



Roger J. Stanek

August 4, 1944 - August 10, 2024

Roger J. Stanek, 80 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2024, at his residence. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 10:30 A.M., with Father Glenn Krystosek officiating. Visitation will be held from 2:00-5:00 P.M. on Friday, August 16, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, and on Saturday from 9:00-10:30 A.M. Burial will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery. Caring for Roger and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Roger was born on August 4, 1944, in Little Falls, Minnesota to the late Otto and Dolores (Jelinski) Stanek. He grew up in Little Falls and Green Prairie Township and graduated from Little Falls Community High School in 1962. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Arlene Mary Fussy on July 11, 1964, at Holy Trinity Church in Royalton, Minnesota. The couple raised three sons: Scott, Jeffrey, and Kevin. After graduation and marriage, Rog worked at a variety of local businesses, always trying to improve himself. He owned and operated milk trucks for West Side Creamery in Little Falls. In 1967 he was hired as a photographer at Silker Studio, in Little Falls. Rog and Arlene owned and operated Rog Stanek Photography from 1976 – 2002. It was his honor to capture on film the precious events of families and friends. For the next seven years, he drove truck for Granite City/Knife River's Little Falls plant and then fully retired. Rog loved hunting and fishing, especially with his family. He had

so much joy planting food plots for the wildlife. The family spent a lot of time camping and then enjoyed their S-11 cabin near Orr, Minnesota. Playing the card game Smear became a family tradition. His favorite TV programs were Heavy Rescue 401, Highway Thru Hell, and Gunsmoke. He loved Elvis tunes, and his movie hero Burt Reynolds from Smoky and the Bandit was the inspiration for his nickname "Bandit."

Rog was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Little Falls, and he volunteered for many years for the church bazaar. He belonged to the Minnesota Deer Hunting Association Morrison County Chapter, the Little Falls Rifle and Pistol Club, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. His wonderful "Spirit" will always be treasured!

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons; Scott (Laurie), Jeffrey (Ann), and Kevin (Katy); and seven grandchildren: Dr. Joel (Mara Syman) Stanek, Brett (Brittany) Stanek, Jordan (Taylor) Hamilton, Sarah Bystrom (Lee), Jamison (Carrie) Stanek, Jack Stanek, Ava Stanek; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Renee (Ray) Zok, and sister-in-law Dorothy Stanek.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Dolores, and brother Ronald Stanek.

In lieu of flowers – Donations will be sent to Rog and Arlene's favorite charities.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady Of Lourdes Cemetery

Highway 27
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall

L(

“ *Linda Leblanc (Walsh) lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek*



Linda Leblanc (Walsh) - August 17, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LL

To the family of Roger, I'm so sorry for your loss. Roger was a one of a kind gentleman, Always had a smile. He made you laugh and smile when you taking photographs! I will be sending you all love and prayers for comfort. Linda LeBlanc and family

Linda Leblanc - August 17, 2024 at 12:04 PM

LK

“ *Our sincerest sympathies to Arlene, Scott, Kevin, Jeff and family in the loss of Roger. Prayers 🙏
Lynn and Dale Kartes*



Lynn (Fussy) Kartes - August 16, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MM

“ *Mark And Peggy (Virnig) Mnich lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek*



Mark and Peggy (Virnig) Mnich - August 16, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ Mark and I are deeply sad to hear of Roger's passing. He was our wedding photographer in Little Falls. He did a wonderful job, and we still cherish our pictures. I have thought of him once in a while, wondering how he was. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Mark and Peggy (Virnig) Mnich - August 16, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MM

Our wedding was on October 8, 1988.

Mark and Peggy (Virnig) Mnich - August 16, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BW

“ We were so sorry to hear Roger passed away. Our sympathy to all of your family. Roger always had a beautiful smile and made us smile. God bless!

Bob and Lynn Wenzel - August 15, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger J. Stanek.



August 15, 2024 at 03:59 PM

DT

“ Dan T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger J. Stanek.

