



Obituary: Roger D. Parkhurst

Roger Dean Parkhurst was born in Huron, South Dakota, to Martha and Lyman Parkhurst. Roger's siblings include Dee, Marlys, Marion, Diane, and his younger brothers, Dale and Dennis. It was here that Roger developed his love for God and his country.

Roger and Dale moved to New Jersey in the early 70's to work alongside their older brother, Dee, at Pumping Services Incorporated in Middlesex, NJ. These three brothers could build, fix, and repurpose anything. After all, they were from the wild west! This adventure was the beginning of Roger's long withstanding career of over 50 years with the company. Roger was a top level Sales Engineer, where he had vast experience in pump systems and treatment of water and wastewater systems. Roger was active in the Water Environmental Association, serving as President of the Central Section and chairing holiday parties and assisting in golf outings. He enjoyed working alongside such talented people who genuinely cared

about the environment.

In June 1975, he married Lynn Karla Wahl and went on to raise three beautiful, successful children; Jessica, Elizabeth, and Karl. Roger moved to Lakewood, NJ in 1979 and throughout the years served his community by leading Boy Scouts, coaching basketball, serving his PTA, PTO and advising the youth group of Christ United Methodist Church. Roger also served as a member of the Lakewood Blackhawks for 28 years, a philanthropic group helping the youth of Lakewood, where he also served as president. The Lakewood Elks Lodge #1432 was also an important part of Roger's community service. He served as Exalted Ruler and served in all charitable stations over the last 26 years. Community service was important to Roger, as he served on the Veterans Committee and the South East District John Sentner Polar Plunge committee, which grants special needs children the opportunity to attend a specialized camp free of charge.

Roger loved his family, friends, and community. These past few years he began Rv'ing and boating on his pontoon with his family, which he greatly enjoyed. Roger leaves behind an amazing legacy to his wife; Lynn, his children; Jessica and Karl Parkhurst and Elizabeth and Anthony Sernotti, his grandchildren; Evelyn, Ava, Abigail, and James, and a host of extended family.

One Hundred Years From Now

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One hundred years from now

It will not matter

What kind of car I drove,

What kind of house I lived in,

How much money was in my bank account

Nor what my clothes looked like.

But the world may be a better place because

I was important in the life of a child.

Anyone looking to make a donation in memorial of Roger may do so to The HOPE Center, which continues to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors in Ocean County.

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