



Anglican Orthodox Church



PASSING OF A HERO

On the evening of March 12, the earthly body of Dr. Roy Soloff passed from the world of the finite into the great expanse of the Infinite. But, in reality, his mortal life passed from this world several days earlier when his great heart ceased to perform the function which it had reliably performed from the time of his birth.

Dr. Roy Soloff was a hero to me and countless others. His generation is the one which restored peace and freedom to the war-torn continents of the world during the Second World War. He stands shoulder to shoulder with my own father as a hero whose values remain untarnished by a world which no longer understands honor and chivalry and gentlemanly character. He was a Christian who brought his Jewish insight with him into his chosen faith.

Dr. Roy Soloff was a friend to some whom he had never had occasion to see face to face. He contributed his time, money, and medical skills in improving the lives of ministers and lay persons abroad whom he had never met in most cases. He made it possible for ministers in Africa and India to have their vision restored thru his contribution of badly needed lenses for their glasses. He contributed money to those whose ministries were struggling in dire poverty. The Angels rejoiced in Dr. Soloff's life and love and giving of himself.

Dr. Roy Soloff's life was like a tiny universe of love and compassion – a universe which passed from our galaxy with his passing. The rich treasures of his mind and spirit are no longer accessible to us in this life, but beyond the Pillars of the Garden of God, those treasures have been preserved untarnished and in perfect repair. He has become a member of the Choir Invisible and of the great hosts who share our Communion in the Father.

Though his presence will be sorely missed by his loving wife, Lou, his devoted family, and the multitude of loyal friends around the world, each of us can take solace in the sure knowledge that Roy has gone to a far better home. As Roy stood on the Grand Banks of Jordan's Waters, he felt the sands beneath his feet begin to give way. As he began to sink from this life on those stormy banks, he suddenly felt the strongest grip he had ever experienced holding his frail arm and pulling him up and up with unbelievable power and Love. As he took his last glimpse up from this mortal life, he looked directly into the smiling eyes of Jesus. I know this is true because I know Roy....and I know Jesus.

May God raise up more such men in a generation where Light and Truth are so badly needed. AMEN.

**In Christ,
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