

## Jack Arnold Royer Obituary



Jack Arnold Royer of Arlington Virginia passed away at The View in Alexandria, VA on September 9, 2024, at the age of 83.

He was born in Rochester, Indiana, on June 20, 1941, to Vern Fletcher Royer and Erda Enone (Robinson) Royer. Jack grew up in Akron, Indiana, and attended Akron Public Schools before graduating from Purdue University in 1965.

He then spent the next two years in the US Army. After infantry training in South Carolina, he volunteered for The Old Guard, the ceremonial unit based at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia.

After completing his military service, he joined the US Agency for International Development (USAID). At USAID, he worked on programs mostly in Africa and Latin America, and his last assignment was in Swaziland from which he retired in 1997. Following his retirement, he worked with a friend he had served with in Swaziland to establish Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute, later renamed Encore Learning, a volunteer-run organization for lifelong learning. He served in various capacities at Encore Learning, including 12 years as vice-president, and teaching several Civil War classes. He remained involved in the organization until health problems prevented his active participation.

Jack is survived by a sister, Sharon Williams, Greentown, Indiana; two nephews, Christopher Williams, West Lafayette, Indiana, and Michael D.

Williams (wife Laura) Kokomo, Indiana; and Michael and Laura's daughter, Cassandra.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Linda Royer.

No services have been planned. Donations may be made in Jack's memory to Encore Learning, a charitable organization, at: <https://encorelearning.net/about/donate>. To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

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