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Visitation was held prior to the service, with services by the American Legion, as well as the Cumberland Shrine Club.

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Achieving the rank of technical sergeant, Mr. Rose served as electrical engineer for all P-38s in the fighter group where he was awarded a Sharpshooters medal, three 475th Fighter Group Presidential Unit Citations, New Guinea Campaign medal, Bismarck Archipelago Campaign medal, Western Pacific Campaign medal, Asiatic Pacific ribbon with five bronze stars, Army Good Conduct medal, Distinguished Service medal, American Campaign Service medal, WWII Victory medal, Philippine Liberation ribbon with two bronze stars and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal. He has remained active with the 475th Reunion Group, serving on the board of directors for many years.

Following his honorable discharge in 1946 after one year in Korea, Mr. Rose was given a 35-year franchise to own and operate an electrical power company in Lingayen, Pangasinan, P.I.

(population 80,000), where he established electrical service to the bombed-out area. While in the Philippines, he founded many businesses, some of which still function under the Rose Industries name today. Mr. Rose remained in the Manila area for more than 26 years, marrying his late wife, Lourdes, and raising his family of three children, before returning to permanent residency in Crossville in 1971.

Upon his return to Crossville, Mr. Rose became active in civic affairs and was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Crossville. Active in farming, he also became active in real estate development, having co-owned Rodgers Development Company, the developer of Thunder Hollow and the development of Holiday Hills Golf Course and Sherwood Farms real estate development. Mr. Rose retired from that endeavor in 2000.

His affiliations in various organizations include life memberships in and Past Master of St. John's Corregedor Masonic Lodge, No. 9 in Manila, P.I., and, locally, Cumberland Scottish Rite Club, Cumberland Shrine Club, in which he held many offices; American Legion Post #163 where he held various offices; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post; the B.P.O.E. (Elks Club) of Cumberland County; as well as the Hi Noon Masonic Club. A Western square dancer for 50 years, he was a member of Crossville Chainers and Fairfield Glade Gliders Square Dance Clubs. And avid hunter, he was a member of the Fairfield Glade Sportsman Club and the N.R.A.

A devoted Christian, Mr. Rose has been a long-time active member of First United Methodist Church of Crossville where, as chair of the missions committee, he was instrumental, with God's help, in founding and arranging financing for the Crossville/Knox Methodist Church in the Philippines. He served also on the Board of Trustees and was an active member of the Fellowship Class.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Hattie May Lamb Rose; father, William McKinzie Rose; brothers, William Arnold Rose and Clyde Wilson Rose; sisters, Willene Rose Hedgecoth and Lelloene Rose Lewis; wives, Lourdes Baltazar Rose and Laurine Thompson Cardona Rose.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Filley Rose; son, William Marvin Rose (Patty) of Sparta; daughters, Aurora Jane Rose Young (Joe) of Crossville and Rhonda Ann Rose of Springfield; grandchildren, Jennifer Young Davis (Jeremy) of Spring Hill, Jessica Young Mitchell (Eric) of Sparta, McKinzie Rose (Erin) of Cookeville and Ireneo Rose (Amanda) of Walling; great-grandchildren, Ashtyn Davis, Jake Davis, Olivia Rose; step-children, Mark Filley (Annetee) of Crossville, Gail Waymire (Richard) of Indiana, Karen Smyly (Steve) of Ashville, NC, and Margo Craig (Loren) of Huntsville, AL; step-grandchildren, Michele, Chasity, Joshua, Matthew, Katie, Christopher, Mark Jr., Savannah, Cameron, Kyle, Brian, Kieran and Alexis; and step-great-grandchildren, Zach, Lucas, Leah, Ian and Cora.

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