

## **Roy A. Ross**

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EMT-A

Captain -- Pumps

Years of Service: February 1948 to March 1977

Rank: Senior Captain -- Pumps

Fire Certification: Fire Equipment Operator

Medical Certification: EMT-A, CPR Instructor

Member: Past Active and Honorary ( 20 or more years of active service)

Roy Ross played a vital role in the development of the Epworth Fire Department. He was a skilled mechanic and operated his own service station for many years. Roy was an interesting man. He was a pilot in the service in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a fantastic mechanic, spending countless hours working on the fire vehicles and small engines of the department and had an understanding of fire pumps that few could match. As a youngster, Roy was also a classical violinist. Roy attended many Fire Schools to increase his knowledge of pumps and pump theory. He believed you had to know what a pump did, how it did it, and most importantly why it did it. Roy believed that only with this full understanding could you operate a pump under any conditions. Roy also excelled at small group training sessions, where there would be time for individual instruction and hands on activities.

Roy was a member of the first class of EMT-A graduates from Epworth and shortly afterward became the first CPR instructor of the department. His constant encouragement to "know your pump" made many other members of our department much better pump operators than they would have been otherwise.

He is survived by his wife, Melita, and children Jerry, Sandra, Rick, Marvin, Vicki and Lynne. He was preceded in death by a son Noel in 1972.