



Roger Lowe Minton Jr.

September 24, 1951 - July 24, 2017

Dateline: Marion, IL

Roger L. Minton Jr., 65, died at 3:50 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2017 at Barnes Jewish Hospital. Born September 24, 1951 in St. Louis, he was the son of the late Roger Minton Sr. and Lois (Harrell) Minton. Roger graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with his Bachelors in Education. He went on to teach for 30 years at Pinckneyville High School and later Marion High School where he retired in 2006. He also coached football, wrestling and track at both schools where his athletes were considered family. He was a member of the Marion Elks Lodge BPOE #800 and his fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon Southeast Missouri Zeta Chapter. Roger is survived by a daughter; Kaleigh Minton (Marion, IL) and a son; Roger Minton III (Marion, IL), a brother; Richard Minton (Godfrey), four grandchildren; Alexander, Aiden, Alison, and Rhea Minton, a niece Melissa Raley (Chad) and a nephew Michael Minton (Danielle) and many other friends and family. Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, IL where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Pastor Robbey Smith will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

10 Erwin Plegge Blvd.
Bethalto, IL 62010

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Lowe Minton Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Roger Lowe Minton Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Rogers passing. He fought quite a battle for a long time and will be missed very much. Rest well my friend.*

Larry Sherertz

Larry Sherertz - July 29, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Roger's passing. We have enjoyed Roger's company playing golf at Franklin County Country Club in West Frankfort for the last few years. He was good humored, witty fighter. We will miss his company.*

William Vantrease - July 28, 2017 at 08:27 AM

SA

“ *Southern Illinois Football Coaches Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Lowe Minton Jr..*



Southern Illinois Football Coaches Association - July 27, 2017 at 08:54 AM

SC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Coach Minton's family. He was a wonderful coach & friend to our entire family, we will always have him in our memories! He was a true gentleman!*
John & Sonia Carney
Pinckneyville

sonia carney - July 26, 2017 at 09:53 PM

DH

“ *Got to know Roger as a teammate at Southeast. Good guy, Had some fun times off the field as well. We had a great time during the summer of 72 (I think) getting our driver ed. certifications. Little did we know how that would help our careers down the line. Rest Roger, good to know ya.*
Dennis Henley
(Henbo)
Southeast 70-73

Dennis Henley - July 26, 2017 at 12:23 PM

SG

“ Mr. Minton was my P.E. Teacher at MJHS. I was a little bit of a teacher's pet back then. When he would lose his voice at football practice, he would ask me to yell at the class for him. He found a way to put my loud mouth to good use... He was a great person and an even better teacher.

Shawna George - July 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM

TG

“ Coach Minton was my 1st hour teacher my Freshman year of high school, so in turn my 1st high school teacher at P.C.H.S. He taught me one of life's most important lessons. It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think your not smart ir not smart than to open it and prove them right or wrong. I volunteered to find a country on the map that did not exist. As we were leaving class I said I was almost sure that Palastine was in the Middle East. That is when he taught me that lesson. I am sorry for loss nothing but time will heal your pain, but know I am not the only student that Coach Minton had a profound affect on. There were many. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Tommy Gendron - July 26, 2017 at 08:59 AM

JM

He was my drivers ed & football coach

jermaine mcgee - July 26, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Lowe Minton Jr..



July 25, 2017 at 10:26 PM

MS

“ *Mr. Minton taught my drivers ed /health a.k.a. sex ed summer school class. One day, after a quick overview of male anatomy, we got to the part in health class dealing with feminine system and all that stuff. Coach said uh uh uh uhmmmmm yea so..... uh uh.... so we uh you know what ladies, ask your moms when you get home. Lololol nearly 30 yrs ago, and I literally just told this story saturday.*

A great teacher, coach, athlete, old fashioned teacher at its best. Great teachers leave indelible impressions on students. Thanks Roger Minton !!!!!

Matt Sullivan - July 25, 2017 at 10:10 PM

RM

“ *Roger was my best friend through grade school, middle school, high school and even cheering him on, on the football field at SEMO. Once college ended for both of us we married and soon, like most, drifted apart. We had some great times in high school in his 1959 Ford, 1956 MGA and finally his powerful 1964 Ford 500 2 door hardtop with a 4 speed on the floor!! As kids we played in Big Rog's huge yard all year around; summer whiffle ball, fall raking and jumping in the leaves, winter building snow forts and snowball fights and spring playing basketball at his garage. We camped together and partied together and we were Nature Boys in high school. I recall watching one of the first Super Bowls in his basement, I believe the Packers were playing. The last time I saw Roger was at Lois' 90th birthday party. it was wonderful to be with the Minton's again. Now he joins his Mother and Father in heaven. Roger I will miss you always, but will remember the times we spent together. Your friend, Rick Martin.*

Rick Martin - July 25, 2017 at 09:34 PM



Roger was a great person and will be sorely missed. When we were in college (SEMO) the local McDonalds would deliver to the dorm only if you bought more than \$3.00 in food. At that time, Big Macs were fifty cents each. Roger would always say no problem, I'll just buy 6 Big Macs at a time.

We also were roommates in early 1973 and both worked at Landgraf Lumber Company in Cape Girardeau as delivery men/shade tree mechanics. Those were the days. I have to say I never saw him angry or say a bad word about anyone. I will miss you Roger and god bless your soul. Tim Lockett

Tim Lockett - July 28, 2017 at 02:09 PM