



Roger Richard

February 14, 1967 - September 12, 2021

Roger D. Richard, 54, of Westhope, Ohio died unexpectedly on September 12, 2021 at his residence. He was born February 14th, 1967 in Bowling Green, Ohio to the late Paul “Pinky” and Marilyn (Shively) Richard. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Craig Richard.

He is survived by a sister, Donna (Michael) Zalar of Olmsted Twp., Ohio; nieces and nephews, Alexander (Kendra) Zalar, Noelle (Candido) Silverio, Paul Zalar, Elana Zalar, and Ted Zalar.

Roger was a graduate of Patrick Henry High school and Bowling Green State University. He worked at the Wood County Auditors office as a Real Estate Transfer Specialist for 28 years. He was a lifelong member of the Westhope Bible Church, serving as treasurer.

He was a member of Gideons International in Henry County, served as President and board member of Henry County Health Board, Board member of the Henry County Planning Commission, Precinct member for the Henry County Republican Central Committee, poll worker for the Henry County Board of Elections, Treasurer of the Sons of American Legion in McClure and was about to celebrate 35 years as a 4-H Advisor Richfield Township.

Roger was a Mayberry fanatic. He loved the Andy Griffith Show as a kid and attended the annual Mayberry Days in Mt Airy, NC every year. To his excitement he made his acting debut in a cameo performance in the just released, “Mayberry Man” movie and had recently returned from a premier viewing with fellow cast members. Roger was an avid collector of

memorabilia, especially vintage TV shows. Another favorite collectible was anything related to Union 76 gas items, prompted by the family fuel business, Richard Oil in McClure Ohio.

He also enjoyed train watching and restoring antique tractors. Along with his involvement with the 4-H club and Henry Co Fair, a highlight was showing one or more of his antique tractors at the fair. He might also include working at the milkshake stand as a favorite moment where he was able to work and visit with everyone. Roger never met a stranger and truly enjoyed nurturing friendships and being involved in many organizations throughout Henry and Wood County.

He was a passionate fan of BGSU Hockey and would follow the Falcon Hockey team throughout their season. However, his deepest passion was in his family, especially his nieces and nephews. He was intensely proud of each one and was committed to visiting them no matter where they lived. Roger would gladly make long detours to connect whenever he was in their area. That might mean 200 miles away, but Uncle Roger would show up. No one did "Uncle" better than Rog'.

He was a loving and loyal man, with a deep abiding faith. His service to Westhope Bible Church was unshakable. Roger was deeply committed to his family and will be deeply missed.

A memorial gathering will be held from 3:00 – 8:00 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, OH. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the funeral home. A private family interment was held at Richfield Twp. Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Gideon International. Online condolences may be made at rodenbergergray.com. Masks are encouraged for visitation and services.

Cemetery Details

Richfield Township Cemetery

Westhope, OH

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Richard.* ”



September 30, 2021 at 06:35 AM



“ *I met Roger about 10 years ago. Since both of us were at “Mayberry Days” on our own I invited Roger to have either lunch or dinner with me sometime during the festival each year until my Dad began coming with me. He also became friends with Roger.* ”

Roger began to pop up at other places we were at. At the 2017 “Dukes of Hazzard” festival Roger spotted us and came over to say, “hey.” In 2019, during intermission at the “Grand Ole Opry,” I spotted Roger in the front row. This time I went up and surprised him. We both were in Nashville for the “Dukes 40th Anniversary.”

In Mount Airy recently, for the North Carolina screening of “Mayberry Man” I thought I spotted Roger’s car on the street but when I got up to it at the red light the license plates were not from Ohio. A few hours later we learned the sad news.

We will always miss Roger’s presence as we have one less person to say, “hey” to.

Gary Humphrey - September 28, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Richard.*



September 26, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Richard family. I was privileged to have known and worked with Roger on the Henry County Health Board.
May the Peace of the Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow. His life was a gift to many.*

Alfred G. Wiederwohl - September 22, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Please know that Roger will be missed at Mayberry Days. I always loved seeing his smile and his positive comments were so appreciated. What a wonderful man.
Tanya Jones, Executive Director, Surry Arts Council in Mount Airy, NC*

Tanya Jones - September 21, 2021 at 09:49 PM



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



September 21, 2021 at 07:38 PM

BH

“ We were fellow BG Road Warriors with Roger, and would see him at BG Hockey games all over the country. Our condolences to his family. He was truly a nice and friendly gentleman, and we enjoyed his company. Rest in peace, Roger.

Bill & Karen Hoffert - September 21, 2021 at 04:51 PM

JA

“ Roger was a great person with a big heart. Kind, responsive, warm hearted, sincere, cheerful. Always willing to help. Passionate about tractors and collectible cars. We used to travel a lot while my stay with them in 1993-94. Our trip to Atlanta with Roger is a lifelong experience, that I will cherish and tell my kids. I was happy to meet again in 2007. You will be missed, Roger.

