



Roland Leist

April 11, 1929 - May 24, 2026

Roland Leist age 97 of Plymouth, Michigan passed away peacefully May 24, 2026.

Born in Basel, Switzerland 1929, Roland immigrated to the United States through Canada in 1953 in search of opportunity and a better future. Through determination, skill, and hard work he built a remarkable life and legacy for his family.

Roland proudly served in both the Swiss army and later in the United States army, reflecting his deep sense of duty, discipline and commitment to the countries he called home.

A trained tool and die maker by trade, Roland was known for his craftsmanship, ingenuity, and strong work ethic. In 1960 he founded his own manufacturing business, which grew into a successful company that continues to operate today - a lasting testament to his vision, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Roland shared more than 60 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved late wife, Mary. Together they built a loving family and a life filled with devotion, partnership, and enduring love. Roland and Mary also shared a passion for travel and adventure, creating cherished memories while exploring

destinations throughout the world together.

Above all, Roland was devoted to his family and took great pride in the generations that followed him. He will be remembered for his wisdom, resilience, quite strength, and steady perseverance.

He is survived by his sons, Robert (Laura), Rene, and David; grandchildren Nickelle, Danielle (Bryan), and Andrew (Samantha); and his great grandchildren Hayes, Wesley, Mac, and Stevie.

Roland will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery, reflecting his deep love for the United States and his gratitude for the opportunities this country has provided to him and his family.

Roland's life reflected perseverance, service, integrity, and the enduring value of hard work, family and love. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered always.

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