



Leonard Ross

February 19, 1906 - April 21, 2009

WITH PHOTO Leonard Allen "Rosie" Ross Leonard Allen "Rosie" Ross was born in Wakita, Okla., Feb. 19, 1906 and, sadly, left our lives on April 21, 2009, at 103 years old. Rosie is preceded in passing by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Ross of over 50-years; by his parents, William and Elizabeth Brisendine Ross; sister, Thelma Brotton; and brother, Delbert Ross. Survivors are a niece and her spouse Rose Mary and Ross Perner of Prescott, who have been active in Rosie's life these last years. Survivors also include nephews, Wilbur Brotton of Mesa, Ariz. and Dan Ross of California; nieces, Annav Gabriel of Missouri and Doreen Ross of California and many other great nieces and nephews. Rosie journeyed west from Oklahoma to Colorado with his family in his teens and then on to Arizona as a young man. He often said, "When I saw the beauty of these mountains and the pine trees, I knew I found my home," settling in Prescott, Ariz. in the late 1930s, where he lived most of his life. He and Mary spent 17-years at Riviera, Ariz., saying he "loved the river and the fishing," but Rosie continued to "commute" to music engagements in Prescott until moving back "home" to Mayer in 1987 to be with his family and friends. This long journey always centered around music, beginning in Rosie's early teens and developing on with his wonderful trumpet playing and deep love of entertaining. He talked about how good it made him feel to make people happy with his music, from the troops at Supreme Headquarters in Europe nearing the end of WWII, to all of his friends and fans at the Pine Cone Inn Supper Club in Prescott since 1949. Rosie was proud to

have played Taps under Ike's window in London, nightly in 1945. Ultimately, Rosie's fame led to world-wide exposure in TV commercials and being part of the Barbara Walter's Special on longevity at the young age of 101! Rosie always talked about how blessed his life was, and he continually tried to give back by volunteering thousands of hours at the VA, American Legion's Honor Guard, the VFW, Elks, NARFE and the Shriners, to name only a few, Rosie's joy was celebrating friends' birthday parties, anniversaries and special occasions with his gift of music and song. He was an artist in music with his Sugar Blues, an entertainer with his humor and his swinging and soulful songs, a One-Man-Band with the Big-Band-Sound, a partner with his fellow musicians and always with a smile and a twinkle in his eye. He leaves behind a century of wonderful memories, was loved by so many and will be missed beyond words. A memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Prescott VA Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Family Care of Prescott in Rosie's memory. A special thank you to Hospice Family Care, the Prescott VA and Sunrise Funeral Home for their care and kindness offered to Rosie and his family in these last few weeks. Information provided by survivors.

Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Ross

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ My uncle was a wonderful man. When my brother, sister-in-law and I visited him we always had a sing-a-long and he played his trumpet. We had great times with him and his wife Mary.

He is probably playing his trumpet along side the angel Gabriel. They are making beautiful music.

Doreen Ross - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To all Rosie's family. What a joy to have known this wonderful person. Our prayers are with you and he is waiting for us as we speak, singing and playing his instrument. Oh what a day that will be!

Michael & Joie Ebarb

Michael & Joie Ebarb - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Uncle Leonard was a great sportsman. He loved to fish and hunt. My father (his older brother), Uncle Leonard, and I spent many enjoyable times together. Some of my most pleasant memories (from a young boy to a grown man) were with my Uncle fishing Lake Mead, Lake Powell, Lake Mojave, and the Navajo Indian Reservation lakes. After my dad passed away, Uncle "Rosie" and I fished the Colorado River, many times, for trout in front of his Colorado River home. I have many pictures of our times together and of his wife Mary (who preceded him in death) and treated me and my family like royalty. I will greatly miss my talented Uncle.

Daniel E. Ross - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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