



Roger Mickelson

May 23, 1928 - August 1, 2016

A Rembrandt area man who was committed to family, faith, farming and community service has gone to his heavenly home. Roger Edwin Mickelson, age 88, died on Monday, August 1, 2016 at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Rembrandt, Iowa with Pastor Rhonda Wykoff officiating. Interment, with military rites, will take place at the Little Sioux Valley Cemetery, northwest of Rembrandt, following the service.

Visitation with family and friends will be held at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake on Friday, August 5, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Roger was born on the family farm near Rembrandt on May 23, 1928 to C. Edwin and Emma Mickelson, joining his older sister Virginia. Edwin died of leukemia five years later, but the family remained on the farm, which Emma successfully managed with hired help.

After graduating from Rembrandt High School in 1945, he attended Buena Vista College and Iowa State College, receiving his degree in farm operations. He came back to farm the home place in 1949. He directed the city band for two summers at the Rembrandt band shell on Wednesday nights, with cars

parked nearby honking their horns after each selection.

Roger's farming and band activities stopped in 1951 when he was called into the U.S. Army, serving as a medic in the Korean conflict. After returning, he married Ruth Ann Olson, also of Rembrandt, on June 28, 1953. They raised corn, soybeans, livestock and five children. He enjoyed his family and had a special interest in supporting his children's and grandchildren's sports and music activities.

Roger witnessed significant changes in the farming business during his lifetime, from the use of draft horses, neighborhood threshing rings, and picking corn by hand to the emergence of tractors, multi-row equipment, commercial fertilizer and herbicides.

Community service was also important to him. He was active at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church as a teacher and choir member, as well as a trustee, deacon and president of the council. He served on the Rembrandt school board for 12 years, was a committee member for the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for 22 years and also served on the local Farmers Home Administration and county extension service boards. He received a "Volunteer in Agriculture Award" from Buena Vista College in 1975.

As a member of the Farm Bureau, Roger served as a county director, treasurer, vice president, president and a voting delegate. He retired from farming in 1993.

Left to celebrate his legacy are his wife Ruth and children Karen (Doug) Sisler of Dallas, Texas; Edwin (Wendy) Mickelson of Marysville, Ohio; James (Kim) Mickelson of Odebolt, Iowa; Gary (Deborah) Mickelson of Springdale, Arkansas; and Steven (Colette) Mickelson of Ankeny, Iowa; as well as 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Roger is also survived by his sister

Virginia (Keith) Pierce of Storm Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Interment

AUG 6 (CT)

Little Sioux Valley Cemetery -- Rembrandt
Rembrandt, IA 50576

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 04, 2016 at 11:18 AM

PC

What a beautiful tribute to a husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. God bless you. Pamela (Klahs) Cerillo

Pamela Cerillo - August 04, 2016 at 12:44 PM

MH

The most beautiful reflective video that i have ever seen. I cried and i smiled - and i remembered too- a beautiful family- alot of warmth. May the angels be smiling.....as he works his farm in heaven and watches over his family here on earth. With all my love Mary Klahs Heber

Mary Heber - August 05, 2016 at 02:40 PM

DG

*An amazing celebration of a special life--your dad was a very sweet, special person...he is so proud of you all.. Your memories of your Dad will bring comfort to your today & tomorrows..Having you as neighbors brought so many wonderful memories back to me...thank-you for letting me be a part of that.... Your family is truly special...
Love, Deb (Klahs) Gutierrez*

Debra Gutierrez - August 21, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.



August 05, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers* was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.



August 05, 2016 at 12:33 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.



August 05, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Tyson Foods MBU, Johnny, Greg, and Barbara* purchased the *Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors* for the family of Roger Mickelson.



Tyson Foods MBU, Johnny, Greg, and Barbara - August 05, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 05, 2016 at 12:13 PM



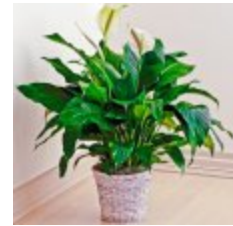
“ *Linda Wilson Miller lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Linda Wilson Miller - August 05, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *The Families of Higher Power Quartet purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



The Families of Higher Power Quartet - August 05, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It was always good, when singing with the quartet, to look out into the church and see Roger and Ruth in attendance. He will be missed.*

