



Roger D. Murrell

July 6, 1944 - September 17, 2020

Roger Dale Murrell, 76, of Stilesville, died Thursday, September 17, 2020, at his home while surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Columbia, KY on July 6, 1944, to the late Lloyd “Ray” and Mamie “Eurene” (Rogers) Murrell.

Moving to Indiana at the age of five, Roger and his two siblings grew up in Crown Center. A 1962 graduate of Eminence High School, he was charismatic, athletic, and full of fire. Starting forward of the Eminence Eels “Sweet 16” basketball team, sports was not only a passion, it was a way of life and the topic to strike up a good conversation. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Returning home, he found the love of his life and true soul mate, Diane. Martha “Diane” Miller and Roger Dale Murrell exchanged vows on July 19, 1969.

A diligent worker, loyal husband and loving father of two children, the Murrell's lived in Martinsville where they were blessed with two girls and then settled in Stilesville where they built a warm and comfortable home that welcomed hundreds of friends and family over the years. A loyal friend, mentor, smooth talker, and exceptionally generous man, he was as humble as he was cocky and a true class act. He would give the shirt off his back to a stranger and would not think twice about offering a hand to someone in need.

Roger was a lineman and troubleshooter at IPL by trade and deservingly

retired in 2007. He belonged to the United Brotherhood of Electrical workers and the American Legion in Danville. Keeping a foot on the court, he enjoyed coaching the kids and grandkids in youth basketball and was able to see many past players mature into successful athletes. In addition to sports and family, horses were his passion. He loved to go riding with his family and stayed true to his competitive spirit through cutting horses and team penning.

Challenged on several levels after receiving a cancer diagnosis, when given the choice to stand and fight, he did just that; going up to bat so he could have more time with his family, Roger took on countless treatments and battled for nearly thirteen years before finishing his earthly journey. A life lived well and a name to remember, Roger Murrell was a good old country boy, an upstanding citizen and comrade, he created fun wherever he went, and his life was lived with a strong arm and genuine heart. Leaving a beautiful life story, his legacy will continue in the stories shared with generations to come.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Blackwell.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Diane Murrell of Stilesville; daughters, Reneae Staley (husband, Jay) of Martinsville and Natalie Miller (husband, Bill) of Borden; brother, Garrell Murrell (wife, Sandy) of Stilesville; grandkids, Ally, Macey, Cody (wife, Rhea), and Aubrey; great grandson, Rhett; along with a host of extended family members and friends within the community.

Friends and family may visit from 2p.m., until a Memorial Celebration of Life Service begins at 4p.m., on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Military Honors will be conducted at the funeral home and Pastor Bob Yount will officiate the services. Funeral & Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, Monrovia. To read his life story, share a favorite memory or send an online

condolence to the family, please visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
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Memorial Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

OE

“ So many memories of a great man and better friend. Have been separated by time but will never forget. Our condolences to the entire Murrell family. Orval Enlow and family

Orval Enlow - October 03, 2020 at 04:07 PM

RT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Roy & Stacy Thompson - September 24, 2020 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ Dear Diane, Reneae, Natalie, & Family: Roger was a very kind and wonderful person. A lot of good memories of him with Larry on trail rides and horse shows and being a good friend. He will be deeply missed. May God bless and keep you all. With love. Judy Bohlander, Mike Bohlander, and Tammy, Glen, Makenley, & Mallory Broyles.

Judy Bohlander - September 22, 2020 at 06:38 PM

TC

“ REST IN PEACE ROGER! I enjoyed watching you play ball at IPALCO Hall. Also, I was your groundsman in the lines dept. Thanks for the memories!

Tom Cox - September 22, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.



September 22, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.



September 22, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.



September 21, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - September 21, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Courtney & Renn & Nelson & Ramona Murrell purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Roger D. Murrell.



Courtney & Renn & Nelson & Ramona Murrell - September 21, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Diane and family we were so sorry to hear this !💙 Thinking of you and t your family with Loving Sympathy ❤️ Remembering all the good times and sometimes wild 🤪 Bless you all !!!! Barry and Pam Teeters and family ❤️

Pam Teeters - September 21, 2020 at 04:21 PM

YL

“ *Your Friends At Vecoplan LLC purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Roger D. Murrell.*



Your Friends At Vecoplan LLC - September 21, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.*



September 21, 2020 at 03:13 PM

DM

“ *The Brocks and Murrells were neighbors in beautiful downtown Crown Center. My parents, Frank and Esther Brock, and Ray and Eurene became best friends after realizing they had been raised in the same area of Kentucky. So sorry for your family's loss. I know Roger will be missed.*

Donna Brock McDermit

Donna McDermit - September 21, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.*



September 21, 2020 at 01:40 PM

SL

“ I met Roger on the Crown Center school bus in 1956. He told me the first of about ten thousand "tall" stories and we have been GREAT friends since. In the summers we played "ball" everyday with the Stagner boys (Harold and Terrell). As young adults we played "ball" (independent basketball and softball) everywhere. Over the last forty years we have been separated by miles but never did our friendship waiver.. Roger always included me and my family into his family when we united.

Roger's love of work, horses, friends, fun, and family will never be surpassed or forgotten. God has a wonderful "trouble shooter" with him now and Heaven's lights will always remain bright. Until we toss the "ball" again--Rest in Peace.

Steve Leonard

STEPHEN LEONARD - September 21, 2020 at 10:43 AM

SK

Steve Leonard well told story,,I remember playing ball with you, Roger, Mike Borne, Roger's Brother Garrel ,, when I first got out of Highschool from Monrovia, Indiana Highschool. All of us celebrating life as we could,,,many a time's at Pat's Bar in Mooresville, Indiana. I seen Mike Bourne a few weeks ago back in Mid January of this year 2026 at the Main Street Grill pub in Monrovia Indiana. I live in Mooresville now And I drive to Hall,, Wilbur,, Crown Center, Little Point, Eminence, Cloverdale and so many other places near to remember "The good ole days" what a great life out there,,, This is Steve Kaiser ,,hope all is well and healthy. kaiserusa4@gmail.com

Steven Kaiser - March 12 at 09:04 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.*



September 20, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roger D. Murrell.*



September 20, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *What I remember most about Roger is his love for his family. Roger was so proud of his daughters and you could see him beaming when he would listen to his grandchildren tell him things about what they were going or telling him things they thought were funny.
Rest in Peace*

James and Faye Staley - September 20, 2020 at 08:53 AM