



Roger Adams

March 23, 1950 - March 7, 2016

Roger Douglas Adams, 65, of Ruth, passed into the arms of his God early on Monday, March 7, 2016 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Roger is survived by his wife and soulmate, Joann (Gidcomb) Adams; his daughter, Sarah; his son, Jon; daughter-in-law Rachel, grandchildren Abby and Maddy and family pet Benji. He leaves behind a sister, Sharon (Doug) Ferry; two brothers, David and Gordon (Gala) and sister-in-law Tammy Adams. Roger is also survived by: Frank and Ava (Gidcomb) Hatch, Bryan and Rachel Gidcomb, many nieces and nephews; family friends Nina and Larry Long and Andrea Abke; dear friends/co-workers and clients at Sanilac County Community Mental Health, along with friends and adopted family in communities like Bad Axe, Cass City, Crystal Falls, Garden City, Hetherton, Iron River, Newport, Ruth, Sandusky, South Lyon and South Rockwood. Roger is preceded in death by his parents, Hyle and Berniece (Norway) Adams; his brother, Bob; his brother-in-law, Hal and his father-in-law, Don.

Roger was born in Detroit on March 23, 1950. He graduated from Garden City High School and went on to receive his Bachelor of Religious Education degree from Detroit Bible College. In 1973, Roger married the love of his life, Joann. They had two children, Sarah and Jon. Roger began his career as a Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church of South Lyon, followed by a long and productive career as a pastor, touching many lives all over the state. In 1995, he began a new career in social work. It was a career of caring

for others that culminated with his work at Sanilac County Community Mental Health, a workplace community he cherished until he was unable to continue working in 2015 due to his illness.

Roger enjoyed reading books on world philosophies, religion and history. He loved spending time in nature and watching documentaries. He enjoyed singing and composing music. He loved writing and had several manuscripts in the works which he planned to devote himself to during retirement. He served as an elder at Hetherton Reformed Presbyterian Church and performed weddings all over the state.

Perhaps his greatest joy was serving as Santa Claus to so many boys and girls throughout the area. He drew the attention of children wherever he went, even when he wasn't wearing his traditional Holiday suit, and he always made sure to remind the young (and the young at heart) about the importance of the spirit of Christmas, giving to others, and making the world a better place.

Services will be held on Friday March 11, 2016 at 1 pm. at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Friends may call at the Kaufman Funeral Home on Thursday from 3-8 pm or Friday from noon until the service time at 1 pm. Memorial donations can be made to the family at www.youcaring.com under "Roger Adams Memorial Fund."

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
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Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
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Visitation

MAR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Adams*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



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



March 10, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Adams.*



March 09, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *brothers from south lyon lodge #319 purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roger Adams.*



brothers from south lyon lodge #319 - March 09, 2016 at 09:49 PM

AA

“ We only got to visit with Roger and Joann for a few minutes each Christmas the past 5 years but it became family tradition. We love them. We are praying that our Heavenly Father wraps his comforting arms around Joann and their family. May they have peace through our Savior Jesus Christ that we will all be reunited for eternity. From Ralph, Amy and Noah Ames Caro, Mi



Amy Ames - March 09, 2016 at 05:09 PM

JA

Thank you for sharing your pictures on this site. I was just telling my family about Noah!

Joann Adams - March 10, 2016 at 02:59 AM

DB

“ So very sorry for the loss of Roger one of the kindest souls I have ever met. He touched the life's and hearts of so many people. He will be dearly missed and remembered for a long time to come.



Dianne Burgess - March 09, 2016 at 03:28 PM

Sue
Tolin

“ sending my deepest sympathies, condolences, prayers and love to Joann, sara and jon and all those who were touched in life by Roger. Heaven gained a very special angel. RIP Santa

Sue Tolin - March 08, 2016 at 08:32 PM

KK

I wish to express my sincere sympathy to the family. You never knew me, but I retired from the Sanilac Co. Probate Court and knew Roger well and would see him frequently. He was always a bright spot in my day when he would visit. A gentle soul that will certainly be missed by many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Kelly - March 09, 2016 at 01:25 PM