



Dr. Roger Jensen

March 15, 1936 - September 3, 2023

Roger A. Jensen

Dr. Roger A. Jensen, 87, of Centralia, passed away peacefully Sunday, September 3, 2023 at the Cedarhurst Assisted Living in Breese.

He was born March 15, 1936 in Patoka, the son of Hugh Jensen and Lucille (Walker) Jensen. He married Louise Simmons on June 9, 1957 in Enfield, Illinois and she survives.

In addition to his wife of 66 years, Louise Jensen of Breese, he is also survived by his four children: Julia Langenfeld and husband Forrest of Centralia, Pamela Kreke of Breese, J.R. Jensen and wife Bobbie of Fredericktown, Missouri and Jeffrey Jensen and wife Mary Jo of Fredericktown, Missouri; 12 grandchildren: Kathy Langenfeld of St. Louis, Andrew Langenfeld of Orlando, Florida, Emily Gnaedinger and husband Craig of Pocahontas, Laura Rapini and husband Vincent of St. Peters, Missouri, Matthew Kreke and wife Cassie of Breese, Sarah Niemeyer and husband Brian of Highland, Jamie Jones and husband Gary of Fredericktown, Missouri, Amber Cresswell and husband Wintson of Farmington, Missouri, Taylor Pyles and husband Drew of Milford, Michigan, Courtney Sikes and husband Joaby of Fredericktown, Missouri, Reed Jensen and wife Marissa of Arnold, Missouri and Ellie Stonecipher and husband Zach of Ozark, Missouri; 14 great-grandchildren and one on the way; two sisters-in-law; and several loving nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents: Hugh and Lucille Jensen,

brother: Warren Jensen, son-in-law: David Kreke, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Roger graduated from Carlyle High School and he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree from McKendree University. He then attended and graduated from University of Illinois with his Master's Degree and finished up his schooling with his Doctorate from the Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Roger was the Superintendent for the Centralia City Schools from 1972 until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia. Roger was a very active member of the Centralia Rotary Club. While serving as a Rotarian, he was proud to be a Paul Harris Fellow.

Roger had a passion for playing golf. He also enjoyed making wood carvings of ducks. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan. After his retirement, he and Louise traveled all of the United States making so many memories.

Roger's family was very important to him and the time he spent with them will forever remain a treasure.

Funeral Services for Dr. Roger Jensen will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Sidney Davis, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Centralia and/or McKendree University Alumni Association and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Jensen Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Roger Jensen*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - September 06, 2023 at 08:26 AM

NS

Beautiful tribute to a wonderful Uncle 🍷

Nancy Stull - September 07, 2023 at 12:21 AM

RE

“ *I was deeply saddened to learn of Roger's passing. He was truly one of the great guys. We enjoyed many good times on the golf course and at the card table. His love for his family was always foremost on his mind. My sincere condolences to all of you. Randy Ervin*

Randall Ervin - September 16, 2023 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family and ours have had a lot of memories with Jeff and Jamie and Jason in sports together. I hate that you all have to go through this loss*



Stephanie Kay Daniels - September 07, 2023 at 06:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 06, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 05, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Roger Jensen.*

September 05, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *We wish to extend our condolences to Louise and her family. God Bless !*
Jim and Joyce Wiedman

Jim Wiedman - September 05, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 05, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 05, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Roger Jensen.

September 05, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 05, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Roger Jensen.

September 05, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 05, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Roger Jensen.*



September 04, 2023 at 11:01 PM

MC

“ Several years ago I happened to run into Mr. Jensen, who surprisingly remembered not only who I was, but remembered my first name (Lisa) and that it was not the name I was known by. He was quite delighted to hear I had become an adult educator and spent more than a few minutes peppering me with questions about my career. He was a man who devoted his life to providing a quality education to his community, and I stood a little taller when he said he was proud that I also chose to be an educator. JR, you and your family are in my thoughts.

Michele Colbert - September 03, 2023 at 11:59 PM

NS

He was an awesome Uncle his family was his pride and joy he will be missed and loved by so many my heart goes out to my Aunt Louise and the family 🙏💔🙏

Nancy Stull - September 04, 2023 at 09:39 AM

AB

“ Roger was such a great friend to my mom and me. We enjoyed their visits to Tennessee. Much love to Louise, J.R., Pam, Julie and Jeff and their families.

Amy Blakely - September 03, 2023 at 10:47 PM

VM

“ Victoria Migliore lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roger Jensen



victoria migliore - September 03, 2023 at 10:23 PM