



Mr. Roger F. Bernt

August 28, 1948 - May 9, 2018

Roger F. Bernt was born on August 28, 1948 to William George Bernt and Mabel Frances (Janak) Bernt at Stuart, Nebraska, and passed away on May 9, 2018, at Amarillo Texas.

In 1956, Roger moved, with his parents, two sisters and uncle, from the family farm northeast of Newport in Rock County to a farm southwest of Stuart in Holt County.

Roger attended one-room country schools until going to Stuart High School. His interest in figuring out how things worked shaped his choice of profession. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, Roger began his professional career

at the Grand Island Army Navy Munitions Plant, working for Mason Hanger, an architectural-engineering contractor. When the munitions plant was acquired by a Texas company in the late 1970's and was consequently closed, Roger was offered a job with the new company. He gladly accepted, moved to Amarillo, and adopted Texas as home.

He did, however, remain a Nebraska football fan - to the bemusement of his co-workers.

He spent the rest of his career working at Pantex, a nuclear energy facility near Amarillo.

Roger belonged to the St. Joseph Parish and was very active in the Knights of Columbus, attaining 4th Degree. He participated in a wide range of K of C activities; from ceremonies in full regalia to fundraiser suppers where he helped cook and serve many, many meals.

Roger was dedicated to his profession and enjoyed serving the church and his fellow human beings. Even after death, he chose to be generous as an organ donor for Life Gift.

Roger is survived by his sisters and their husbands Susan and Richard Sisson of Ainsworth, Nebraska and Opal and Eric Doerr of Lincoln, Nebraska; two nieces and their husbands, Metha and Justin Evers and Klara and Kaman Daily; two nephews, Arthur Doerr and Oliver Doerr; and four "grand nephews and nieces," William Daily, Emmalyn Evers, Haiston Evers, and Wyatt Daily, as well as cousins.

A Rosary/Prayer service will be held at the St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ainsworth, at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Memorial Services will then be held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the St. Pius the X Catholic Church with Father Phil Flott serving as Celebrant. Music will be provided by DeAnn Morse. Special song selections will be "Rain Down" and "Morning Has Broken." Honorary bearers will be nieces and nephews; Metha Evers, Klara Dailey, Arthur Doerr, Arthur Doerr and Oliver Doerr.

Inurnment will follow at the St. Boniface Cemetery in Stuart, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for a future designation. Hoch Funeral Homes of Ainsworth is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be submitted to www.hochfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ "I always enjoyed holding over, sharing stories with Roger and meeting him many times at the Iron Skillet Restaurant at I-40 & Lakeside for dinner after we got off work. Fascinated by our backgrounds me Electronics, him Power Distribution, it didnt matter whether we were discussing application of external components to create video and raster using external sync input components into an oscilloscope to allow oscilloscope conversion to a display monitor, or discussing transistor thermal runaway or one of his most interesting topics on Electrical Power Distribution. I think I was always the one who was most fascinated and walked away most impressed, in awe of Rogers knowledge and intelligence. I couldnt carry on conversations like Roger and I had with the people within my division. Roger was the architect and designer of some very important and critical things at his work. His work is all over the place. He was a man who was most dedicated to his work and has left his wonderful work to memory. Only a few have impacted the plant like he has, and just about all of them have retired now. Roger was also remarkably frugal! I remember he would seldom spend more than four dollars for a meal and always drank water with his meal! He knew that water was much better for you and that the cost of tea or soda would drive the cost of the meal through the roof! I have never seen a man give so little to himself, but give his company so much, for most of his life. He gave the company most all of his free time because it was his life, a life that he loved. I wish only the best for his family and want you to know that you are in our familys thoughts and prayers. We travel to Iowa much. One of these days, we will have to detour to meet you."

Dennis Trent - May 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ "Starting high school with Roger, I was impressed with a 14 year old who used "Therefore" and "Whereas" in the same coherent sentence. His intelligence was lost on most of the rest of us.
We all had a good visit for our 50 year reunion. It was a really short day and now looking back I wish we could have talked for days.
He was really a good person who was under appreciated by many of us as teenagers."

Randy Jardee - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ "Roger was a classmate in high school and college. And we were roommates in college where we both studied electrical engineering. I last saw Roger at a high school class reunion last September. He was the same Roger Bernt I have always known. He was a very good friend and the nicest guy you will ever know. Roger never did a mean thing to anyone and never said anything bad about anybody. A very good person with a far too short life. I was lucky to know him as he was an example how to treat others."

Roger Bendig - May 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ "I have literally hundreds of Roger stories. I ate lunch in the cafeteria almost every day with Roger my 14 years at Pantex. If there was nothing to talk about you could always get Roger going by saying Roger, tell me about growing up in Nebraska. There was literally no vegetable he didn't like and hadn't grown. Rhubarb? I love Rhubarb, it used to grow wild in the bar ditches by my house. I remember making him a rhubarb pie once for his birthday. I asked how'd you like it Roger? He'd say well it's pretty good, but I like it more tart like my mama used to make it in Nebraska. If you looked up the word engineer in the dictionary there should be a picture of Roger. He was the king of drawing on the back of a napkin. One day at lunch we were talking about transformer faults and Roger grabs a napkin and a pen from his front pocket and starts drawing and explaining how You have a 12.47kV primary voltage and an internal impedance of xyz and he's drawing this 3-phase diagram of the circuit and of course he's running out of room so he grabs another napkin or two and continues on I'd always say Roger, I can't read your writing, if you'd use your right hand maybe I could read it (he was left handed) he'd just laugh HA HA HA One time we had to determine the height of some poles and everyone was talking about finding drawings and several options. Whether Roger was tasked with a problem or not, he intervened. So Roger rigged up a contraption where he took a stick of wood and taped a protractor on it with a string and plumb-bob to triangulate the height. It looked like some high school physics experiment. My boss wrote on the stick in sharpie the Roge-O-Meter 2000. I left Pantex 4 years ago, but I stay in contact with some folks there and ask about Roger. I work with several ex-Pantexans and we routinely reminisce about Pantex and Roger always comes up in the conversation (even as recent as two weeks ago). Fond memories! We will miss him!"

Brian Condren - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“I have a totally Roger story. When I got my clearance at Pantex in the spring of 1994, one of my early projects was putting stairs to the top of some magazines with AC units. Our DOE rep wanted to check it out, and my boss told me to take Roger with me. He started into this story about guys rolling down the hill with filters in their hands, and he was providing visuals. The DOE rep was freaking out! After questioning, he said it had only happened once years before. It was so like Roger to share! Thinking about it now still makes me smile. He was a great guy and will be missed.”

Patrice Ford - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“I worked with Roger at the Pantex Plant for 37 years. I was blessed to have known a Roger. He had a kind heart and was very dedicated to providing electrical power to plant facilities and applied his knowledge and experience to the success and purpose of the National Nuclear Security Agency Pantex Plant.”

Jim Nunley - May 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“Roger was one of my most unforgettable characters. We would sit together at lunch and I would just listen to his stories. He had worked at Pantex for 45 years. Not many people will ever be able to say that. He was so dedicated to his job. And he was a wealth of knowledge and experience. I will miss him dearly. And to his family, I am so very sorry for your loss.”

Duane Bolkey - May 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“Roger was a dear friend and we worked together for many years. He was always there to help me and educate me. We would often talk about growing up in Nebraska and his favorite place the Sandhills and the wildlife. May God ease the pain for the family knowing Roger is in a better place.”

Mike Law - May 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM