



Roger LeRoy Bolan

August 11, 1947 - November 4, 2024

Roger was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota on August 11, 1947. He was the only child of his mother Molly, but had 3 step siblings by his father, Earl. He grew up in houses and rented apartments.(which was tough on a kid who wanted a back yard) He graduated from high school during which he was able to buy his own car including insurance and gas. He went to 1 year of college and then signed up for 4 years in the Air Force.(he was told they had the best food) It was during the Vietnam war but he was lucky enough to be stationed in England and North Africa. Out of the service, he went back to Aberdeen, worked as a machinist and married. He had one son but his wife died when his son was 13 leaving him a single father.

Eight and a half years later, he met Judy thru a singles magazine. Married for 30 years, they had no children of their own. (Judy had 4). However, they did build 3 homes, in Florida, the lake and Mounds View. For the last 20 years they spent winters in Florida and summers in Mounds View and at the lake. There are 15+ grandchildren thru Judy's children. Roger was calling Judy's Mark "son" toward the end of his life.

Roger drove his own truck after a lay off from manufacturing. Long hours but good friends. He bought a RV which allowed trips here and there and initially living in Florida. He spent his last 5 weeks at the VA hospital and Anoka Care Center. His liver was failing him, probably from taking Metformin for his diabetes.

One of the things I loved about Roger was his ability to make me laugh. We went to many medical appointments together. He was able to get these serious staff (who worked with life and death situations all day) to laugh. Quite a gift!. He was always willing to go off on a whim to do something fun, be it off to the beach or a drive along the Mississippi.

His biggest deficit was finding things. Thankfully, I was very good at finding his things. Once I "found" several colorful T-shirts hanging on boxes to dry that he just walked 6" away from. All his friends loved him and Roger was very faithful to help them when needed. Mostly they just enjoyed each other.

Roger always wanted me nearby and didn't like it when I took short trips to be with my children. But the last 22 hours of his life, I sat by his bed holding his hand, singing hymns and talking. I felt comforted by his warm hand in mine and we were at peace. He will be sorely missed, but he suffered so much that I am glad he has no more pain. He died November 4, 2024.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery (Delano)

County Road 30 SE
Delano, MN 55328

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Funeral Service

NOV 17. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Reception

NOV 17. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Shoreview, MN 55126

Graveside Service

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for Roger LeRoy Bolan in memory of Roger LeRoy Bolan



Washburn-McReavy - November 06, 2024 at 04:42 PM

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“ We were privileged to care for Roger here at the VA Medical Center. Such a nice man. Sending Judy and family big hugs. Amie Stark, Rochel Carver, Jeannine Flentje, Sarah Russell and Andrea Dahlstrom.

Jeannine Flentje - November 15, 2024 at 04:44 PM

RS

“ Ruby Dean Scammahorn lit a candle in memory of Roger LeRoy Bolan



Ruby Dean Scammahorn - November 10, 2024 at 06:59 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Jo Ann Hough lit a candle in memory of Roger LeRoy Bolan*



Debbie Jo Ann Hough - November 10, 2024 at 06:58 AM