



Roger Dennis Chapman

September 2, 1935 - August 4, 2018

Roger Dennis Chapman, 82, of Evansville, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, August 4, 2018 after a short illness.

Roger was born September 2, 1935 in Smiths Grove, Kentucky to Vernon and Irene (Emerson) Chapman.

Roger's family moved to Richland, Washington in 1944 where his father worked on the Manhattan Project which produced plutonium for the first atomic bomb. Roger attended schools in Richland from 1944 to 1953 when he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the Submarine Flotilla from 1953-1957. Roger met and married Georgia DuVall while they were both stationed in San Francisco, California.

After discharge from the Navy, Roger graduated from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio and worked for the U.S. Treasury in Parkersburg, West Virginia during this time. After college, Roger started his plastics career with Marbon Chemical in Parkersburg, W.Va. in 1959. He then moved on to Uniroyal Chemical in Northfield, MN., USS Chemical (Division of U.S.S. Steel) in Marketing and Sales in Baton Rouge, LA and Ferro Corporation in Evansville, In. where he met his partner Tom Lee and the two of them started Nova Polymers, Inc. in 1984.

Roger was a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers, Sales/Marketing International and a charter member of the American Society of Electro Plated Plastics.

Roger is survived by his wife of 61 years Georgia (DuVall), daughters Kathy (Bob) Hirsch of Carmel, Indiana, Denise Bartholomew, of Evansville and son Jim (Jenny) Chapman of Evansville; grandchildren Michael (Kristin) and Dennis McLaughlin, Ashley Bartholomew and Jordan (Colleen) and Abbey Chapman; great grandson, Malikhi Bartholomew; sister Mozelle Starinieri of Herndon, Va.

Friends may visit from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2018 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, Evansville, Indiana with a short memorial service at 7:00 p.m. A private burial will be held at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Smiths Grove, KY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy V Foundation for cancer research.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

AUG 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Dennis Chapman*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 09, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Roger Dennis Chapman*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. My father, Michael Fronko worked at Marbon with Roger and golfed with him. I remember his lovely family very well. May God bless you during this sad time. Barbara Fronko Meek*

Barbara Fronko Meek - August 30, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *It was such a joy to see Roger in 2017 when he visited Parkersburg WV . We shared good times with him and his family when he lived in Parkersburg and worked at Marbon Chemical. So sorry to hear of his passing. He was a good man!*

Jim and Brenda Kyle

Jim Kyle - August 30, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ 132 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 09, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Terry Wood - August 09, 2018 at 12:48 PM



These are great, Terry!

Jenny Chapman - August 10, 2018 at 06:43 AM

RS

“ *Richard & Michele, and the ATA CPA Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



Richard & Michele, and the ATA CPA Staff - August 09, 2018
at 12:18 PM

BR

“ *As you travel through life, you realize there are some very special people in the world that you are lucky enough to meet. Roger Chapman was definitely one of those people. His charm, wit, and genuine interest in people whether in the business world or not, was something i could only hope to emulate. I truly appreciate all that he had done for me and will miss him. My condolences to the Chapman Family...*

Brian Rowles

Brian Rowles - August 09, 2018 at 09:27 AM

KB

“ *Uncle Denny and Aunt Georgie were always so much fun to be around. You could tell they truly loved and appreciated each other. Uncle Denny had a contagious smile, a quick wit and a wonderful laugh. He loved big and was biggly loved. He will be missed biggly, too. Loving thoughts and prayers go out to my family ❤️*

Kathie Duvall Beach - August 08, 2018 at 09:48 PM

BS

“ *Continued close friendship for almost 60 years. I will surely miss that ocassional 'hello, how are? call' from Roger. Goodbye, Friend!*

Bill Sexton - August 08, 2018 at 09:29 PM

KB

“ *Kathie Jo and Kurt Beach purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



Kathie Jo and Kurt Beach - August 08, 2018 at 09:19 PM

MS

“ *Mozelle Chapman Starinieri purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



Mozelle Chapman Starinieri - August 08, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



August 08, 2018 at 09:09 AM

FB

“ *From The Texas Bartholomew's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



From The Texas Bartholomew's - August 08, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



August 08, 2018 at 06:32 AM



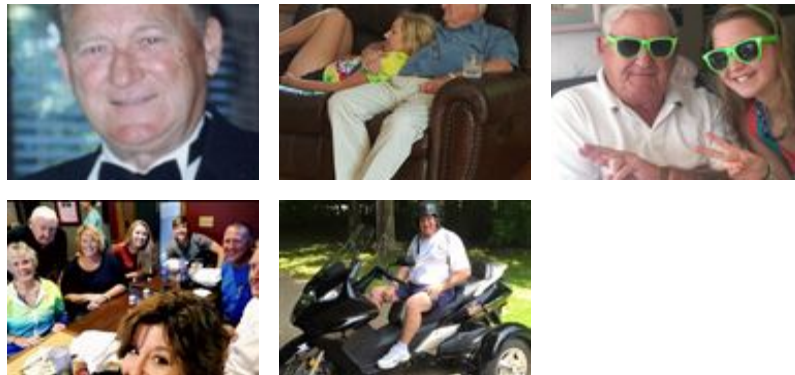
“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.*



August 07, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *23 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 07, 2018 at 01:04 PM

FF

“ From the Neal families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.



From the Neal families - August 07, 2018 at 07:59 AM

CL

“ How we loved this man....so many precious memories! Lots of golfing, much laughter, being in awe of his incredible memory! He knew every lyric of every song, especially country! We never could compete in Trivia with him! He will be deeply missed by all who knew him! We love you, Georgia and family! Feel our hearts,hugs and prayers! Matt and Carol Lawlor and family

Carol Lawlor - August 06, 2018 at 07:01 PM

FC

“ Fred Duvall and Marles Crow purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Roger Dennis Chapman.



Fred Duvall and Marles Crow - August 06, 2018 at 05:52 PM