



Roger William Metzger

September 7, 1938 - November 11, 2018

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Resided in Waverly, Iowa

Obituary

Roger William Metzger, 80, of Waverly, Iowa, and formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday evening, 11 November 2018 (Veterans Day) at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics following a brief illness.

Roger was born on 7 September 1938, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of William B. and Emma (Wiederhold) Metzger. He attended the Boys Technical High School in Milwaukee and in December of 1955, while a student he joined the U.S. Marine reserves. Roger graduated from high school in January of 1957 and on 14 September 1957, he was united in marriage to Judith D. Reinke in Milwaukee. With Roger's military career the family lived in California, Virginia, Arizona, moving to Waverly in 1973. In February of 1957, Roger went to boot camp in MCRD, California and in April of 1957, Roger was discharged from the reserves and enlisted as a regular Marine, serving on the U.S.S. Shangri-La Aircraft Carrier in 1957-58, served overseas and a tour and a half in Vietnam. Roger transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserves based in Waterloo, Iowa, where he retired from the service on 31 August 1976. Following his 21 years of service to his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, Roger then worked for Dales DX Service Station in Waverly from 1976 until he retired in 2001.

Roger was baptized in October of 2014 in Waverly and is currently a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He was a longtime member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post #176 and V.F.W. Post #2208 (now known as the Waverly Area Veterans Post) where he held several offices, currently was on the Board of Directors and responsible for all honor and color guards. In his spare time Roger enjoyed reading, shooting, and spending time with his family and friends. Roger was a very faithful member of the Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard - helping pay respect to many many veterans that have gone before us.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Judy Metzger of Waverly, Iowa; two sons, William (Deb) Metzger of Waterloo, Iowa, Douglas (Tammy) Metzger of Norwalk, Iowa; one daughter, Sherri (Mike) Boomgarden of Allison, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; and a sister, Ruth Metzger of Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson William; granddaughter Ashleigh; a brother and his wife, Bernie and Deanne; a sister and her husband, Irene and Bob Zuback; his mother and father-in-law; 1 brother-in-law and a sister-in-law.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School with Pastor Arthur Bergren officiating. Burial will be in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly with military graveside rites conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard. Public visitation will be held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018 at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Memorials may be directed to the Marine Corps League Detachment #1241, Waverly, Iowa. Online condolences for Roger's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Michael Kukral

Created : Nov 14, 2018

My deepest sympathy, Roger was truly a fair man. He will be missed and the world has lost a great veteran. His quiet sense of humor made many a smile, three words come to mind in describing Roger. DUTY, HONOR AND COURAGE



Mallory Owens

Created : Nov 13, 2018

The saying "They don't make them like they used to" holds true when I think of Roger Metzger. Roger was outstanding, truly a one of a kind man. His patriotism was something we can all learn from. I really enjoyed working with him and serving him drinks at the WAVP. He always had a joke to tell, I will miss his funny comments. He will be missed by so many. My prayers go out to the family.



Joel and Chris Johnson

Created : Nov 13, 2018

Our condolences to all of Roger's family. We met him 5 years ago when we volunteered to help set out flags for Memorial Day. We will continue that tradition now in Roger's honor. We found him a delight and inspiration. And we will miss him, too. Wishing you God's peace and strength in this difficult time.



Randy Deckard

Created : Nov 13, 2018

Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Roger and your dad was a great guy. He always treated me even as a kid like one of the boys. An incredibly nice and funny man. May God Bless!



Jim and Yvonne Beam

Created : Nov 13, 2018

To Roger's Family: We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our comrade. I served with Roger on the WAVP Board and he was a person you could always count on to do his part. I will miss him and his phone calls asking for help with the "Colors". He was a great man who was appreciated by everyone who knew him. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers.



Bryon and Amy Howland
Created : Nov 13, 2018

Great man and patriot and spent a lot of his time honoring veterans like himself so fitting if had to lose him it was on Veterans Day!!



George and Marti Kline
Created : Nov 13, 2018

My dear Judy - we were so very sorry to hear about Roger. Would love to be there right now to give you a big hug. We have enjoyed our friendship very much over the years. Love you and thinking of you. Semper Fi, Roger



Lee and Laurie Schissel
Created : Nov 13, 2018

Judy and family, We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Roger. He held a special spot in all of our hearts! We will miss him very much. Things will just not be the same without him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The biggest thing that Lee will miss is his and Rogers traditional greeting of: Lee: "Roger, SEMPER FI" Roger: " DO OR DIE!" "OORAH" Roger Metzger!!! All our Love



Alan and Marilyn Ellwanger
Created : Nov 13, 2018

Judy and Family, Words cannot express our sadness when we heard about Roger!! Our very deep sympathy to you all!! Everyone who knew him, will miss him dearly!! Roger was a wonderful man and a great patriot!! How fitting he said his goodbye on Veterans Day!!!! God be with u at this difficult time and always!!! Semper Fi, Roger!!!!



Lisa Scott
Created : Nov 13, 2018

My condolences on your loss. I know that it doesn't help your suffering, but know that you are in my prayers.



Bob and Sue Quinlan
Created : Nov 13, 2018

Judy, we are so very sorry for your loss. Roger was one of a kind. So very kind, generous, helpful and his patriotism was outstanding. We are going to miss him so very much. May God wrap you and your family in his loving arms to help with this painful loss. May the memories comfort you all...



George & Vicky Green
Created : Nov 13, 2018

We are so sorry for you loss. Roger was wonderful person and he will be greatly missed.



Cindi Werthmuller
Created : Nov 13, 2018

Sherri and Judy, I'm so sorry for your loss. God Bless you in this sad time. Roger was a fun, very nice man. I enjoyed working with you two and seeing Roger every day at BK. I pray for your peace of mind knowing he is now pain free and with our Lord.



Curtis Reinhardt
Created : Nov 13, 2018

So sorry to hear of Roger's passing. I met Roger while working at Dales DX, he always made time to speak to me when we would cross paths over the years. My thoughts and prayers go out for all the family

Photos



Services

Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215



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Wednesday, November 14, 2018
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

301 1st St. N.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677



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Thursday, November 15, 2018
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Burial

Harlington Cemetery

1001 1st Street S.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677



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Thursday, November 15, 2018