



## Roger Wakelin

March 8, 1943 - May 21, 2012

Roger D. Wakelin, 69, of Kearney died Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, May 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Rev. Gary Main officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted by Rob Morris Lodge #46 A.F. & A.M of Kearney. There will be no visitation. Interment will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien - Straatmann - Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born on March 8, 1943 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Robert and Wilma (Skinner) Wakelin. He grew up in Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island High School. He continued his education at Kearney State College, receiving his degree in secondary education. While at KSC, he was a member of Tri Phi Fraternity, and through a blind date met his wife of 48 years, Connie (Burtis) Wakelin. They were wed on April 17, 1964 in Kearney, after which the couple made their home in Grand Island. To this union, 2 daughters were born. Lynne Renee and Janelle Jo. The family made homes over the years in Spencer, IA, Kearney and Chickasha, OK. Roger was a skilled business man and salesman with a passion for fairness and character building. He worked for Sahling Kenworth, New Holland, Field Queen, International Harvester, and John Deere throughout the years. In 1988, Roger and Connie purchased the Kearney Ford New Holland Dealership, which was renamed Wakelin Implement. After a very successful

seven years of ownership they sold the business to Fairbanks Implement. Roger went to work as Service Manager at Sahling Kenworth, from where he retired in March of 2008. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Tehama Shrine, Fort Kearney Shrine Club, Rob Morris Masonic Lodge #46, and the Kearney Archway Corvette Club at the time of his death, but had enjoyed Barbershoppers and volunteered for other community organizations throughout the years. He enjoyed his family, singing, tractors, Corvettes, hunting with his friends and grandsons, and making relationships. Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Connie of Kearney; daughters, Lynne Beckstead and husband, Patrick of Kearney, Janelle Rolls and husband, Steven of Alliance, NE; grandsons, Joshua and Nicholas Follmer, Colton and Gage Rolls; granddaughter, Ryley Rolls; sister, Joanne Lanman and husband, Wendell of Parker, CO; nieces, Stephanie Braeden, and Krista Schmidt, also of Parker, CO. He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Wakelin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Connie: I just accessed the Hub obituaries again after a few days away from their site. I was shocked to hear of Roger's passing. I thot he was doing so well. My sympathy to you and your family. I will respond further soon. -Cliff*

**Clifford Lowell** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *We were very sorry to learn of Roger's passing. We will always remember the fun times we had when we served with you as potentate's aids. May God bless you.*

**Kent and Jennifer Priest** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences. We were out of town for about a week and missed the news. Our best wishes to the entire family. Roger and you are all special people. Sincerely, Barb and John*

**Barb & John Bancroft** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *I was saddened to read in the Kearney Hub of Roger's death. It is just such a difficult for the family to lose their father nd husband. As one who knows, it does get better over time, but the hurt never goes away. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

**Sharlene Meyer** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

RS

“ Connie and family, We are saddened to learn of Roger's passing. Heaven is a better place because Roger is there. He will be greatly missed by you and the family and all those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Randy and Marj Shackleton** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

SS

“ Connie and family. We were so sad to hear of Roger's passing. We both feel blessed to have known him as a friend. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

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**Scott & Janelle Stadler** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

KA

“ Connie and Family, We won't be able to be in Kearney to celebrate Roger's life at the memorial service, but you and your family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Roger has inspired many of us to be as cheerful and people-oriented as he was. We're sure he would be smiling to see all of the Corvettes that will be there to pay tribute to him at his memorial service--he might even find a dust speck or two on some of them which he would, of course, take care of with his polishing cloth so that he might help out a friend. We have been privileged to know Roger and to call him our friend.

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**Ken and Janet Anderson** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JM

“ Connie and all the Wakelin family We were very sorry to hear about Roger, we enjoyed the trips we traveled on together and he will be missed at the shows and club events. You have our thoughts and prayers. John and Judy Mares

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**John & Judy Mares** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

MW

“ *Connie and family - I am so saddened by Rogers' passing. My love and prayers go out to you. Roger was such a nice man - Jerry and I always enjoyed being around both of you.*

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**Marci Walker** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. God Bless.*

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**Bob and Sue Placke** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this. I didn't know that Roger was fighting Multiple Myeloma. My husband is a survivor of this dreadful disease. As Jim's caregiver thru treatment and stem cell transplant, I wish I had known. Maybe I could have helped you thru some of the worst times. May God be with during this time. Please call me if you wish. (308)440-8419.*

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**Carolyn (Huffman)Milligan** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TN

“ *To the Family of Roger Wakelin:*

*We would like to send out heartfelt condolences at this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Those of us in NCA will miss his genuine smile and helpful nature. May God Bless him in eternity.*

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**Tom & Marilyn Svoboda, Wahoo, NE** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Memories of those we love light the darkness long after they are gone. Blessings, Peace, and Love, Gary, Laurie, Nathan, Alison, Megan and Brian*

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**The Gould Family** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM