



Roger David Baumgartner

September 23, 1932 - January 27, 2025

Roger D. Baumgartner, D.D.S., 92, loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully Monday, January 27, 2025.

Roger cherished his beloved wife of 66 years, Ann Baumgartner and his children: Kellie Baumgartner-Paredes, Kerry (Ronald) Baumgartner-Hammer, Jon (Janay), Paula, Amy (Randy) Pongratz and Jay (Jennifer) and his 11 grandchildren; brother, Allen Baumgartner and his two children; and a host of cousins. He was preceded in death by his adored daughters Marion and Jennifer (survived by Brian) Vance, foster-daughter Barbara (survived by Lin) Zelinsky, son-in-law Mario Paredes, and sister-in-law Eileen Baumgartner. A life-long resident of Minnesota and having grown up on a small family farm, Roger graduated from St. Mary's High School in Bird Island, attended The University of St. Thomas (as now known), and received his D.D.S. from the University of Minnesota. "Doc" practiced dentistry in Olivia for over 40 years and proudly served as a clinical professor at the University of Minnesota's Dental School into his early 80s. He boarded and mentored dental students through the dental school's former summer internship program. Additionally, he and his dental practice served in state-run health outreach programs for the surrounding seasonal agricultural migrant community near Olivia. He also quietly served elderly community members who were in pain with pro bono emergency dental work.

Roger and Ann especially loved good food and sharing it with family and

friends over lively conversation. Aside from welcoming seconds on dessert, he had an incurable sweet tooth, and a particular affinity for chocolate. Roger was well known in the community as he served on the school board for the Olivia Public School system, attended and participated in community theater, enjoyed light summer evenings with friends at the local golf course, hosted foreign exchange students, and cheered on his kids in education and at school events. He faithfully attended, sang in choirs, and served his local churches. Roger appreciated opportunities to share a lunch or dinner with friends at their congregations' social functions. He loved a house full of family, always grateful for the company, and ever proud of all his kids and grandkids. He was a tough old bird, but he will be remembered for his work ethic, bright eyes, beaming smile, and loud laughter.

The family welcomes visitors for funeral services at 11:00 a.m., March 7, at Church of St. Patrick, 6820 St. Patrick's Lane, Edina, MN 55439, with visitation one-hour prior (10:00 a.m.) at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made either by check to University of Minnesota Foundation, PO Box 860266, Minneapolis, MN, 55486 - noting in the memo "the Dental School Student and Scholarship Program," or online for dental student scholarship or for student emergency support at <https://makingagift.umn.edu/give/fund.html?id=7750>, or <https://makingagift.umn.edu/give/fund.html?id=23498>, in honor of Dr. Roger D. Baumgartner.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina
6820 St. Patrick's Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NK

“ I was Roger's playmate and closest friend while we were babies up until he attended 1st grade at the Catholic school. P went to the Public school right across the street. We each made new friends and barely saw each other after that. His parents and mine were very close friends for decades.

I thought of Roger every now and then, but we never contacted each other maybe for fear of the awkward moment. I am now very sorry that we left that get-together pass by.

Noel Kasper

Noel Kasper - May 12, 2025 at 06:29 PM

TM

“ The Niska Bongiovanni Group at Merrill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger David Baumgartner.



The Niska Bongiovanni Group at Merrill - March 04, 2025 at 02:14 PM

HC

“ Rest in peace Dr. Baumgartner! You were such a kind hearted and helpful educator at the U of MN and I was fortunate to work with you in my course! You impacted the careers of many dental students! My sympathies to your family.

Heather Conrad - February 27, 2025 at 03:26 PM

MS

“ I had the honor of both having Roger as a dental professor in the 80's and later as a colleague and fellow professor. He was such a wonderful, kind man who will be remembered fondly by patients, dental students, and fellow professors. You lived a noble and honorable life, and deserve your eternal rest in heaven my friend. I am sure they have beer and peanuts in heaven!! My sympathies to your beloved Ann and children.

Monica Schock - February 04, 2025 at 08:41 PM

CD

“ How do I pick just one memory when it's been a lifetime of moments. I remember the arguments Dr Roger and my mom would have about who has the first tomato in their garden, or who has the biggest one, or who has gotten the biggest harvest. I remember Dr Roger bringing in the neighbors pony into their house, back into their new bedroom. Mrs B was under the weather and he thought it would make her happy (I don't think it did). I remember how he scared the crap out of me when I had to have braces on my teeth. I remember telling him the best part of going to see him at the dental office was to get nitrous. (Boy the look he gave me!) These are just a few. I had the BEST neighbors and friends growing up in Olivia. Dr Roger, please say HI to my mom and grandparents. I miss them so much. You will be missed greatly too.

Cheryl (Knight) Davern - February 04, 2025 at 01:08 PM

CD

PS: I loved to watch you laugh. It made us all giggle.

Cheryl (Knight) Davern - February 04, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DB

Always enjoyed the Pheasant season. We would see Uncle Harold, Roger and Allen driving down from St. Cloud and always got our limit of pheasants. Good memories back in the early 50's.

Den Baumgartner - February 04, 2025 at 04:01 PM

RL

I believe it was one evening in 1966 when Dr. Baumgartner did an evening presentation in his office for the Explorer Scouts. It was about dentistry as a career. I remember telling one of my friends that I would never want a job like that, but that's what happened. Dr. B. proved to be a profound influence for our family. Gloria, my wife of 53 years, was my girlfriend then, and she was a dental assistant for Dr. B. She worked after school and during summer vacations. We got engaged in 1970 and I went on active duty for the Army Reserve, and Dr. B. lined up a fulltime job for Gloria with another dentist in Sleepy Eye. In 1971 we got married and Gloria suggested that I resume college as a pre dental student. I did, and in 1973 I started dental school. For the summer of 1976 I was fortunate to work with Dr. B. fulltime in the rural preceptor program. Gloria's job and my rotation were life changers for us and our family. We are so grateful. And we even have two children who are dentists now. Thanks so much.

Roger & Gloria Livingood - February 10, 2025 at 09:36 PM