



Donald Roger York

December 3, 1937 - November 10, 2017

Donald "Roger" York passed away at age 79 in his home on Friday, November 10, 2017, following an extended illness.

He was born December 3, 1937, in Cumberland, Kentucky, a son of the late Augustus Stanley York and Irene (Leveridge) York.

Roger had attended Memorial Wesleyan Church until his health declined. He loved hearing the Word of God and beautiful gospel music and listening to Rev. Charles Stanley on TV during his illness. Roger gave his heart to the Lord and will enjoy God's promises in heaven now.

Roger considered himself an "Oak Grover" and was raised in New Castle. He told many stories and had fond memories of growing up there. He was nostalgic about his old buddies who remained good friends throughout the years.

He was proud of the couple of years he spent in Los Angeles and spoke often of his adventures in California.

Roger retired from Delco-Remy in Anderson where he served as a committeeman in the union. He also operated the concession stand, along with his young children, at Baker Park and Pool. Later, he managed the pool for a few seasons. He loved the little children and was generous in giving them food when hungry.

Roger's favorite past-time was working in his yard, mowing, planting flowers and landscaping. He cut his grass - even when it really didn't need to be cut. He was an avid pet lover, especially his cats. He considered them a part of his family and grieved when he had to say goodbye. He loved music of many genres, especially 50's rock 'n' roll. Roger loved IU Basketball, Colts football, and the Cincinnati Reds. He coached Minor League Baseball and Optimist League Basketball.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Vicki Sue (Eversole) York; a son, Michael D. York; infant grandchildren, Rachel and Matthew Pinon and three brothers, Roscoe, Paul and Charles York.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Barbara J. York; children, Rhonda S. York Pinon, Tammi L. (husband: J.B.) York Nicholson, Donald R. (wife: Charity) York II, Jennifer A. (husband: Kris) Kollmeyer and Justin S. York; step-children, Emily J. Gonzalez and Kent S. Gonzalez; a sister, Ruth Ann (husband: Junior) Johnson; sister-in-law, Wilma York; eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 pm Thursday, November 16, 2017, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Kinser officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hills Memory Gardens.

Friends may call from 1:30 pm until the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Henry County Humane Society. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Many thanks to the staff at Glen Oaks and Henry Community Health Hospice.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Donald "Roger" York.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Tribute Wall



“ 90 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 16, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Roger York.



November 15, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Donald Roger York.



November 14, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ Deborah S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Roger York.



Deborah S. - November 14, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donald Roger York.*



November 14, 2017 at 09:43 AM

BB

“ *Condolences for Buzz and the rest of your family during this most difficult time. Thoughts and prayers for you all.*



Bryan Burke - November 14, 2017 at 12:44 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Roger York.*



November 13, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Roger York.*



November 12, 2017 at 04:36 PM

SS

“ *Please except my condolences, I am truly heartbroken for you all. May God be with each and everyone of you & give you strength in the days ahead.*



Sheila Stigall - November 12, 2017 at 04:04 AM

VG

We know tears don't carve hope in anyone's eyes. So when a sense of loss seems as devastating as this our tears are surrounded by silence, Looking for the pause between the breaths; holding on to those moments of comfort and remembering those special moments of life with our loved one as best as We can. But sometimes we just have to share those tears of Helplessness and Desperation not because we understand it all but it becomes the only expression when mere words get left behind Or half spoken: silent gestures are only clues to what We listen for in the spaces that lie in between saying and meaning, motion, and confusion Even the moon blurs under tears but remains no easier to touch. Your hearts may feel like cracking stars, as mortality has Faded away like stars in the darkness of night, We, acknowledge your families tears ,But we will also know , their souls go with God. Our hearts are broken for you , let's Pray together , cry together or just sit silently together along side of you , alleys me help you carry this heaviness of sorrow knowing as Friends we are grieving for you There's nothing anyone can say that Time won't help more. I send my warmest thoughts to you. And though I don't know if anyone can rival your courage & honestly right now. Loss hurts. Sharing hurts, a lot. I'm rooting for you from afar .💎I just wish human nature was capable of providing me the words of comfort and solidarity I wish I could offer you,

Victoria Gideon - November 12, 2017 at 02:25 PM

JH

So sad to hear of Roger's passing but thankful that he was back at home. That home meant a great deal to him & he had a close connection to it because he finished building it and making it into the grand house it is today. He made the decisions for its remodeling & worked hands on as much as he could. He probably thought of it as his castle in New Castle. And Barb, his wife, was there through the house construction and Roger's obsession with it. Her patience and dedication to her husband's project were tested. Once completed, she made the inside beautiful with her decorating decisions and special touches. He had space to display and enjoy his collections of memorabilia. Roger liked the riding lawn mower & the tasks of landscaping. When Roger became ill, Barb stood by him & was so sensitive to his special requests. Roger passed away in his castle with family present. May be find comfort in his heavenly home.

Sister Judy Harding

Judy Harding - November 13, 2017 at 02:55 PM