



Michael Roder

August 8, 1951 - February 19, 2012

Michael (Mick) L. Roder, 60, lost a heroic battle with cancer on Sunday, February 19, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE. Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 23, at 2:00 PM at the Neligh United Methodist Church in Neligh. Pastor Gary Main will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery . Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at osrfh.com. O'Brien - Straatmann - Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Michael was born August 8, 1951 in Tilden to Donald G. and Shirley E. (Shupe) Roder. He received his education at Elkhorn Valley Public Schools, graduating in 1969. He entered the United States Air Force shortly after high school and served his country until his retirement as Chief Master Sergeant, E9 in 1993. During that time he earned a variety of degrees including an MBA. After his retirement from the military, he moved to Neligh where he owned and operated Shirley's Cafe and the Family Snack Shack. He later moved to Omaha where he was CEO of the Nebraska Dairy Council. In 2010 he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where he worked for the Veteran's Health Administration as a Management Analyst. In November 2011 he was diagnosed with lung cancer and moved to Kearney for medical treatment. He was a member of Kearney First United Methodist Church. He is survived by his daughters, Melanie (Chris) Pipkins of Bellevue and Meredith (Lucas) Bennett of Meadow Grove; seven grandchildren, Austen, Leigha, Hunter, Reed, Marissa, Colton,

and Trigg; brother Dave (T.J.) Roder of Twinsburg, OH; sisters Donna (Duane) Pierce of Madison, SD, Chris (Gary) Main of Kearney, and Sandy (Curt) Calder of Randolph as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Garrett Michael Jude Roder.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Roder*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I miss him every day.*

Peggy Roder - October 27, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ *Peggy Roder lit a candle in memory of Michael Roder*



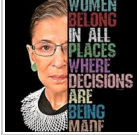
peggy roder - November 25, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Peggy Roder lit a candle in memory of Michael Roder*



peggy roder - November 25, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ You've been gone for 1492 days. Every minute and every hour since you stepped out of this physical world and beat that cancer has been spent missing you and loving you more and more. In one moment it's seemed like a hundred years since last speaking to you the next it seems like only yesterday. We've continued to heal and life has continued on. Events have reminded me who and what is most important in my life. I know you are but just a whisper away yet I just need my daddy so so much as each year passes. I am relieved you are in a much better place and I know you are with our family hanging out waiting for the day we're all together again. Until then I'll close this rambling in the words of Toby Keith ... "play it sweet in heaven, 'Cause that's right where you wanna be. I'm not crying 'cause I feel so sorry for you. I'm crying for me"



Cranio Art Melanie Pipkins - March 21, 2016 at 02:03 PM

PR

From your mom. Love you. I never stopped loving you or your father.

Peggy Roder - September 23, 2017 at 11:15 AM

PR

Will see him in heaven.---Peg

peggy roder - November 25, 2018 at 02:19 PM

JW

“ *I have been to California to see my children and grandchildren. I hired Mike as Office Manager and he was hired in my position when I left the Dairy Council. I visited with him several times at the office. I am so sorry for our loss and wish to convey to his family that I would have been to the funeral had I not been in California.*

Joan Werblow - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DO

“ Dear Roder family, I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. We worked together as dairy promotion state and regional CEO's. I always enjoyed my time with him and his dedication to dairy farmers. He was a great guy and I'm glad I had the opportunity to work with him planning several conferences and get to know him. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he will be terribly missed.
Sincerely, Deb Osza

Deb Osza - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

AO

“ Condolences to the Roder family on the loss of your dear Mike. The Roder family lived next door to us in Madison and were wonderful neighbors. I'll always remember Mike as a wonderful , kind, and yes, talkative guy. Give a big hug to his sister, Donna, probably one of the sweetest girls I ever knew. Ann Schmitz O'Neill

Ann O'Neill - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TA

“ Melanie, Words cannot express the deep regret that I am feeling for you. My heart hurts for you. May the Lord comfort you during this time.

Tara - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BC

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Mike over the last 1 1/2 yrs. We shared a lot of life & family stories. Mike was an amazing, energetic, bright, & proud man, who loved life & his country. He always had something to say :-) & he would tell me to give him a specific look if he needed to be quiet and not put his foot in his mouth. Of course, when he got the look, sometimes he'd be quiet and other times he'd say, "I can't help it, I have to get it out". I will miss Mike and cherish the memories. Oh family, may the peace of God be bestowed upon you and may He lighten your burden and comfort you.

Brigitte Cameron - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JW

“ Melanie, We are very sorry about the loss of your Dad. We are glad we had the privelage of meeting Mike, if only for a short time, he was truly an extra ordinary man. Our deepest sympathies and our prayers are with you and your family.

Jerry & Willy - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

GF

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and the family. I know your daughter Mel and she is one of the strongest person I have met. You had raised a very special lady! Now may you RIP and watch over your family forever.

Groff Family - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DJ

“ I worked with Mike from 2010 - 2011 in Cincinnati at the Veteran's Administration. He always had a way of making the room seem brighter and always lightened the atmosphere. He was also very wise and had a lot to say about numerous subjects. We were both in the Air Force and both enjoyed talking about finances too. Mike you will be missed my friend. God bless and God speed.

David Johnson - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JC

“ Melanie and Family, Thank you for sharing your Dad with us last summer at the Retreat. What a honor to have had a chance to meet him. We send our deepest sympathy for your loss. Please feel the warm embrace of everyone in your huge CCA family holding you and yours right now. We all love you and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, that fond memories will comfort you. Jill xo

Jill Patterson @ CCA - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

CC

“ Melanie- I am so very deeply sorry for your incredible loss. I never met your father when we were in Kentucky, but seeing pictures of him, he looks like a truly wonderful man. I feel blessed and honored to know you, and I want you to always know how much you and your family mean to me. My thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences are with you and your family during this difficult time. Always know that I am always here for you, no matter what. You know how to get in contact with me. Take care of yourself, and your beautiful family. Love you always. xxx Chrissy

Chrissy Clinton - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TH

“ *Melanie and family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Tina Maavich (Zack, Alyssa & Hayden) - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

T/

“ *MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU ALL YOU ARE IN MY DEEPEST THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.I CANNOT IMAGINE LOSING MY BROTHER.MAY MEMORIES HEAL YOUR HEART AND MAY HE BE ANOTHER ANGEL WATCHING OVER YOU FROM UP ABOVE.GOD BLESS,TERESA*

TERESA RACELY /SCHNASE - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BD

“ *Donna, Chris, Sandy & Dave -- May you have only happy memories of this wonderful man! We know how much he will be missed. We are thinking of you all! Much love!*

Bim & Doris - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TF

“ *My sincerest condolences in the loss of your Daddy ... I know what you are going through losing my dad so recently too. You and your family are in my thoughts and Prayers. Much love to you and yours.*

Teresa Fitzgerald - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

MD

“ *Just wanted to let you and your family no, you are in my thoughts and prayers, it i so hard and painful to loose a family member, especially at such a young age, cherish the memories, love you.*

Mary Doanrski - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TM

“ I just want to let the Melanie Roder and family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time in your life. I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know this this man, but I know what it is to loose the people you love and it can be painfull indeed. Just know that when you feel that lonely pain in your heart, that you are not alone. God is with you and many people are thinking and praying for you.

Terrie Humphries a Cranio Mom - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

AB

“ I am praying for your precious family during this hard time! I am so sorry for your loss.

Alison Brooks - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JW

“ Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time

Janette Willet - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

LD

“ although i never knew your daddy mel, i can see that he was a very brave man,who was so loved by all his family and friends. bless you and your family. the angels are blessed to have him near.aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

lesley dack - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

RR

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I knew him as a kind and loving father to his daughters and as someone who stood with them and helped them through the challenges in life. Not many girls are blessed with daddy like that and I know how very much he will be missed.

Rachel Robinson - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

PR

Will be missed till we meet again in heaven. Your 1sr wife. Peg

peggy roder - November 25, 2018 at 12:59 PM

PR

Still miss you, my husband in Christ. I will see you soon.

Peggy Roder - May 13, 2024 at 07:28 PM