



Roger A. Stokes, "Stokesie"

September 21, 1934 - October 26, 2013

OBITUARY FOR ROGER A. STOKES, "STOKESIE"

Roger A. Stokes, "Stokesie" 79, of Urbana, passed peacefully at home with his loving family at 1:52 P.M. Saturday, October 26, 2013 in his residence. He was born September 21, 1934 in Champaign County, OH, a son of Arthur A. and Audrey (Guey) Stokes.

He retired from Grimes Honeywell after 45 years of service, umpired softball for all ages, including fast pitch softball for the Cavemen Softball Team of West Liberty. Roger also had worked at Stapleton's, but he most thoroughly enjoyed helping his daughter and grandson at Sparky's Pizzeria.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Marjorie (German) whom he married October 22, 1955; daughter, Rhonda Stokes; grandson Justin Stokes and his wife Betsy all of Urbana; sisters Lora Tobias of Mechanicsburg, Patricia Young of St. Paris; brother Marion Stokes and his wife Winnie of Urbana; sisters-in-law, Betty Stokes of Springfield, Elaine Stokes of Kettering, Mildred Stokes of Urbana, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Frank, Howard, Wendel, Arthur Jr., Loren and Gene Stokes; a sister Erma Stokes; and brother-in-law Bob Young.

At Roger's request there will be no services. The family is being served by the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Mercy Hospice, 444 W.

Harding Rd., Springfield, OH 45504 or to the Caring Kitchen, 300 Miami St.,
Urbana, OH 43078

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I am saddened to hear of Roger's death. He was a school friend and football teammate. You always hate to learn of a good guy's passing.

*Bob Spellman
Jonesboro, Illinois*

Bob Spellman - November 04, 2013 at 07:56 AM

RH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We really didn't know Roger, but we appreciate knowing you Rhonda and Justin from our business with Michael's (Sparky's) from long ago. Now as we share as sisters and brothers in our fellowship at River of Life Christian Center, our acquaintance has even grown deeper. We love you and are praying for peace and comfort for you all, especially for your mother at this difficult time.

Ruth & Merle Hunsberger



Ruth and Merle Hunsberger - October 29, 2013 at 11:32 PM

RM

“ *Mrs Stokes, Rhonda, & Justin*

Sorry to hear about Roger. Justin, always asked you about your Grandpa whenever I saw you at the bank or at Sparky's. I counted it a privilege to have had the opportunity over the years to have him as an umpire in the games that I played and to umpire with him in games. He showed a lot of integrity. He cared about the coaches and players. Didn't try to be bigger than the game. I appreciated his encouragement as a fellow umpire and his kindness away from the game. I think the only time he questioned any of my calls was in one of your games Justin. As a grandpa I understand.

Roger you rank right up there at the top with Bob Delaney, Fred Petske, and Bud Kite.

Hope to umpire with all these guys in the big one someday above the sky

May God bless your family

Rick

Rick McCain - October 29, 2013 at 07:01 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Roger's passing, I knew in school and also at Grimes, he was always so kind and a friend to all that knew him. I send my prayers to your family,*
Sincerely,
Jean Hurst




Jean Hurst - October 29, 2013 at 12:13 PM

KK

“ I am sorry for your family's loss but know that the multitude of blessings of having Roger in the family will, someday soon, outweigh the longing in your hearts. May the memories God blesses you with soon fill many more moments. -- Kathleen Kline

Kathleen Kline - October 29, 2013 at 10:32 AM

 Andrea Harshfield Murphy

“ Your family is such a blessing, please know that you are in our prayers during this time. ~The Murphy's - Scott, Andrea, Eli, Nate & Ethan

Andrea Harshfield Murphy - October 29, 2013 at 10:31 AM

CD

Please know that you have our sincere sympathy. We both worked at GRIMES at the same time with Roger. W also knew you as a neighbor to Ray and Nellie as Allison was growing up and attending school in Urbana. Sincerely Roger and Carol Daulton

Carol Daulton - November 06, 2013 at 08:18 AM

BT

“ I worked with Roger at Urbana Chrysler when he drove for us. Roger was quite a character! I enjoyed working with him and I am sure he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to all of his family. Brittany Thompson

Brittany Thompson - October 29, 2013 at 08:26 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Roger was always kind to our family. My husband enjoyed working with him at Grimes very much. May God grant you peace to help you through this difficult time. The Higdon Family

sara higdon - October 28, 2013 at 03:50 PM

PA

“ Marge, Rhonda, and Justin,
We are so sorry to about Roger. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you all.
Patty, Gary, Ryan Austin
Gary Lockwood



Patty Austin - October 27, 2013 at 08:04 PM