



Joseph Daniel Roach

January 16, 1958 - January 15, 2024

Joseph D. Roach, the strongest man in the world, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2024, surrounded by his family at his home in Edina, MN.

He was born on January 16, 1958 in Rock Rapids, IA to the late Nick and Betty Roach.

Joe learned the value of hard work at a young age by delivering newspapers, walking beans, bailing hay and unloading trucks. His childhood passions; pheasant hunting and football remained constant throughout his life.

Joe attended Iowa State University, where he met his wife Jennifer and made many lifelong friends. Joe and Jennifer were married on July 11, 1981 and raised 3 children and 6 dogs together.

Joe was a farmer, beekeeper, master water steward, professional walleye fisherman and grandfather extraordinaire who found time in between hobbies to work as a banker and lawyer (Hamline University School of Law).

Joe loved any activity involving the outdoors including fishing, hunting, boating and time at the cabin with his family. He was a member of countless outdoor and conservation groups but was especially proud of founding Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited. Joe was a self taught handyman and enjoyed fixing whatever needed repairing at his home or anyone else's. He was always up

for an adventure or new hobby, especially one that could be enjoyed with a Michelob Golden Light.

We would like to thank our cancer care team at Frauenshuh Cancer Center and our wonderful hospice caregivers.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Jennifer, son Ben (Sami), daughter Lauren, son William and grandchildren Harris and Maddie.

A celebration of Joe's life, in the spirit of an Irish wake, will be held at the Gale Mansion (2115 Stevens Ave South, Minneapolis) on January 25 from 5-7pm. Remarks by family and friends will be at 5:30pm.

In Joe's honor, please consider planting a tree, taking a child fishing or donating to a conservation group of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gale Mansion
2115 Stevens Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Tribute Wall

HF

“ Home F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.

Home F. - January 24, 2024 at 05:43 PM

TF

“ The Buclez Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



The Buclez Family - January 24, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



January 24, 2024 at 08:17 AM

KG

“ Ken G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.

Ken G. - January 24, 2024 at 08:17 AM

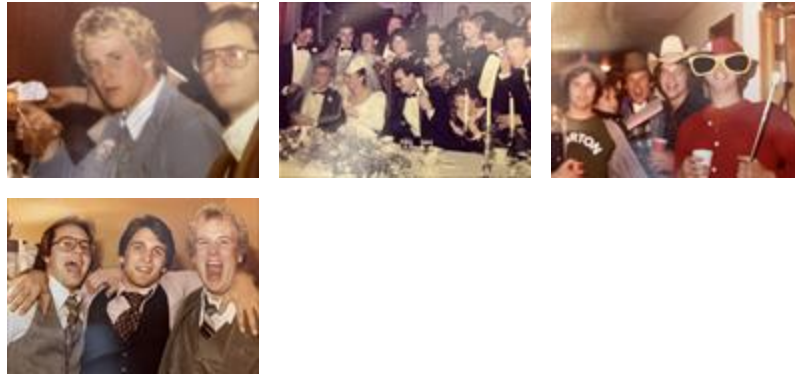
MB

“ *MidCountry Bank planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.*

MidCountry Bank - January 23, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RB

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Richard Benes - January 23, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RB

“ I’m reminded of many fond memories when Joe and I were roommates in the SAE house at ISU. Later I was blessed to have Joe stand in as my best man in mine and Suzi’s wedding in 1985.

Joe would always surprise you when you least expected. Like the time at a formal SAE occasion when Joe felt the urge to wrestle with brother Brad Nebergall and throw him into a nearby swimming pool. All in good fun of course except that Brad was sporting a new crisp three-piece suit and tie accompanied by a horrified date.

One of the greatest moments between Joe and me was the night I asked him to substitute as a waiter at the ADPi sorority house. That was the night he met his lovely partner Jennifer. Not exactly a moment between us, but lead to a lifetime of precious “moments” for them. Grateful for all of my moments with Joe, and prayers for Jennifer and family as they celebrate all of their memories together.

Rich Benes `81

Richard Benes - January 23, 2024 at 11:36 AM

TR

“ Teresa Roach purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



Teresa Roach - January 22, 2024 at 08:45 PM

YF

“ Your UIHC Pediatric Critical Care Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



Your UIHC Pediatric Critical Care Family - January 22, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



January 21, 2024 at 11:29 PM

JK

“ Jenn K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.

Jenn K. - January 21, 2024 at 08:20 PM

DD

“ Diane D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.

Diane D. - January 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KF

“ My thoughts are with all of you as you grieve the loss of and celebrate the life of Joe. The Roaches were neighbors growing up in Rock Rapids....so many wonderful childhood memories of the Roach kids - such a fun and playful bunch. Remembering Joe and sending you all peace.



Kim Feller

Kim Feller - January 20, 2024 at 11:29 AM

EE

“ Ellen E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.

Ellen E. - January 19, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



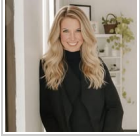
January 19, 2024 at 02:10 PM



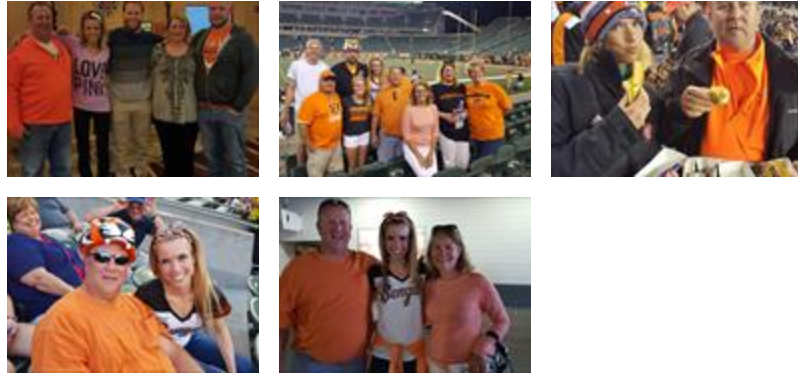
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



January 19, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ Love you Uncle Joe ❤️



Tara Roach - January 19, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Roach.



January 19, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Tyler, Brooke, Ainsley & Bryce Roach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Daniel Roach.

Tyler, Brooke, Ainsley & Bryce Roach - January 19, 2024 at 12:39 PM