



Roger Erickson

September 20, 1943 - April 8, 2016

Thy will be done, not my will be done.

The graveside memorial service for Roger Melvin Erickson of Yuma, AZ and formerly of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn presiding. Friends and family may gather at the cemetery from 10:30 AM until the time of the service. Roger "Smiley" Melvin Erickson, 72, passed away peacefully on Friday April 8th, 2016, at the Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care in Glencoe, Minnesota.

Roger Melvin Nicholas Erickson was born on September 20, 1943, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Melvin and Cyrilla (Neuerburg) Erickson of Wadena, Minnesota. Rog grew up in the Wadena area, attending St. Ann's Parochial School and Wadena Public School. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. At age 18, Rog enlisted in the Navy and was later discharged due to a health condition. Throughout his adult life, he was employed in sales, whether it was appliances, clothing, furniture, hardware, cabinets or carpet. In 1978, he started his own carpet laying business which he appropriately named "Smiley's Carpet Service." He continued his carpet laying business until he had a stroke in 2012, while residing in Yuma, Arizona, partially paralyzing him and requiring him to reside at the Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care, where he received exceptional care. Rog will be remembered for his smile; infectious laugh, fun loving personality and

passion for helping others. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, deer hunting and all sports, especially the Minnesota Vikings.

Roger is survived by his six children: Lisa (Michael) Van Hofwegen of Chaska, Minnesota; Julie (Jim) Montbriand of Lakeville Minnesota; Dana (Matt) Schow of Litchfield Minnesota; Shannon (Doyle) Slagter of Willmar Minnesota; Nick Erickson (Shelbey Kummers) of New London Minnesota; and Angela (Jason) Reese of Chesterfield, Virginia; 14 Grandchildren: Sydney and Madison (Lisa); Chris, Robbie, Ben and Kate (Julie); Taylor, Devan, Noah and Isaiah (Dana); Allison and Elijah (Shannon); Makenzie and Rayah(Nick); one great-grandson, Thomas (Dana). He is also survived by siblings Janet Erickson, Louise Lang, Ken Erickson, Leon Traeger, Dennis Traeger; and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mel and Sal Erickson as well as a sister, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Roger during my attendance at St. Ann's Catholic School in Wadena. Had not heard or seen Roger since then. Would like to send his family my condolences.

Mary Williams(Hoffman)

Mary Williams - July 03, 2016 at 09:14 AM

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“ I am a cousin of Roger; I want to say that he was very loved by his parents, my Aunt and Uncle. They really wanted their children. I never got to know him very well but I know his children and family feel this loss and I wish all of you peace in knowing God's will.

Audrey Erickson Petersen

Audrey Erickson Johns Petersen - April 12, 2016 at 10:53 PM