



Roland John Pederson

September 1, 1930 - March 22, 2020

Pederson, Roland J.

On Sunday, March 22, 2020, Roland John Pederson died at age 89. Born 1930 in Sundown Township, in southwestern MN, Rollie graduated from nearby Sanborn High School in 1948 and joined the Air Force for three years. On March 24, 1955, he and Jean I. Goehring were married and moved to Mankato, MN. After a brief stint at Kato Engineering, Rollie began his 28-year career at the Mankato Post Office, retiring in 1988. Rollie loved to golf (he scored a hole-in-one three times), loved the Minnesota Twins even when he hated them, and was an avid practitioner of Hardanger embroidery, as well as being a whiz at Scrabble and card games of all sorts. After Jean's retirement in 1993, the two sold their house in Mankato and lived for many years in an RV, traveling the country and volunteering with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) Builders for Christ. His faith was important to him, and he was a strong supporter of Christian education, including as a founding board member of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School near New Ulm, MN. Rollie was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton and Christine, and sister Virginia. A 17-year resident of Burnsville, MN, Rollie is survived by five siblings, by Jean, his wife of 65 years, and by children Brad (Sue), Dave (Laura), Bob (Jan), Chuck (Lisa), and Becky (Roger Gehring), as well as grandchildren Joshua, Erin, Jenifer, Anne, Hannah, Samuel, Grace, Ruth, Lydia, and Milo; and great-grandchildren Jayda, Damion, Zach, Cale, William, and Amelia. He was very proud of his entire family. He will be cremated and interred at Fort Snelling cemetery in Bloomington, MN. A memorial service will be held later this summer; details to come. Memorials may be made to WELS Builders for Christ or the tuition fund for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Burnsville, MN). No flowers, please.

Comments



“ This man right here was so inspiring to our family. He always came over to us at church and commented on how nice it was to see our family in the church pew and offered words of encouragement to Chris to keep at it. His kindness, genuine investment in our family, bible knowledge, endurance, marriage, and faith shined so bright that even our kids were struck by him. They knew he was ‘different’, he was what ‘letting your light shine’ was all about. A privilege and an honor to know this man. God truly blessed us through him and while we will miss him, his Christian example will keep his memory alive for years to come in our family. May the Lord be with his family and grant them His peace. Our hearts are especially with Jean—much love and appreciation to you for being an equally positive Christian role model to our family

In Christ, Chris and Mary Sieh family

Mary Sieh - March 30, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ Rollie was always smiling, always grateful, and always ready with a word of encouragement. His faith had such an impact on mine!

Laura Pufahl - March 27, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Uncle Rollie was one of a kind. He had a gentle spirit and a loving soul. His mannerisms reminded me so much of Grandpa Pederson, another wonderful man. Growing up, I loved his hearty laugh and his ever-present smile. He was genuinely interested in and concerned for every family member. He made each of us feel we were special to him, as indeed we were! He was so devoted to Aunt Jean, as they navigated the challenges of growing old together. I will forever cherish the last time we visited and the sweet memories we made.

Lynn Wendt - March 26, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ We are so sorry for your earthly loss but know you'll see Mr Pederson again in heaven. We are praying for you.

Glynn, Kim and Caroline Breuer
Minot, ND

Kim Breuer - March 26, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Blessed be his memory.

Brian Mundt - March 26, 2020 at 11:58 AM