



## Roger William Toogood

January 28, 1934 - March 31, 2021

Age 87 of Roseville, MN.

Passed away peacefully March 31, 2021 in the presence of his loving family at his home at EagleCrest.

Roger dedicated his life to serving children and families. He was the Director of Children's Services for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese for seven years and Executive Director of the Children's Home Society of MN for 27 years. He was a leader on behalf of children in MN, the USA and Internationally, earning the Order of Civil Merit Moran Medal from the Republic of Korea, the University of St. Thomas Humanitarian Award and many more.

Roger was an active long-time Roseville Citizen and St. Odilia Church volunteer, who worked on many projects to improve community life.

Preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife, Marlys; his parents, Wayne and Grace and brothers, Jack and George Toogood.

Survived by son, Mark Toogood; daughters, Pamela (Eric) Hulstrand, Ann (Joseph) Garrett and Julie (Eric) Rethemeier; 8 grandchildren, Joshua (Sophia Bertran) Garrett, Kira Garrett, Genevieve (Paul) Books, Ben Garrett, Kaara Hulstrand, Leesa (LeRoy) Malone, Nick and Meghan Rethemeier; 3 great grandchildren, Elmer, Winnie Books and Leo Garrett; siblings, Mary Williams, Robert Toogood and Sharon (Marsha Woolcott) Froehle; brother-in-law, David (Geri) Marquardt; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation 3-7 PM Tuesday, April 13th at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview.

Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Wednesday, April 14th (visitation 10-11AM) at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview.

Interment St. Odilia Prayer Garden.

Memorials preferred to St. Odilia Endowment Fund, The Roger Toogood Endowment Fund for Children at the Children's Home Society of MN or the St. Odilia Prayer Garden.

The family requests masks to be worn and social distancing observed.

Due to COVID restrictions, there is a limit to how many people may attend his funeral. Here is a link for signing up:<https://bookapew.com/app/mn/stodilia/>. It is our hope to be as safe as possible. In order to keep the numbers limited and spread out, we would suggest that people attend EITHER the visitation or the funeral.

Service will be live streamed on Wednesday, April 14th at 11AM on St. Odilia's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInGngY2PshVKdCVydxoWKg>

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Roger was a beacon of hope and goodness, and we appreciate his service. Condolences for your loss, from our family to yours.  
Warmly, The Sattlers

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**Shane Sattler** - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Roger was a charming man who could be compellingly persuasive when he took on a cause. We're all lucky one was children. He also worked to make our community better. I will miss him .

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**Mindy Greiling** - April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are in Florida and will not be able to attend the services for Roger. But he will be in our thoughts and prayers. Roger was an exceptional person--we were fortunate to be his neighbor and friend. His legacy will live on in all that he has done in his life.

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**Bob & Jane Spartz** - April 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ When I joined Catholic Charities in 2011 Roger was among the first to reach out to me and offer me support and guidance based on in his role as former leader of the Catholic Charities children's programs. He invited me periodically to join a group of former Catholic Charities employees to both share memories of the past but more importantly to discuss what those memories offered for the present and future. His passion, energy, and good humor were infectious. He and Marlys regularly attended our annual "legacy" luncheon, and I had to be prepared because he would often ask the most challenging and thought provoking question, and our discussions would often last long after the official lunch was over. Roger's are among the shoulders on which many of the good and lasting things in our community stand. I will recall his smile, laugh, and twinkle in eyes often. Peace and blessings to all who know and love him.

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**Tim Marx** - April 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I am not sure Roger was with Catholic Charities when we got our daughters from Korea; but we thank all those who helped.

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**RICHARD RASSEL** - April 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We are with you in grief, Pam.



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**Patrick Strain** - April 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ It seems like Roger's passing is also a passing for all of in the Iona Lane, Irene Circle, Iona Circle neighborhood of Roseville There were so many years of good times, neighborhood picnics, kids growing up, celebrations at St. Odilia's, laughter in each other's living rooms, neighborhood 4th of July parades, golf outings, reunions in Florida and just a joyous time in our lives. Roger was the prime mover in all of these events. The good news is that he is now hearing Marlys' outrageous and contagious laughter once again and is now embracing the woman he has missed so much. Roger was a true "Gentle Man" in every sense of the word. So Roger, "Thanks for the memories".  
Mike Hahn and Family

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**Mike Hahn** - April 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Roger was a caring gentle man. I knew him briefly and he touched me with his kind words



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**Pamela Cromer** - April 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I served with Roger on the board of Global Volunteers. I also admired his years of service with Children's Home Society. He was a giant among men of human service.

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**Sam Hanson** - April 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Roger will always be remembered as a caring, loving and powerful man committed to his family, children and his community. My condolences to the family.



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**PAUL THoMPSoN** - April 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I have never met anyone more loving, caring, and compassionate than Roger and Marlys. Life at its longest is so very short. Hugs and Prayers for your family.

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**Judy (Marquardt) Wittenberger** - April 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ A gentle human being who did much good. Rest in peace, Roger. We will miss you.

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**Richard and Gail Bohr** - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM