



Roger McKay

November 21, 1958 - January 23, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Roger McKay, beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Roger peacefully departed this life on Friday, January 23, 2026, at the age of 67, at his residence in O'Fallon, IL surrounded by his family.

Roger was born on November 21, 1958, in a community that he would continually serve and cherish, Centralia, IL. He was the son of Bob McKay and Eleanor (Wagner) McKay. A proud graduate of Centralia High School, class of 1977, Roger laid the foundation for his career in the oilfields, working alongside his parents. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish McKay's Hazmat in 1991, Advanced Business Concepts in 2002, and later, RPM Property Investments in 2016, where he found joy in renovating homes with his wife, Pam.

Roger was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia. He built his life around faith, family, and hard work. He served as chaplain at the Elks Lodge No. 493 in Centralia and dedicated two decades to the North Wamac Grade School Board, contributing greatly to local education and his community. Roger also played a significant role in the Centralia Balloon Fest, serving on the steering committee for many years, guiding him as the Balloon Fest Chairman in 2004.

Roger had an unflinching zest for life, evident in the way he loved music, shared jokes, and kept in touch with his friends. He was the driving force behind CHS Class of 1977 reunions, keeping the bonds of friendship strong through the years. Yet, his greatest pride and joy were reserved for his family, especially his cherished granddaughter, Elowyn, who was the light of his life.

Roger leaves behind a loving family: his devoted wife of 45 years, Pamela "Pam" McKay of O'Fallon, daughter Cassandra "Cassie" Holland and husband Nathan of O'Fallon, son Zachary "Zach" McKay and Leslie Steinmarch of Springfield, and granddaughter Elowyn Holland. He is also survived by his mother Eleanor McKay of Centralia, brother Gary McKay and wife Barb of Memphis, TN, sister Karen Dorsey of Nashville, TN, mother-in-law Elsie Seger of Carlyle, and brothers and sisters-in-law Marty Seger and wife Anita of Carlyle, Deb Luetkemeyer and husband Dave of Ballwin, MO, and Dave Seger and wife Mindy of Centralia. He will be fondly remembered by several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces. He is also survived by his four-legged companions, whom he loved dearly.

Roger was preceded in death by his father Bob McKay, infant daughter Nicole McKay, sister Susan McKay, brother Steve McKay, nephew Scott McKay, and father-in-law Louis "Sonny" Seger.

A time for family and friends to gather and remember Roger will be held at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia on Friday, January 30, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and on Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by the Funeral Service on Saturday at 11:00 am with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia.

In memory of Roger, memorial donations may be made to Roger's grandchildren's college fund, ensuring that his legacy of love and learning

continues. Arrangements are being handled with care by Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, reflecting Roger's enduring impact on all who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

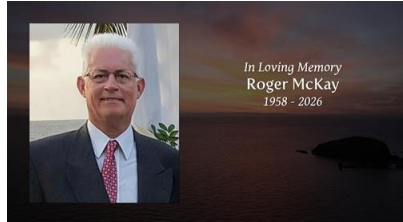
JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 30 at 09:41 AM

CS

I worked with SkeeziKs many times in the oilfield, I dont know what we all talked about, but we were always chatting about something. Great guy, always upbeat ❤️❤️

cary hatfield, soho - January 31 at 10:15 AM



“ *Pam, we're so very sorry for your loss. I first met Roger round 7th or 8th grade. Enjoyed getting to know him again through Balloon Fest. He was a great guy and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Sincerely, Stephanie and David Sachtleben*

Stephanie Sachtleben - January 27 at 07:11 PM

WF

“ With love, Leslie Steinmarch & family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Roger McKay.



With love, Leslie Steinmarch & family - January 27 at 11:37 AM

MS

“ I am sorry about Roger and God bless you Pam and your family as you celebrate his life. Roger was a great friend to many and his classmates thought he was a cool guy. We all liked his sarcastic humor and he was a fun guy to be around. I always thought it funny when we hung out that he would drink Mountain Dew while we drank beer hahaha. We will all miss him at our reunions for sure.

Mark Schwartz - January 27 at 06:51 AM

RH

“ I first met Pam and Roger at the dentist in Carlyle. At the time they were “shredders”. Then HIV entered our world and health care protocols changed too. Pam and Roger saw the need to dispose of contaminated waste and the business began. I left Carlyle for a larger group practice in Ofallon. Roger always knew me and we spoke often while he did his gathering of Red bags. He was a very nice man. Pam I’m so sorry for your families loss💔

Rustie Harrell - January 27 at 01:37 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry for your loss Pam and family. I always enjoyed visiting with you both at Dr Wessol's office. You all have my deepest sympathy.

Barbara Cunningham - January 26 at 06:55 PM

KC

“ Pam I am so sorry. This stage of life being a widow absolutely sucks. You and Roger entered our path when you and him lived next door to Tommy on McKee street and I have pictures of Richie and Cassie playing together. Then as members of the school board for many years. Now to become a widow after many years of life with Roger. I am so sorry for your loss. Take care and keep family close because they are your survival line during this loss.

Karen Campbell - January 26 at 10:09 AM

DH

“ I worked with Roger at Lee's Drugstore back in 1976. He was a delivery guy and I was a pharmacy helper. Roger was a force of life. One thing I especially remember is that he and Mike Castleman were always planning on going to concerts either at Busch Stadium or down to Carbondale. They were once going to see ELO. Whenever I hear a ELO song, I think of Roger. Always brings a smile to my face when I think of him. He was one of the good guys.

Darilyn Holzauer - January 25 at 11:19 PM

LM

“ Pam, Cassie, Zach, Eleanor, Gary and Karen, and the rest of the family. I am so sorry for the passing of Roger, as you said Eleanor we all knew it was coming but it is so sad. My prayers for comfort for you all is ongoing. I will miss his posts and wondering if he was in Facebook jail again or not. I have loved you all and so happy that I just a little part of this family with wonderful memories. My love to you all. Linda McKay

Linda McKay - January 25 at 02:03 PM

DM

“ Dear Eleanor, Karen, Sara and Meagan I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your families.



Diana K Massey - January 25 at 11:07 AM