



ROY L. PARRISH (Class of 1959)

After graduating from Las Vegas High School in 1959, Roy L. Parrish joined the Clark County Fire Department the same year. He became the youngest Fire Chief in the United States in 1977 and served the Department and his community in that capacity until he retired in 1990. He was the county's fifth fire chief and became the longest-tenured chief in its history. He was Fire Chief when the MGM Grand burned in 1980 and when the Las Vegas Hilton burned in 1981.

Roy was a lifelong resident of Las Vegas. He passed away on November 23, 2012. Flags in Las Vegas were lowered to half-staff on the day of his services. He was married to his wife, Miriam, for 33 years. They had two sons. Roy was preceded in death many years ago by his son, Richard.

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