Dan T. - August 15, 2024 at 03:59 PM

PF

“ *Potzmann & Brennhofer family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Roger J. Stanek.*



Potzmann & Brennhofer family - August 15, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JS

“ *Arlene, Scott, Jeff and Kevin - Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I always remember him as smiling and laughing. He was an institution in town with all the grad photos and weddings he captured.*

Julie Nikolai Sullivan - August 15, 2024 at 10:14 AM

MT

“ *Mallory, CPT Murphy and the BII Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger J. Stanek.*



Mallory, CPT Murphy and the BII Team - August 14, 2024 at 05:40 PM

MT

“ *Mallory, CPT Murphy and the BII Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger J. Stanek.*

Mallory, CPT Murphy and the BII Team - August 14, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger J. Stanek.*



August 14, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Our dear Arlene! You and Roger are close in our hearts always! You both were so wonderful to my mom and dad and still are to Larry and I. We had some great visits! Roger always made you feel like a million bucks. His smile will be remembered! He will be missed! Bless you and your family.*

Dore' and Larry Arnold - August 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for the families devastating loss
Roger took our son Aaron's senior pictures (1995)
Sending prayers, sympathy and love
Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter*



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - August 14, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ *Arlene & Family - So very sorry to hear about Roger's passing. He was one of the best and will be missed by many. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy, Mike & Denise Czech*



Mike & Denise Czech - August 14, 2024 at 01:42 PM

PA

“ Peter A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger J. Stanek.

Peter A. - August 14, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LR

“ Love, The Patraw Family (Brenda & Rich) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Roger J. Stanek.



Love, The Patraw Family (Brenda & Rich) - August 14, 2024 at 09:26 AM

AB

“ Dear Arlene, We send our heartfelt sympathy to you & yours. May Roger rest peacefully. Blessings, Ruth & Andy Borash

Andy & Ruth Borash - August 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Our deepest sympathies



Tate and Kathi Tetrick - August 13, 2024 at 09:48 PM

AN

“ Audrey & George Newman lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Audrey & George Newman - August 13, 2024 at 07:57 PM

AN

Arlene and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Rog will truly be missed.

Audrey & George Newman - August 13, 2024 at 07:59 PM

MS

“ Sending our sincere condolences to Arlene & Roger's entire family from Aurora, Colorado. Roger was one of the best .. of the best.



Mark & Pam Savage - August 13, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BG

“ One of the good ones! He could always make you smile! He will forever be missed! Enjoyed my internship with Roger & Arlene. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Barb Griffith - August 13, 2024 at 02:22 PM

RS

“ Sending our condolences to the entire Stanek family. Cherish those memories and May He Rest in Peace.



Roger and Michelle Schneider - August 13, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ So sad to hear of Roger passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Renae Schneider - August 13, 2024 at 01:32 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Sandy Nelson - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

KP

“ So sad to hear about Roger's passing. I have a lot of great memories from the time that my family lived across the road from them. Roger was such a happy guy to be around! He often would invite me and my brother over to have a couple cookies. Sending hugs and prayers to Arlene and the Stanek Family.



Katie Pekula - August 13, 2024 at 12:51 PM

RL

“ Roger & Renae Lashinski lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Roger & Renae Lashinski - August 13, 2024 at 12:24 PM

DF

“ Another angel has his wings. Sympathies to the Stanek Families.



Darrol & Judi Zak Ficek - August 13, 2024 at 11:11 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Roger. Riding our bikes, he'd always wave to us with a great big smile! Prayers and hugs to all.

Maslowski Family - August 13, 2024 at 09:52 AM

AH

“ It just will not be the same to not see Roger when we pass by your home. So sorry to Arlene and the boys for your great loss. Until you see him again, may he rest in peace.
Arlene and Harvey

Arlene Hansmann - August 13, 2024 at 09:48 AM

GS

“ Gary And Jeremy Schuett lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Gary and Jeremy Schuett - August 13, 2024 at 09:34 AM

RH

“ Sending hugs and prayers to the Stanek family 🙏



Robert and Jennifer Holtz - August 13, 2024 at 09:32 AM

LH

“ Arlene, Scott, Jeff, Kevin and families, I am so sorry for your loss. So many fond memories over the years, so many cookies that he would grumble about. God bless him on his journey and may the Lord hold you all close in the days to come.

Lisa Hanowski - August 13, 2024 at 07:10 AM

CM

“ Blessed be his memory. Lots of photography sessions with him with my family with graduations from high school, and weddings as well!



Claudette Moran - August 13, 2024 at 05:21 AM

DP

“ Arlene and family. It is never easy to lose someone we love. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during the sad times ahead. Rest in peace Roger.