Jafar Asimov - September 21, 2021 at 08:57 AM

JA

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Jafar Asimov - September 21, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ I always enjoyed running into Roger at the Courthouse but most of all at the Ice Arena. A truly kind, funny and giving soul. I will certainly miss him. My sincerest condolences and prayers to his family.



Sandy Wiechman

Sandy Wiechman - September 20, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ Wood County Recorder's Office purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Roger Richard.



Wood County Recorder's Office - September 20, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ I met Roger-Dodger in the late 80's when i worked for Mid Am bank in McClure. Pinky was on my bank board and I became friends of his family. When we ran into each other over the years we would chat about 4H, his family and church happenings. When I began working for Wood county 4 years ago I was happy to see a familiar face, as Roger worked for the Auditors office. It has been a pleasurer to know him! What a great guy ! always involved in the community and so giving of himself. RIP Roger-Dodger you will be missed

Jane Spoerl

jane - September 20, 2021 at 12:43 PM

MA

“ I am in shock. A friend indeed...he will be so missed. I have no words.

Mark Adams - September 16, 2021 at 09:02 PM

PB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Roger was one of a kind; a very special compassionate person. I was sitting on a bench at the fair one day, and we talked for quite a while , about 4-H, tractors, the Health Dept., anything. He was friendly to everyone. He will be missed.

Peggy Butler - September 16, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ We have so many wonderful memories of Roger from growing up with Roger to being 4H advisors together in the Richfield Topnotchers club to working with him as the zoning officer for Richfield Twp. He was such a kind, gentle person and we will miss him very much. Sorry we cannot be there in person to give our condolences but covid came to visit us this past weekend :(Please know you are all in our prayers.

Dave & Luann Flowers & family

Luann Flowers - September 15, 2021 at 09:30 PM

EL

“ I was blessed to have the opportunity to become friends with Roger through our mutual love for everything Mayberry. We would see each other at Mayberry events a few times each year. I'm so thankful that we were able to visit for a few minutes at the premiere of the Mayberry Man movie over Labor Day weekend. I'm also glad that Roger was able to be there to see himself on the big screen! Participating in the making of that film was a huge thrill for many of us fans of the Andy Griffith Show. Roger was a kind, gentle soul and I will always treasure his memory.

Eric Lowry - September 15, 2021 at 08:38 AM

SR

“ The McClure/Damascus Twp Historical Society will miss Roger. He was knowledgeable of our history. We extend our condolences to family and friends.



Sherri Rochester - September 15, 2021 at 12:52 AM

DV

“ I met Roger at our Mayberry Meet-Up event...We talked extensively about growing up with Fathers who both were Pure Oil Company dealers...We had a lot in common with both our Pure Oil & Mayberry collections. It was nice seeing him in some scenes of the Mayberry Man Movie too!...

Dick Villard

Dick Villard - September 14, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Richard.*



September 14, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *My thoughts go to Roger's family during this difficult time. He was a funny and giving man. Always nice to stop and talk to him or give him a hard time at the Wood County Courthouse. Will certainly miss seeing and talking to him there!*

Dale J David - September 14, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *The Henry County 4-H program was blessed to have Roger as a 35 year volunteer. He has been our 4-H Advisory Council Treasurer for well over 20 years. His helping way and dedication will never be forgotten. I could always count on Roger to work a shift scooping ice cream at the milkshake stand, to lend a hand during booth work and to just be there to support the youth and other volunteers at club meetings and special events. I will miss his Wednesday Health meeting day visits to the Extension office after the meetings to check on things. Always thoughtful and supportive... That's who Roger was towards me and I will never forget his kindness. Rest in Peace friend.*

Laura Rohlf & Henry County 4-H

Laura - September 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM

AN

“ I knew Roger from the many times we crossed paths at Mayberry related events. He was a regular at many to include the Mayberry Meet-up in Mt. Airy, NC of which I am the host. He was always cheerful and I always enjoyed being able to sit and visit with him when the chance arose. Roger also traveled to my hometown of Huntsville, AL following his hockey club as they played UAH. Each year, for the past several years, my wife and I would meet him for breakfast and catch up with our Mayberry talk and other shared topics of interest. Roger will be missed and very fondly remembered.

Allan Newsome - September 14, 2021 at 03:00 AM

JP

“ Roger used to entertain us with the Atari when siblings were having piano lessons. So many laughs! Later, when I lived by him as an adult, he was always so good with the kids. I knew I could always count on him. He was a funny, reliable, loyal man. I will miss him.



Judy Powers - September 13, 2021 at 10:55 PM