



Roger Don Christian

March 25, 1942 - December 1, 2019

On Sunday, December 1st, 2019, Roger Don Christian, loving husband, father, and grandfather of Crystal Falls passed away at the age of 77.

Roger was born on March 25th, 1942, to Albert and Eleanor Christian in Ishpeming, Michigan. He graduated from National Mine High School in 1960, and attended Northern Michigan University. In 1965, Roger started working with the Michigan State Parks Services, where he worked at multiple parks, ultimately landing at Bewabic State Park in Crystal Falls, Michigan, in 1969. Roger spent 20 years with the State Parks Services, later to work for his own construction companies until his retirement in 2006.

Starting in 1987, Roger regularly attended the Mission Bible Training Center, teaching the Gospel to those recovering in the center, as long as he was able to. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, traveling regularly to visit them in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oregon and California. Roger also loved making wooden fishing nets by hand, which he regularly donated for charity. He loved making people laugh, and had an unconditionally loving heart.

Roger is survived by his sisters Alberta (Christian) Kontio and Karen Christian. He is also survived by his wife Marguerite (Trudell) Christian, his son Jeff Christian, daughter-in-law Lisa Rosales and grandson Grayson Christian, his

daughter Laura (Christian) Wesseln, son-in-law Ken Wesseln and grandchildren Lily, Luke, and David Wesseln, his daughter, Stephanie (Christian) Siler, son-in-law Lee Siler and grandchildren Josh and Krista (Cone) Siler, Jacob and Andee (Lortie) Siler, son Pete Mackin, son Stephen Christian and daughter-in-law April (Vivian) Christian, and granddaughter Eleanora Christian.

A Celebration of Life and a luncheon will be held at Lakeview Bible Church on December 14th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Mission Bible Training Center in Gaastra, Michigan.

Condolences to the family of Roger Christian may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted to Nash funeral home and cremation services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lakeview Bible Church
1211 S. US 2
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall



“ Hi neighbor miss you just talking to Karen your sister she misses you too but you are busy in heaven with family and friends my life hasn't been to great but when God wants me I will be seeing you again love you Judy Williamson

Judith Williamson - May 06 at 08:04 PM



“ I took care of Roger during his time at Aurora Grafton on the first floor. I was showing off the fishing net he me and had brought in for my birthday, and sadly this is how I learned of his passing. I've never had a patient that was as stubborn (in a wonderful way) that was also so much fun to talk with and care for like Roge. Working night shift, I hate when patients have those “can't sleep, huh?” nights. Getting to pull up a chair and talk with him when he couldn't sleep was quite the blessing.

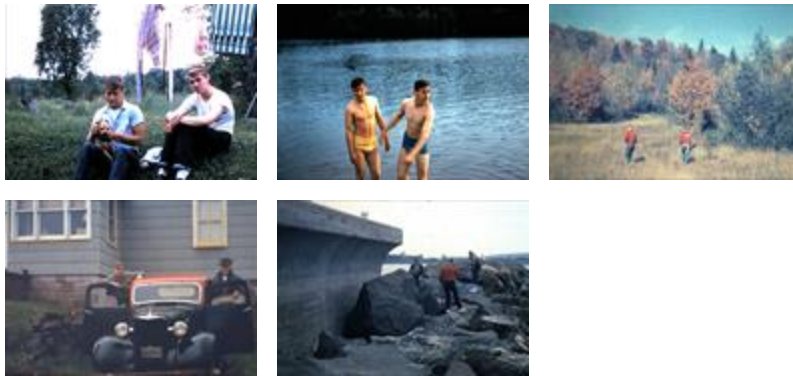
I'm truly sorry for the loss of Roger to all his family and friends, but I'll get to have his memory hung on my wall to remember the impact he had on me in the short few weeks I spent around him.

Jake Strommen - May 18, 2020 at 01:55 PM

BS

“ So many good memories of Roger. Condolences to his family. As a cousin of the same age we were very close all the way through college...every Sunday at Grandma and Grandpa's and especially the three summers working at Straits State Park. Many good times, and as I read the remembrances of his Crystal Falls friends, it is so easy to understand why the liked Roger. He was a very important part of our lives and will be deeply missed but always fondly remembered.

I add some photos here from back in the 50s and 60s that reflect the fun we had.

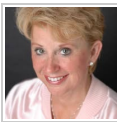


Bruce Solka - December 12, 2019 at 09:34 PM

SS

These are wonderful! Thank you for sharing! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 20, 2019 at 03:16 PM



Roger was my neighbor, friend and I miss all his messages on Facebook and miss him so much. He is finally at peace with his friends and family. You are forever in my heart. God opened his arms and welcomed you home. He was like family to me and so many of his friends miss him. Judy

Judy Williamson - January 12, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Don Christian.*



December 11, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ *I was very sorry to here of Rogers passing.....Always enjoyed running into him and having a conversation ,always with a shared interest.....Peace and prayers for all of you.....Jerry Divine*

Jerry Divine - December 11, 2019 at 07:37 PM



Thank you, Jerry. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 12, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences and prayers. Remember that God is with you always. Arlene Norgren Kaufmann Fox*

Arlene t Kaufmann - December 10, 2019 at 12:22 PM



Thank you! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 11, 2019 at 12:46 AM



“ *Roger asked me at the iga if I am the oldest and last leppiaho. Always a joke a very kind man.he will be missed.*

Roxanne Halls - December 10, 2019 at 08:59 AM

SS

Thank you, Roxanne. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 11, 2019 at 12:51 AM

NO

“ I am so sorry to learn of Rogers passing. He was a kind, gentle man and I have only fond memories of him. Growing up in “New Bristol” was such a blessing to myself and the other kids in the neighborhood and much of this is due to the kindness and caring nature of Roger and the other parents. This was a special place to be a child and I will cherish these memories. Rest peacefully Mr. Christian.