Deb Pederson - August 12, 2024 at 11:55 PM

TF

“ The Horner Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Roger J. Stanek.



The Horner Family - August 12, 2024 at 10:36 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Faye Waltman lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Jerry & Faye Waltman - August 12, 2024 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ Arlene, boys and families, I am so sorry for your loss, Arlene I am glad we got to visit for a bit this spring. You would be hard pressed to find a man as kind as Roger! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sandy



Sandy Wright-Olson - August 12, 2024 at 09:20 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis & David Dobis lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek*



Phyllis & David Dobis - August 12, 2024 at 09:15 PM

PH

Blessings to Arlene & family. He will be greatly missed. I'll always remember when my daughter was 2 & I wanted a photo of her. She cried & cried. Roger was so kind &. Kept trying. He did get a photo of her—she's half smiling & half crying but it was beautiful. Great photographer. Always very kind & friendly. Rest in peace Roger.

Phyllis - August 12, 2024 at 09:24 PM

LO

“ *My deepest sympathy to Arlene and family. Roger was so nice I enjoyed visiting with him and Arlene when I would see them at the store.*



Laurie Ochoa - August 12, 2024 at 09:14 PM

KK

“ *Our prayers go to the Stanek family.*



Ken and Kathy Garrison Kloss - August 12, 2024 at 09:14 PM

LD

“ My sympathy to the Roger Stanek Family. My thoughts & prayers are with you. I will always remember Roger saying hi to me whenever he saw me & I would always say hi back. R.I.P. Roger. You're at peace now.



Lynn Duerr-Karasch - August 12, 2024 at 09:03 PM

FS

“ Arlene and family,
Those we love ❤️ don't go away, they walk beside us each and every day. May God give you strength to make through the difficult days ahead. Rest in Peace Rog!!
Chuck and Faye Santala



Faye Santala - August 12, 2024 at 08:45 PM

TS

“ Tina Saeher lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Tina Saeher - August 12, 2024 at 08:44 PM

AD

“ Ann Doble sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Ann Doble - August 12, 2024 at 08:35 PM

RS

“ To Arlene & the entire Stanek family. Our deepest sympathy, condolences and thoughts & prayers to you all in the loss of Husband, father, & Dad. Roger was a very wonderfully loving man. He always had a great heart, smile, lots of humor, to go with his personality. Roger made everyone laugh, smile, an was amazing person. Roger will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our prayers & Love to all the family. God’s grace, love, blessings go out to Roger’s family. May Roger rest in eternal peace with our Heavenly Father in heaven. God bless you all.



Richard & Mary Schneider - August 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM

JW

“ Jim And Carol Wielinski sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Jim and Carol Wielinski - August 12, 2024 at 07:48 PM

SW

“ May you rest in Peace Roger!! You were loved by soooo many people, especially me and my kiddos and our Tabatt Families!! Fly high with the Angels as your work here on Earth is done!! Love you Forever and Always!



Shelly Williams-Stang - August 12, 2024 at 07:33 PM

RS

“ So Very sorry for your loss, Roger was such a kind man. He will truly be missed. Prayers to you all



Rosie Solorz - August 12, 2024 at 07:01 PM

KL

“ My sympathies to Arlene and all of the families. ❤️🙏



Kim Lashinski - August 12, 2024 at 05:48 PM

BL

“ Bernie & Lyann Lashinski lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Bernie & Lyann lashinski - August 12, 2024 at 05:46 PM

RP

“ Roger was an incredibly nice man. He took our engagement and wedding photos 45 years ago. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies to Arlene and their family 🙏🙏🙏

Rosi and Joe Przybilla - August 12, 2024 at 05:31 PM

CH

“ Roger was a great guy and did wonders in all our children’s graduation pictures. Thoughts and prayers sent to his family 🙏❤️
🙏

Carol Hildebrant - August 12, 2024 at 05:30 PM

EH

“ Ernie And Denise Hegna lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Ernie and Denise Hegna - August 12, 2024 at 05:16 PM

DW

“ Duane A Witucki lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Stanek



Duane A Witucki - August 12, 2024 at 05:10 PM

DH

“ My Dear Cousins....My heart is heavy with sadness and the joy of knowing he is in peace and no longer suffering. Peace to all the families. God Bless.



Debbie Jelinski Harakel - August 12, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Janet Retka lit a candle in memory of Roger
J. Stanek*



Janet Retka - August 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM