



Roger Leighton Coffman

March 10, 1931 - October 18, 2020

Roger Leighton Coffman, age 89, of St. Paul, passed away Sunday, October 18, 2020. He was born March 10, 1931 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Harry and Florence Lorraine (nee Motzko) Coffman. Roger is survived by his children, James (late JoAnn) Coffman, Sharon (late Mike) Kelly, Tom (Maria) Coffman, Nancy (Chuck) Eggert, and John (Marie) Coffman; 14 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Dorothy; son, Patrick; daughter-in-law, JoAnn; son-in-law, Mike; and brothers, William and Robert. Roger served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Events

OCT 22 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Klecatsky & Sons Eagan Chapel
1580 Century Point, Eagan, MN, US, 55121

OCT 23 **Mass of Christian Burial** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

Church of St. John Neumann
4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, MN, US, 55122

OCT 27 **Graveside Service** 01:00PM - 01:15PM

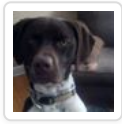
Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, US, 55450

Comments



“ Roger will be greatly missed. He was a really good guy and I always loved and respected that he lived life on his own terms—not worrying about what everyone else may be doing. I’m so grateful that my parent’s (Jim and Gayle Fish) not only lived on Raleigh Court by the Coffman's, but they also retired together on Whitefish. I have so many fond memories of the four of them cross country skiing, enjoying dinners up north at many local supper clubs, and most importantly just living a great life. How lucky they were. Roger was a exceptional storyteller. I loved listening to him share his latest adventures or plans for when the family would be coming to town. The end of an era. RIP Mr. Coffman. Life well lived.

Nancy Berg - October 25, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ Thank you Nancy

Nancy - October 30, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Roger Leighton Coffman.

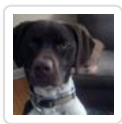


October 21, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ I grew up in Raleigh Court years back.I cant think of nicer guy then that of Roger.He always made the Court Party fun(cant forget the Horseshoe games)He was so easy to talk to and always so friendly. Sorry about noisy snowmobiles going by your house for all those years.Rest in peace Roger.

Matthew Kepp - October 21, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ Thanks for sharing your memory Matt

Nancy - October 30, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ The Schantzen families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Roger Leighton Coffman.



The Schantzen families - October 21, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Grandpa was a one-of-a kind grandpa.

I'll always remember him whistling in the kitchen bright and early in the morning, cooking the whole family (sometimes up to 25 of us) cheesy eggs and bacon. (Grandma was diligently making and buttering toast and pouring juice).

He had a welcoming smile, laugh, and open arms when you arrived, even if you were going to be late and told him not to wait up.

He could always tell a good story, even if we heard it more than once, and he loved to listen to a good story, too. Either way, it would usually end with a hearty laugh by all. Maybe that's why so many of his kids and grandkids are such good storytellers... He loved driving the pontoon and smoking his pipe. When us girls would go fishing at the "Girls Fishing Opener," he didn't fish for himself. He was content to bait our hooks, watch us fish, take our fish off the hook, whistle, and enjoy time on the lake. He didn't grasp at things in life, and he didn't just go through life from one thing to the next. He accomplished what many hope for: he lived a good life, and he enjoyed it - wherever he was, whoever he was with, or whatever he was doing.

Over the last few years as he and my grandma experienced many changes in their health and lifestyle, I never heard him complain - besides an occasional, good-humored grumble, of course.

Will miss you Grandpa!

Megan

(one of his 14 grandchildren, well, 16 if you include 2 important grand-dogs)

Megan Coffman - October 21, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ Such a wonderful person, really made the Court Party fun. Really good at horse shoes. Roger was always so friendly and easy to talk to. Sorry about my noisy snowmobiles going by your house all those years. Rest in peace Roger



Matthew Kepp - October 21, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Roger will be missed and was loved by many at Immaculate Heart Church in Crosslake. His wisdom and common sense shone at more than one building committee meeting! I have fond memories of both Roger and Dorothy and will miss them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Mary Hagen - October 21, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Leighton Coffman.

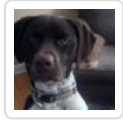


October 21, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ Roger & Dorothy were original homeowners on Raleigh Court & a big part of helping to keep our neighborhood close. Even after they moved away, Rog always came back with his famous garlic toast for RC Day! Roger & Dorothy's many kids, grand kids & great grandkids are testaments to their very long marriage. Roger was a funny guy, quick witted & loved to sing. He will be missed. Prayers to the entire Coffman clan for peace and healing.

Sue Fredericks - October 21, 2020 at 02:03 AM



“ Thanks for sharing a wonderful memory

Nancy - October 30, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Dear Roger,

As you probably know, I was the best friend of your youngest son, John, growing up. Some of my fondest memories were coming down Raleigh Court to your home on a Saturday morning. I remember opening the door to your home, from the garage (like I was one of the family), close to Dagny and Boot's dog houses (the family's beloved dogs), always to find this amazing smell, and warmth of the beer bread that you were baking behind the kitchen island. Thank you for keeping us safe on the "Bag swing" and tobogganing down the frozen tundra during the winter.

I also remember Lake Jenny; I miss the bunk houses, and horse shoes, learning how to tube behind a boat, and the Gopher Campfire. Thank you for all that.

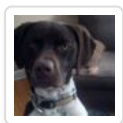
As we grew older, post- Lake Jenny, you brought new experiences to our lives. We traveled to Lutsen (Chateau LeVeux), Spirit Mountain and such for our annual ski retreat. Then in Canada; Atsokan Island. This island was not only a big rock in a beautiful lake, it was a place that helped create the person that I am today. Thanks for allowing me to experience the Northern Lights with your kids, my lifelong friends, Johnny and Nancy.

Next page: Whitefish Chain. I'm sorry about snowmobiling up your back yard to my parents cabin, I'm sure I kept you awake at night after a meat raffle or two.

Thank you for all of the wonderful things you have shared with so many people, Roger. You will be deeply missed by all.

Timmy Fish

Timothy Fish - October 20, 2020 at 10:16 PM



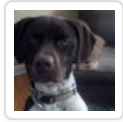
“ Thank you Tim for your kind words and great memories

Nancy - October 30, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Roger was such a big part of so many peoples lives in so many ways. He was the glue that kept Raleigh Court and its legendary court party alive for half a decade or more even after the Burnsville days he made so many memories of great times for so many at his many lake homes. Our families always were close to Roger and his family . He will be missed by many many friends and family members . God Bless

Steven Fish - October 20, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Thank you for sharing great memories

Nancy - October 30, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Roger,
Thank you for the constant enthusiasm you touched our neighborhood with when I was growing up. When it came to horseshoes, dice/card games, food, or your broad musical tastes; you always shared your passions and wisdom with humor with a welcoming smile. Your gusto and balanced approach to life left a strong, positive impression on me and no doubt many others. I will always remember you fondly.

Doug Fish

Doug Fish - October 20, 2020 at 05:04 PM



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Sue Fredericks

Sue Fredericks - October 20, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ I can't even come close to narrowing down a specific memory of Roger. I've known him my entire life and have always had the greatest of respect for him. Whether it was the stories about liver and onions, the countless loaves of bread he baked, the ribs and garlic toast. But this was not about just food, it was the cherished times with him, hunting, fishing, telling stories, playing cards and liars dice and much, much more. He was such a wonderful person and I'm a better person because of the years knowing him. Rest In Peace Roger.

Kendall Kraft - October 20, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Roger will be missed by so many. We cherish the times we were able to spend with him and Dorothy. I use to loved to hear him whistle while he was cooking (the wonderful scrambled eggs for one dish). Pray that God will bless and comfort his family.

Jim and Jan Kirby

JAMES KIRBY - October 21, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Please know how very sorry we are for your loss. We always enjoyed visiting with Roger-he was so upbeat. He will be missed. Prayers to the Coffman family.

The Kepp family

Kepp family - October 21, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ We became friends with Roger and Dorothy through our wonderful neighbors at Whitefish Lake, Jim and Gayle Fish. There are many great memories including adult beverages on the Fish deck. The group would continue to grow as other neighbors would join the party! At Christmas, Roger and Dorothy would go out and cut their own tree, usually a beautiful Spruce, and the tree was absolutely covered with ornaments, you could feel the love and memories emanating from the tree! Roger will be missed by all , he and Dorothy were very special people. God bless all of the families. Linda and Jo Shalley

Linda Shalley - October 22, 2020 at 04:00 PM