



Earl Roger Vance

February 11, 1946 - September 20, 2021

Earl “Roger” Vance, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend went to heaven too soon at age 75 due to complications from Covid.

He was born and raised a cheesehead in Elm Grove, WI to Earl & Alice Vance. He was the only boy with three sisters: Judy, Karen, and Janet which is why he could braid hair and paint nails with the best of them. Legend has it, that’s where he walked to school five miles both ways uphill in the snow.

Roger was a lover of the outdoors and an avid fisherman. As a teenager in college is where he hooked the catch of his life, Betsy. They traveled the world together for many years, piloting his twin-engine Cessna, riding his motorcycles, scuba diving, and rock climbing. So it wasn’t until much later in life when they embarked on his favorite adventure of being a dad to his children April and Matthew.

He was a BIG, strong, loving man who always put his family first. His motto was to cherish the moment and nothing made him more proud than being dad to his children and grandpa to his grandchildren Luke and Elizabeth.

Roger was the ultimate fan of his wife’s cooking, reading the newspaper every day, and being the first to wish all his nieces and nephews a happy birthday. He was a jack of all trades with a garage full of tools to prove it.

He spent the early part of his career serving as a police officer. He later found his calling working in real estate making the most amazing friends along the way who he loved as family. Keeping family first and staying in touch with everyone was the embodiment of his life.

Roger is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Betsy Vance, son Matthew Vance, daughter April Montemayor, his favorite son-in-law David, beautiful grandchildren Luke and Elizabeth, wonderful sisters Karen James, Janet Myers and husband Jerry; and a

host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Please join us for a celebration of Roger's life on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 12:00 pm Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location 2500 Hwy 66 East, Rockwall, TX 75087. A reception will be held immediately following the service.

For those who cannot attend the service, it will be live-streamed: <http://www.oneroomstreaming.com> Click on the icon "watch your service" enter Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: RJKYFD

Events

OCT **Celebration of Life** **12:00PM**

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

Comments



“ Roger was a best friend. I met him in the 1970s when I was the attorney for the apartment communities he managed. In those early days, Roger and Betsy had a plane, and together, we flew to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. It was a blast. I remember when Betsy and I got separated from Roger and then we got crushed by the surge of a crowd. Momentarily, we could not breathe. I remember it like it was yesterday.

Once, I remember calling Roger to help carry a large heavy bedroom chest upstairs in my house - there were 4 of us, 3 carrying the top and Roger on the bottom. We could barely keep up with him. He was really powerful.

Every year for many years we alternated Thanksgiving dinner at our homes. One year, it was our turn to cook the turkey and bring it over. When Roger and Betsy met us at the car in their driveway, we opened the trunk to find the turkey in the wheel well where it had ended up for the ride once it rolled out of the pan. Roger raised his eyebrows and the turkey was, needless to say, served as if nothing had happened. Every year after that we talked about "riding the turnkey" around the block to get that wonderful wheel well flavor.

Years of our sailing on my boat were also wonderful memories.

I spoke to Roger and Betsy a few times each year and he and Betsy stayed with Cindy and me when they came to Tampa for a friend's funeral.

Roger was a special person. A wonderful, warm, positive, calm, friendly guy with common sense and a love of fun. I know how dedicated he was to Betsy and their children. Roger will be missed by me. Regards to all. Chuck Levin
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Charles Levin - September 27 at 07:41 PM



“ So many memories have gone through my mind the past few days. Some of my favorites were pool time with you and the kids in Florida the summer I stayed with you and Betsy. Visiting New Orleans with you, Betsy, and the kids. Watching you come back from fishing on Lake Michigan. The food "tour" that was taken every time you came to Wisconsin. And of course, you always gave the best hugs! I can still hear you calling me Nic Nic Bo Bic. You will always hold a special place in my heart and your memory will always stay with me. Sending my love and sympathy to you Betsy, April, and Matt. Love Nikki

Nikki Jozwowski - September 22 at 09:55 PM



“ Seeing this picture is true Roger. He had a great smile, personality, was always willing to help, always the first to reach out. I worked on and off with Roger for 45 plus years, all great memories, great experiences with him. We went on a pheasant hunt in Iowa one year we walked, walked, walked and it was COLD! He was positive and it was a Great Time.
Will miss you Roger but will never forget the memories and times together. God bless you, Brother!

David - September 22 at 08:18 PM