



William S. Royce

October 21, 1918 - November 21, 2012

October 21, 1918 November 21, 2012 William S. (Bill) Royce died peacefully in his Bend, OR home early morning on November 21, 2012 at the age of 94. Funeral Mass to be held at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church in Downtown Bend on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Following will be a Celebration of Life for family and friends at 4:00 p.m. in the Touchmark River Lodge Club Room (4th floor). Royce was born in Spokane, WA on October 21, 1918 to James and Lucie Royce, the middle of five children. His father was a journalist and attorney; his mother was a teacher, musician and writer. After receiving his B.A. degree from Gonzaga University in 1940, Royce worked as a journalist and then enlisted in the Army in April 1942. He served with the Signal Corps in Alaska as a cryptographer, and eventually became a specialist in civil affairs, joining the Allied Military Government in Germany, transferring military rule to stable civilian government. He stayed in the Army Civil Affairs Reserve, retiring in 1958 with the rank of major. Royce and his wife of 66 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Muehlenkamp of Newport, KY, lived in Washington, D.C. from 1946-56 where Royce worked as the principal aide to a Member of Congress and then joined the Washington office of Stanford Research Institute (later renamed SRI International) in 1954. His career as a Business Economist at SRI spanned 30 years, where he worked on a wide variety of projects and in a number of management positions. Some of his more interesting projects/assignments included: His major areas of interest were competitive strategies for mature and high-tech businesses, societal

issues affecting business, revitalizing management, changing distribution systems, Japan-U.S. business relations and California exports. In 1995, as International Executive Service Corps volunteers, the Royces lived in Bangladesh, where he helped the Business Advisory Services Centre set up its management training programs. He was inducted into the SRI International Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2003. The Royces lived on the San Francisco Peninsula for more than 30 years, then relocated to Bend in 1998, living initially at Awbrey Glen, later becoming one of the first residents at Touchmark, where they have lived for the past ten years. Royce was active in St. Francis Catholic Church, the High Desert Forum and Awbrey Glen Golf Club. Royce is survived by his wife, their four children Elizabeth (Beth) Royce Whitney of Bend, OR, William Stephen (Steve) Royce of Tigard, OR, Thomas Reilly Christopher Royce of Raleigh, NC, Susanna Royce Ross of Bend, OR, his brother, the Rev. Thomas R. Royce, S.J. of Portland, OR, his sons- and daughters-in-law and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. If anyone wishes to offer a memorial, charitable gifts may be made in his memory to the "Care of Elder Jesuits" Fund of the Society of Jesus Oregon Province: P.O. Box 86010, Portland, OR 97286-0010, www.nwjjesuits.org. Comments: Elton Family, NC Beverley and Bill Ciluffo Bend, OR USA Marshall and Louann Thomas, Bend, OR

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New
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“ *Im very sad to know that Bill left us in November 2012. Ive been searching for his contact for last five years to tell him that his advice helped me to change my career and professional achievement. My best three months in 1995 working with Bill and Betty in Bangladesh will remain evergreen until death. Iâ€™ve never met a man like Bill with such a huge knowledge and experience but so humble. I donâ€™t know how to share my grief but I pray to the God that He might give Billâ€™s family and friends strength to bear the loss. I also pray heartily that his soul may rest in peace.*

Aniruddha Hom Roy - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM