

Malcolm D. Ross

Malcolm D. Ross, 65, assistant vice president and account executive at Merrill Lynch in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 8 in his home in Birmingham, Mich. after a short illness.

A retired Navy captain, he served during World War II as aerological officer aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga during strikes on Tokyo and Iwo Jima.

During a 10-year period with the Office of Naval Research, he was responsible for a number of aviation firsts. He flew eight high altitude balloons into the stratosphere, received numerous awards, set an official world manned balloon altitude record of 113,740 and is recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Among his awards were the Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Meritorious Service Award and a special citation from the American Medical Association. He had written many scientific articles and two, published by the National Geographic in 1956 and 1961, were accounts of his balloon flights.

An Indiana native, he graduated in 1941 from Purdue University where he majored in civil engineering. After graduation he was an an-

nouncer in the Chicago area doing sports and news. He later did graduate work at Chicago University and George Washington University.

His marriage was in 1941 to Marjorie Martin from Linden, and she survives.

Also surviving are two children, Jane Burch and John Ross, with his stepmother Mary Ross, Kokomo.

Services were held Oct. 11 in the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Interment was made Oct. 15 in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

He was a nephew of the late Mrs. Henry Brandt. Mr. and Mrs. Don Camblin and Mrs. Mary Ross attended the services on Friday in Birmingham.

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Ella E. Russell

Ella E. Russell, 82, Schneider, died Thursday, Feb. 29 at Jasper County Hospital.

She is survived by one daughter, Ruth Bruck, Remington; two stepdaughters, Helen Lee, Hammond, and Lettie Meek, Norridge, Ill.; one sister, Ruby Cochran, Hobart; six grandchildren, 11 great-

grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at the Sheets-Love Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Fred Miller officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery, Morocco.

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