



## Roger L. Johannes

March 10, 1943 - October 10, 2011

March 10, 1943 – October 10, 2011 Roger L. Johannes, 68, of Cold Spring, MN, died peacefully at his home after a long, courageous battle with diabetes and congestive heart failure, on Monday, October 10, 2011, surrounded by his loving family. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 13, 2011 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery. A visitation for Roger will be after 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Parish prayers will be at 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Thursday morning in the St. Boniface Church Narthex. Roger was born in Cold Spring, Minnesota on March 10, 1943, to Ewald and Leona (Faber) Johannes. He married Arlis Hennen on November 22, 1962 in St. Nicholas, Minnesota. He lived his entire life in Cold Spring and served his community in many ways. Roger was a member of the St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring, and participated in the Faith formation committee as well as the Befrienders Ministry. He owned and operated several local area businesses throughout his life including Rog's Mini Mart & Sporting Goods for over 20 years. Roger served on the Cold Spring Fire, Cold Spring Police and Stearns County Sheriff Departments, and was a state fire warden. He also served as President of Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Charter Chairman for Ducks Unlimited, Rich Spring Chapter and President of Cold Spring Sportsman Club. Roger was an avid sportsman. His passion for the outdoors included hunting, fishing and grilling. In his healthier years, he loved to entertain family and

friends, cook and play cards. Throughout his illness, he still had his great sense of humor and always made everyone laugh even during the difficult times. Survivors include his loving angel and wife of 48 years, Arlis; children, Michelle (Dan) Berckes of Clear Lake, Kim (Mike Roth) Wenner-Roth of Cold Spring, Patrick of Brainerd, Mary Beth (Hebert Castillo) of Conway, SC; grandchildren, Aaron, Neal and Kelsey Athmann, Eric and Sarah Wenner, Hallie and Nolan Johannes; father, Ewald; siblings, Jack (Bess), Karen (Trevor) Evans, Tom, Kathy (Jim) Bell, Randy (Vi), Mark, and many nieces, nephews, special friends, and caregivers. He was preceded in death by his mother, Leona (2002); son-in-law, Scott Wenner (2001), sister, Mary Ellen Larson (1980), brother, Ronald (1960), and his grandparents. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

# Tribute Wall



“ Roger L. Johannes

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January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Arlis and Family, Ewald and Family,

*I remember one Easter at Grandpa and Grandma Johannes's farm I challenged Roger to put on boxing gloves and go a few rounds with me. He immediately knocked the wind out of me in front of our relatives. Even then he didn't humiliate me further. We've shared laughs about that "main event" many times there-after.*

*Our condolencess may not heal the hurt. Only time, prayer and God's grace will do that. But rest assured that God will not overlook Roger's sense of humor and deep love of people. Roger has earned a place in heaven to be at peace and joy with God. He was a good man, and will forever be missed.*

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**Duane & Judy Steil** - October 17, 2011 at 12:36 AM

EW

“ *Arlis and Family, Ewald and Family: Roger was a wonderful person, and we were sad to hear of his passing... Roger, never gave up without a fight and loved all of you very much... We are sorry we were unable to get off of work to be there for all of you... I know that there will be many tears, and many moments ahead where you will miss him dearly. I will never forget all the times I would ask him (before he was sick), " so how are you doing?" and his answer was always "not bad for an old man" always with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face... Roger loved life and I know he is in a better place and doesn't have to suffer anymore. Roger would want you all to live each day to its fullest... Take Care of Each Other and love as he has loved all of you and his memories and love will always be with you... We will keep you in our Prayers to help you through this difficult time. We Love All of You... Tammy, Eric, and Joey Willenbring*

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**Eric, Tammy and Joey Willenbring** - October 14, 2011 at 09:36 PM

JM

“ You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can  
open your eyes and see all he's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can  
be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him only that he is gone,  
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

*I love you all and wish I could have been there.  
You will be in my thoughts and prayers!!*

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**Jackie Moore** - October 13, 2011 at 06:27 PM

SF

“ Dear family--May your hearts be comforted, knowing Roger is now  
with God--and his wonderful memory lives in you all.

*Our sincere sympathy--Scott, Shelly, Justin, Joshua and Jessica  
Horst*

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**Scott and Shelly Horst Family** - October 12, 2011 at 10:24 PM

CS

“ *Arlis and family of Roger, your beloved husband and father..  
We were sad to hear of Roger's passing, but were also relieved to  
hear that he no longer is suffering on this earth.  
He now is living with our Lord and Saviour where all pain and  
suffering is gone.  
Remembering his life and good memories that you all have of him is  
now forever locked in your hearts.  
May God bless you all.  
Connie Berckes and Cathy*

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**Connie Berckes and Cathy Sloan** - October 11, 2011 at 07:59 PM