Nancy O'Hare - December 09, 2019 at 07:44 PM

SS

Thank you, Nancy! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 09, 2019 at 11:32 PM

CK

“ Hey guys, sorry to hear about your loss of Roger. My sincere condolences . I haven't seen you all on a long time but would like to. Hopefully sometime when I am up there being a neighbor we will run into each other. Conrad

Conrad Klima - December 09, 2019 at 07:16 PM

SS

Thank you, Conrad! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 09, 2019 at 11:31 PM

KS

“ I am one of the Directors at Mission Bible Training Center and can truly attest to all Roger has done over 30 + years teaching our residents. He was so faithful and generous with his time and doing anything he could. Sunday nights won't be the same. Prayers for all his family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kathy Sala - December 08, 2019 at 09:46 PM

SS

Thank you, Kathy! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 09, 2019 at 07:22 AM

VR

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. Whenever I saw Roger, I was reminded of my dad. Roger and my dad had the same beautiful eyes. I loved seeing all the pictures Roger shared of our family.

vicky racine - December 07, 2019 at 01:10 PM

SS

Thank you, Vicky! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 07, 2019 at 03:14 PM

JT

My condolences to the family. So sorry to hear of Roger's passing. I was a neighbor, in that wonderful place called the New Bristol. Remember him sitting on the front porch, just enjoying the moment.

Jacki Toimlinson - December 11, 2019 at 01:37 PM

LR

“ My condolences and prayers to Marguerite and all of Roger's children, grandchildren, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. I'm sorry I don't have any stories but as cousins I remember Roger at family reunions and visits to our home as a kind, gentle soul always with a smile and kinds words. I loved being Fb friends with Roger seeing all his posts of spiritual encouragement and love. I can say honestly, I loved Roger. RIP my dear cousin. You with our Lord now! Until we meet again....💜

Lori Juntila Rupert - December 07, 2019 at 10:10 AM

SS

Thank you, Lori! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 07, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Roger Don Christian.*



December 07, 2019 at 12:09 AM

SK

“ *Marguerite, so sorry to hear of Rogers passing. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*
Sharon Kopenski

sharon kopenski - December 06, 2019 at 12:14 PM

VW

“ I first met Roger when he volunteered his time as a Youth Group leader at United Lutheran! He had a way with young adults; he was the adult in charge but so easy to talk to & he laughed & joked around...I have fun & fond memories of him from way back! He would also tell you our girls drove too fast through the neighborhood! One of our daughters hit the mailboxes...Roger fixed it! 😊 He's with God now! 🙏

Vicki West - December 05, 2019 at 02:41 PM

SS

Thank you, Vicki. We love hearing stories about our Dad. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 05:50 PM

DD

“ Steph, Laura, Lee and Ken, I'm so sorry I can't be there to offer the support you have for me in the past two years. My heart is with all of you that loved Roger. Bless his soul and may you all find comfort with your beautiful families during these difficult days.
Love you, Darcie

Darcie Daniels - December 05, 2019 at 01:24 PM

SS

Thank you, Darcie! Love you too. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Don Christian.



December 05, 2019 at 01:20 PM

ND

“ *The New Bristol Location will not be the same without Roger. He has been a wonderful neighbor, living across the street from me since he moved here many years ago. I have enjoyed the many discussions we have had during the years and will miss watching his daily feeding of the birds in his yard. May he rest in peace.*
Norb Dishaw

Norb Dishaw - December 04, 2019 at 05:15 PM

SS

Thank you, Norb. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:52 AM

LP

“ *My sincere condolences to Roger's family. I found a few photos I thought you might enjoy.*



Lois A Piskorz - December 03, 2019 at 08:00 PM

SS

Thank you, Lois! Great pictures!❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JW

“ Roger was my neighbor, friend and almost like a brother I never had. I miss his beautiful messages on Facebook and find myself still looking but he is in heaven with family and friends. He will be in my heart forever. I am sorry for your loss but he is happy with family in heaven. Miss you my friend Roger but I know you are happy now. Love u Judy Williamson.

Judith Williamson - December 03, 2019 at 02:32 PM

SS

Thank you, Judy! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:57 AM

KW

“ Roger and Nuz were the best buddies. He will be missed by many people. My heart and prayers go out the Roger's family..

Kathy Waters - December 02, 2019 at 10:38 PM

SS

Thank you. He loved Nuz, Kathy! ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:55 AM

GT

“ I first met Roger when I retired from the USAF and moved next door to him on July 2nd, 2001. He always liked to talk about politics, the environment, and the speed limit on New Bristol Road. He especially loved my Yorkie Harley. He always petted him and called him "puppy," even though Harley is 13 and a 1/2-years-old. I'll never forget his kindness. What a great and caring neighbor. I want to sincerely send my and Harley's condolences to the family. RIP and Godspeed, Roger. Harley and I will surely miss you.

Glenn Trzeciak - December 02, 2019 at 05:00 PM

SS

Thank you, Glenn. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:53 AM

PK

*“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. He used to share memories and photos of him and my dad, Richard Solka, and it made me smile. He was a family historian for sure! He will be missed!
Pam*

Pamela Kirchoff - December 02, 2019 at 03:31 PM

SS

Thank you, Pam! He sure was a family historian. He loved his family dearly. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:56 AM

HE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am glad I got the pleasure of meeting Roger. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Heather - December 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM

SS

Thank you, Heather. ❤️

Stephanie Siler - December 05, 2019 at 08:56 AM