



Roger R. Adams

August 25, 1938 - December 16, 2019

Roger Adams, 81, passed away Monday, December 16, 2019 at his home in Brooklyn Heights. Roger was born August 25, 1938 in Jasper County to Eugene R. and Maxine “Shaffer” Adams. He was a lifetime resident of the Carthage area, graduating from Carthage High School. He served in the United States Marine Corp and retired as a superintendent at Dyno-Nobel after 38 years. Roger was 33rd Degree Mason and a member of the Masonic Criterion #586 in Alba, the Scottish Rite in Joplin and the Scottish Rite Train Crew. He enjoyed carving figurines, taking motorcycle trips with his Retread Family and gardening. Holidays at the Adams’ were always filled with parked cars, grandchildren playing in the yard and enough food to feed an army. Roger dearly loved his family, had a heart for giving to those in need and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Roger was united in marriage to Betty “Burk” on December 8, 1958; she survives.

Roger is also survived by one son, Roger E. (Butch) Adams and wife Jan of Carthage; two daughters, Pamela J. Livingston and husband Tim of Galena, KS, Rebekah (Becky) Adams-Ogle and husband Scott of Carthage; one brother, Stephen F. Adams; one sister, Carol Dillon; eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Roger was preceded in death by his son, Russel R. Adams, on August 2, 1980, and one sister, Rebekah Pfander.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Curtis Cemetery, west of Carthage. Masonic Rites will be observed.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Curtis Cemetery

West of Carthage. Go west on Fairview to the end & jog. Continue west; cemetery is on the right.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ So sorry to hear this news just the other day when trying to reconnect and get back to lodge. The news hit me like a ton of bricks. Roger was a dear sweet friend and true brother. I looked up to him because he was like a father figure to me. When I had pretty much no one in this world and felt so alone, he happily picked me up to take me to lodge. I absolutely loved his woodworking, being a fellow woodworker myself. I greatly enjoyed listening to his perfect vocal delivery of ritual work, it reminding me of Morgan Freeman. Haha. He so much inspired me to get my life straightened out and be a better man. I only wish I would have made time to just hang out with him and learn more from him. He touched my life at the deepest level of my heart and soul, and I am grateful and proud to have called him my brother. I will see you again some day friend, when it is my time to join you in Heaven, and we will enjoy and admire Our Creator's perfect handiwork in the Lodge not made by human hands. I love you.

Lance E. Pugh - July 10, 2020 at 09:28 AM

CS

“ Betty and family, We are sorry to hear of Roger passing. He will be forever in our Retread Motorcycle Group family. I love how you and Roger always cared for our kids. they were lucky to have grown up with an extended Retread family. Luke was always fascinated with Roger's train whistle and Hannah still shares the card trick that Roger taught her with family and friends. They cherish the Santa ornaments that Roger carved for each of them. Craig and I also have many memories of the two of you on your motorcycle going for rides. We were to happy to share some of those adventures with you both. We will miss him at the head of the table. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Craig, Debbie, Hannah and Luke Scroggs

Craig, Debbie, Hannah & Luke Scroggs - December 23, 2019 at 12:23 PM

JS

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Roger. Your family was part of our family when Mary Jane and I first got married and lived in mobile home next to the Rosenthals. We watched the kids grow up. Betty, Pam, Butch, and Becky you are in our thoughts and prayers.

John And Mary Jane Stevens - December 17, 2019 at 12:02 PM

JP

“ Betty and family ...so sorry to hear of Rogers passing.. our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

I didnt know Roger personally but only thru my parents hearing them talk about Roger and Betty back in the days! Roger also bought my dads golf cart! So on behalf of the Read family of Brooklyn Heights community we are so very sorry for your loss.



Jeannie Pritchard(Read) - December 17, 2019 at 11:51 AM