



## Roy N. Nevans

July 1, 1931 - August 27, 2021

Roy N. Nevans, a food products executive and producer, of Longboat Key, FL and New York, NY and formerly of Greenwich, CT; Rye, NY; and London, died August 27, 2021 at his New York home, surrounded by family. He was 90. Born in NY on July 1, 1931 to Al and Lillian (Schiff) Nevans, Mr. Nevans graduated from Bronx Science High School (1949) and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business (1953), where he roomed with his lifelong best friend, Jeff Rose. He earned an MBA from Columbia University (1957). A devoted US Naval officer, Mr. Nevans served in the Suez Canal area, spent decades in the reserves and retired as a lieutenant commander. He married Virginia Place in 1960.

A vice president for marketing and managing director of Henningsen Foods in New York; Waalwijk, the Netherlands; and London (1957-1990), Mr. Nevans was founder and president of Royco International (1991-present) and Teff International. On Broadway (with cousin Albert J. Schiff), Mr. Nevans co-produced *Gandhi* (1969) and *Solitaire/Double Solitaire* (1972); on television, produced in London and Los Angeles, *Jukebox* starring Twiggy and later Britt Ekland (1978-79), and *The Roots of Rock and Roll* (1981 – made part of the permanent collection of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011); off-Broadway *Fabulous, the Queen of Musical Comedies* (2015) and *Two by Tennessee Williams* (2016), starring Kathryn Luce Garfunkel; and the Elton John concert in Central Park (1980).

Mr. Nevans was president of the Board of Seaplace Condominiums in Longboat Key, FL (2012-2020) and was a member of the Longboat Key Presidents' Association. He served on the Board of Directors of Global Education Management, Wall Street Institute, and World Trade Club. He was a member of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; US Naval Order; US Naval War College; Penn Club of NY; Jaguar Touring Club; Coveleigh Club (Rye, NY) and River Club (Greenwich, CT). Known for his generosity and love of hosting others, Mr. Nevans at one time maintained homes in Greenwich, CT; Greenwich Village, NY; Longboat Key, FL; and London, all of which he shared with family, friends, and friends of friends. He traveled to six continents, was a million-miler on numerous airlines, and especially loved the many decades he split his time between NY and London. An avid boater, he kept boats at Rye Marina and later at Greenwich's Palmer Point Marina. An ardent sports fan, he held New York Giants season tickets for more than 40 years and was a loyal attendee at the Wimbledon tennis championships, enthusiastically sharing his tickets with numerous family and friends.

He was predeceased in death by his sister, Carol Star Safer. In addition to his wife, the love of his life, he is survived by three daughters, Lisa Nevans Locke of Bethesda, MD, Laurel Nevans of Holmes Beach, FL, and Jude Nevans Cleaver of Virginia Beach, VA; a son-in-law, Patrick Nevans Locke; four grandchildren, Jeremy, Tara, Stuart, and Mikey; and 12 nieces and nephews and their families. A funeral with full military honors will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida in the future. For more information, contact Toale Brothers Funeral Home, <https://www.toalebrothers.com/obituaries/>. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in memory of Roy Nevans to Florida Studio Theatre (Attn: Development, 1241 North Palm Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236, [floridastudiotheatre.org](http://floridastudiotheatre.org) or call 941/366-9017) or the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (875 N Randolph Street, Suite 225,

Arlington, VA 22203, or online at [www.nmcrcs.org](http://www.nmcrcs.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 922-7200

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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**charles Magyar** - February 19, 2022 at 11:40 AM

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charles Magyar - February 19, 2022 at 10:58 AM

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“ I recently learned that Roy Nevans, my closest & dearest family friend, just died after a brief battle with Covid. He was vaccinated & very, over cautious. Secluding himself in his unit for almost a year. We were such close friends. I am in shock, desolate, that I did not go to him in his last days due to Paige's situation, as he always dropped things to come help me. I hope he understands that my wife came one small notch before my closest friend.

*A few reminiscences:*

*So many good memories with my longest time, closest & dearest family friend and his family.*

*Lynn Moore introduced us in 1967 at a party for Twiggy's Group in Roy's home.*

*You know of the many personal things we enjoyed in common, so I will not repeat them. But, I just found a new one in the obituary. Roy & Ginny were married in 1960. I joined Hertz in 1960. Life changing events that make 1960 an important year for both of us.*

*Roy and Ginny introduced me to Paige, who became my wife of forty years. By land and by sea we became a family foursome more times than anyone would want to count.*

*Celebrated an unbroken series of New Year's Eve Wedding Anniversaries thru 2020.*

*A wonderful obituary to a man who was sometimes larger than life, but I have a pleasant addition. He was not only a member of the Jaguar Touring Club, he was a very generous supporter. For many years he owned an antique Jaguar. I was honored to be Lisa's English chauffeur to her wedding. It was tricky driving with the driver's seat on the wrong side and ancient gear changing but, I got her to the church in style. Years later Roy donated this very valuable antique to the car museum in Sarasota*

*Roy was a longtime supporter of FST, FloridaStudioTheatre.org.*

*Paige and I have just made a donation in his honor.*

*More missed than included, with love, Paige & Roy T.*

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Roy T. - September 29, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ Roy was responsible for many good things in my professional life. I will never forget his kindness and way to do business always fair, He was my link with IDF where I worked 15 years . Will miss him very much. Thanks for informing me . Will pass the info to other friend.he had a lot of it. Regards S.I. Tecedor and family,we all had dinner with Roy many times . Sad news but great memories of a great man friend and mentor .

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**Silverio Tecedor** - September 13, 2021 at 09:59 PM

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**Lisa** - September 12, 2021 at 02:25 PM

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“ My heart goes out to the extended Nevans family. I well remember Roy Nevans' kindness; it was because of his generosity that I can say that I have attended Wimbledon. It was back in 1984; I remember it as if it were yesterday. And he was always willing to share his knowledge of theatre; looking back now, I realize that being able to talk with him about the stage was like taking a graduate-level seminar--when I was in high school! I am so grateful to have known him. I am grateful to the entire Nevans family for including me/welcoming me into your homes and lives. Love to you all. Sincerely, Regina Fazio Maruca

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**Regina Maruca** - September 03, 2021 at 09:33 PM



*Thank you for that lovely tribute, Regina! He loved to talk theater with our friends, and was thrilled to share his beloved Wimbledon. -- Lisa*

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**Lisa Nevans Locke** - September 03, 2021 at 10:37 PM