



Roger Dean Roediger

September 10, 1931 - June 7, 2013

ROGER DEAN ROEDIGER, 81, died June 7, 2013 at 1:48 A.M., his life was a gift to all who knew him. Mr. Roediger was born Sept. 10, 1931 in Wapakoneta to Alfred Tobias and Ruby (Wentz) Roediger who preceded him in death. Mr. Roediger was a 1949 graduate of Blume High School. On July 29, 1953, he married Evelyn M. Kantner in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Wapakoneta, OH. They had a loving relationship. Mr. Roediger is survived by his widow, Evelyn M. Roediger, son, Stephen Roger (Mary), Albany, OH, and two daughters: Kathryn Ellen (Jon) Roediger, Wapakoneta, and Linda Ann (Richard) Barton, Colorado Springs, CO. Nine grandchildren: Tobias, Jeremiah, Rebekah, Micah, and Thad Roediger; Samuel Carter and Jae Lee; Rachel and Grace Barton. Four Great Grandchildren: Maya, Emma, Ethan and Jayden Roediger. Roger wanted to let everyone know that he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He loved his family and family get togethers. He served in the churches he belonged to in Wapakoneta, Van Wert and Columbus. The most memorable was his service on the Church & Ministry Committee in the Northwest Area Association of the United Church of Christ. He was also an active member of the Gideons International Association. Photography and video were lifelong hobbies. He received much joy being able to share these with family and friends. He grew up on the Roediger Jersey Dairy Farm west of Wapakoneta. He worked with his parents in partnership on the farm where they operated the Cream Line Dairy, processing and delivering bottled milk. From 1954 to 1956, he served in the

Army Signal Corp as a radio and communicator at Regimental Headquarters Co., Camp Whittington in Japan. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1959 attaining a Bachelor of Science degree and in 1960 received the Master of Arts degree in Agricultural Education. He received Freshman Honorary, Phi Eta Sigma. From 1960 thru 1970, he was a Vocational Agricultural Instructor for Lincolnview High School and taught adult classes at the Lincolnview High School, Van Wert, OH. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching the students. During his time in Van Wert, he was elected and served as Van Wert City 2nd Ward Councilman. In 1970, he returned to The Ohio State University to pursue a Ph.D Fellowship sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education where a nine-month internship was required beyond the typical doctorate program. To 1975 he was Director of a national project for the US Office of Education to offer the curriculum of seven (7) new agricultural related occupations beyond farming. During this time he served as Assistant Director of Ohio Agricultural Educational Curriculum Materials Service for the State of Ohio. In 1975, he received the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Vocational Education from The Ohio State University. In 1982, he was appointed Director of the Ohio Agricultural Educational Curriculum Materials Service. He served as Director until his retirement in March, 1992. During his time at Ohio State he was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor of Agricultural Education, and received the Honorary American Farmers Degree and Honorary Ohio FFA Degree. In 1981, he started the Roediger Berry Farm at his parents' farm located west of Wapakoneta. which he owned and operated until 2010 when he and his wife moved into Wapakoneta. He served in the churches he belonged to in Wapakoneta, Van Wert and Columbus. The most memorable was his service on the Church & Ministry Committee in the Northwest Area Association of the United Church of Christ. He was also an active member of the Gideons International Association. A celebration of Mr Roediger's life will be 2:00 p.m., Thurs. June 13, 2013 at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, Pastor Becky Sunday, & Pastor Emeretus Elaine Mikesell officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will follow in the Greenlawn

Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 12 noon until time of the service Thurs. at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be given in his memory to the Leukemia and Lymphonia Society, lls.org or 1-888-557-7177, the Gideons International or St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, OH 45895.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Evelyn, We are sorry to hear about Roger's passing and we are thinking of you.

Robert & Mildred Moell - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

DQ

“ Linda, I am sorry for your loss. It is difficult when you lose a parent. Thoughts and prayers with you tomorrow as you celebrate your father's life.

Diane (Mosher) Quigley - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

JC

“ Evelyn and family, I am sad to learn that Rodger is no longer living. I had the opportunity to know and work with him for ten years. He was a good man and I know that he is with the Lord. Please know that I am unable to attend the service tomorrow. However, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Jim Cummins

James Cummins - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

PH

“ Evelyn....It was an honor and pleasure to know Roger and you all these years. We know God is delighted to have Roger home, but we share your loss. Roger was truly an 'Miracle Man' and we enjoyed our time with you both. Blessings....

Paul & Myrt Harnack - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

RC

“ I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed being on Church and Ministry Committee with Roger and talking with him about farming and other things. I wish you peace and comfort.

Rev. Kay Mooney Cox - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

DC

“ I served with Roger on the Church and Ministry team of the Northwest Ohio Association. I appreciated Roger's wit and contributions to the ministry team. I will be with you folks in spirit as you celebrate his life on Thursday. David M. Culp

David Culp - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

EH

“ Love & Prayers to you Dear Evelyn and Family. I'm sure Roger is walking on the streets of gold now :) Hopefully we can reconnect via email. xoxo

e Hanson - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

CH

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Roger and Evelyn are fine people whom I am grateful for knowing and working with (I know you aren't supposed to end a sentence with a preposition!)

Carlene Hamilton - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM