



Roger Lewis Acton

June 14, 1927 - April 23, 2023

Roger Lewis Acton, 95, of Eden Prairie, MN passed away on 4/23/2023 surrounded by loving family. Born 6/14/1927, Roger grew up in St Anthony Park, MN, attending Murray HS. After a short stint in the Army, Roger received his engineering degree from the U of M and started Acton Construction Company, primarily building sewage treatment plants across the United States. He later worked for the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission and then provided consultation to corporations. Undoubtedly, Roger's greatest construction project was the family cabin near Brainerd. He spent most weekends there with pencil over ear and hammer in hand. Roger loved the outdoors and northern Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and the North Shore. He also enjoyed flowers, creating beautiful gardens at his children's homes and his own. In his later years, he became an avid supporter of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, often making weekly visits. Roger was a lifelong learner whose motto was "when given a choice of doing something familiar over something new, always choose the new." He was excited to share his knowledge and offer advice, often with a bit of humor added. He had a keen eye for dad jokes and loved to share them in his daily email "smiler." Roger was a project manager at heart, creating detailed lists while attempting to solve problems to the end. He was also known as the undunkable dad, sunset photographer, master gardener, chief hummingbird observer, and navel contemplator. Preceded in death by his sister Carolyn, nephew Paul, 2nd wife Janice, and later-in-life companion, Donna Hoiland. Survived by his 1st wife,

Kay, and their 5 children; Cindy Acton, Patricia Beaudry, Mary (Richard) Crist, Becky (Tony) Monteforte, Tom Acton, and Dutch daughter Afke, as well as 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He also held close to his heart the extended families of his second wife Janice and loving partner Donna. Roger will be remembered every year when the tulips come up, the lupines bloom, and when the sumac turns red. Memorial service will be held on 5/18/23 at 2 PM with visitation at 1 PM at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel 7625 Mitchell Road. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Memorial Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Roger Lewis Acton.

May 18, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger Lewis Acton.



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Roger Lewis Acton.



May 12, 2023 at 04:17 PM