Don and Terri Egli

Don and Terri Egli - August 05, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 04, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 04, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 03, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 03, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 03, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ *My Dear Ruth and the entire Mickelson Family -my heart thoughts prayers are with you all - we were all like an extended family -living so close- seeing each other daily for many years. Roger will never be forgotten- by the power of love - he will always be remembered/ through that memory he lives on... reaching out to share that love on a daily basis -with others is what keeps the legacy of the love they had for you / the love you have for them...very much alive --- in loving memory of your husband/father/father -in law and grandfather Mary Klahs*

Mary (Klahs) Heber - August 03, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *Jennifer Pavlovec lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Jennifer Pavlovec - August 03, 2016 at 01:28 PM

RK

“ *Rev. Cara Knutson lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Rev. Cara Knutson - August 03, 2016 at 01:15 PM

RK

I will always remember Roger's sweet gentle spirit!

Rev. Cara Knutson - August 03, 2016 at 01:15 PM

AS

“ *Roger and Ruth were pillars of the Rembrandt community. Uplifting you all in prayer.*
Alice Ness Skelton

Alice Skelton - August 03, 2016 at 09:29 AM

KC

“ *Kate C lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



kate c - August 03, 2016 at 08:47 AM

AO

“ *Ann Onnen lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Ann Onnen - August 03, 2016 at 07:19 AM

AO

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim, Kim and your entire family. May your faith and love of family guide you through this time of loss. Bernie and Ann (Hemer) Onnen

Ann Onnen - August 03, 2016 at 07:22 AM

JL

“ Roger was such a good man in just about every way they measure that. He left this world a better place and he will be missed by all of us who were lucky enough to know him.

jim larson - August 03, 2016 at 05:59 AM

LW

“ Lezlie Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson



Lezlie Wheeler - August 02, 2016 at 10:36 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.



August 02, 2016 at 08:13 PM

CP

“ As a kid loved the pickup football game in the Mickelson yard on Sunday afternoons (as I remember). That is IF we could talk our folks into letting us walk up the highway (don't think that ever happened!!) or into driving us. RIP Roger - you raised a wonderful family.



Clare Peterson - August 02, 2016 at 07:23 PM

PE

“ Rest in peace, Roger. It has been a pleasure and an honor to know, Roger Mickelson. I will miss his smile and his wonderful sense of humor at Otsego Place. My thoughts are with Ruth and the entire family. Peggy Meyers

peggy - August 02, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.



August 02, 2016 at 05:44 PM

TB

“ My prayers today are for Roger and the Mickelson family. By knowing Steve, I know that Roger was a good man and that he and Ruth raised a fine family.

*Tom Brumm
Ames, IA*

Tom Brumm - August 02, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Roger Mickelson.*



August 02, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Roger passing...My thoughts and prayers are with the Mickelson Family.....Us kids grew up across the road from each other...we were llike one big family...I was the baby sitter for the Mickelson kids and the Klahs kids.*

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The last time I visited Ruth & Roger we were sitting down at their farm house and looking over the Rembrandt Alumni Allblum 1919-1979..it was such fun looking at the ole HS grad pictures .of hometown Rembrandt...citizens....past & present..

Thoughts of Ruth/Roger & the kids bring back great memories of childhood...days gone bye however never forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with you....

Nancy Klahs.....

nancy klahs - August 02, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy and condolences to the Michelson family. God bless you all. May Roger RIP. He leaves a very special legacy---five remarkable children that he and Ruth Ann parented. I am sure each of them have carried on the fine Michelson parenting tradition with their children and grandchildren.*

May the sadness you feel today transcend into all wonderful memories that were shared as a family. Those are forever.

BONNIE MESTER - August 02, 2016 at 01:19 PM

TS

“ *Terri Stanley lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Terri Stanley - August 02, 2016 at 01:15 PM

TS

Our heart felt sympathy goes out to the entire Mickelson family. You are in our prayers.

Terri Stanley - August 02, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ *So sorry I cannot make it to see you all-- Praying for your strength and peace--will be thinking of you in the days to come--your old neighbor--Doris Peterson*



Doris Peterson - August 02, 2016 at 01:02 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Peterson-Garcia lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Lisa Peterson-Garcia - August 02, 2016 at 12:55 PM

LP

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Lisa Peterson-Garcia - August 02, 2016 at 12:53 PM

KC

“ *Kris Combes lit a candle in memory of Roger Mickelson*



Kris Combes - August 02, 2016 at 12:20 PM

KC

Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Kris Combes - August 02, 2016 at 12:21 PM

DH

“ *Praying for the Lord's peace and comfort for your family.*

Doris Harvey - August 02, 2016 at 10:08 AM