. It was there that he met the love of his life, Charlotte. Their bond grew, and on June 27, 1998, they were married in Ranchester, WY. That day, Royce also lovingly embraced Charlotte's children—Lacy, Nicole and Tanner—as his own. Royce and Charlotte shared many happy years together, building homes in the Tongue River Valley, traveling to Wisconsin & Minnesota to visit family, and watching Grandkids grow up. One of their favorite memories was a special trip to Florida with their friends, Randy and Jenny, where they saw all the ocean had to offer- including dolphins and manatees. Royce loved to bake, with his specialties being banana bread, sugar cookies and apple pie. He always had an amazing garden- over 40 feet- brimming with vegetables that were then canned or given away to friends and family- and any neighbor who visited.

Royce was quick to help anyone in need, generous to give his time, experience or wealth to someone who was down on their luck. He never met a stranger, he always made some sort of an impact on them one way or another. He was constantly cracking jokes, loved fishing, gambling and a good glass of brandy. Royce also enjoyed entertaining friends and family in his home, he was always quick to invite friends and strangers to visit and even stay with him while in Wyoming.

Royce is preceded in death by his wife Charlotte Cornell, his parents, his siblings Jerry- infant, Roger, Dennis "Musky", Dean, Jean, grandson Trey, and his beloved once in a lifetime dog Sarah.

Royce is survived by his brother Gerald "Buzz" (Liane) Cornell; his mother-in-law Joyce Lawler Hovey Neal; his sisters-in-law Thea Hovey and Sharon Hovey; brother-in-law Lon (Paula) Hovey; his children Troy (Rebecca) Cornell, Kelly (Heidi) Cornell, Brandy (Aaron) Austin, Lacy (Dustin) Danielson, Nicole (Alex) Garcia, Tanner (Lorianne) Tippetts; his grandchildren Brittney (Nathan Scheveck) Cornell, Alexi (Dustin) O'Connell, Teagan (Autumn) Cornell, Trenton Cornell, Tristan (Takara Vangn) Schroeder, Khalie Cornell, Christopher (Tabitha) Cornell, Tylor Cornell, Elizabeth "Lizzy" (Eric) Dressler, Owen (Kaitlyn Reed) Austin, Madison Danielson, Jackson Danielson, Tatum Tippetts-Waits, Dusty Garcia, Kade Garcia, Remi Garcia, Blakely Tippetts, Ember Tippetts; his great grandchildren, Heath O'Connell, Weston O'Connell, Elijah O'Connell, Aubrey Cornell, Broxton Cornell, Greyson Cornell, Ellie Cornell, Alania Cornell, Jayce Cornell, Everly Cornell, Lilian Dressler, Remington Dressler, and McCoy Schroeder; and his beloved pets.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday August 1, 2025, at 11:00 am
Dayton Community Hall
With Military Honors

OFFICIATING

Keith Reichert

MUSIC

It's A Beautiful Day Today, How Great Thou Art
Old Rugged Cross

PALLBEARERS

Owen Austin, Eric Dressler, Brandon Masters
John Masters, Rob Schankey, Randy Jolovich

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Christopher Cornell, Tyler Cornell
Randy Hoiten, Roger Barpet, Dave Wortensleden

A luncheon reception will immediately follow the service.

Immediately following the reception inturnment will
follow in the Dayton Cemetery.



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