



## Russell "Roger" Meese

December 19, 1942 - May 29, 2024

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Roger Meese, 81, passed away on May 29, 2024, peacefully with family by his side, after he suffered a sudden stroke. He will be missed dearly.

Roger was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania and moved to Detroit, Michigan during World War II, where his mother worked a wartime job while his father was overseas serving in the war. He graduated from Allen Park High School and later achieved a bachelor's degree (engineering) and a master's degree (computer science).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Russell Meese Jr., and his parents-in-law, Marie and Louie Gmoser. He is survived by his loving wife Linda. He and Linda were married for 54 years. Although her dementia caused her to slip away from him, he cared for her tenderly until the time she needed round-the-clock, professional care. His dedication to Linda during this time was nothing short of heroic.

He loved his family beyond measure and is survived by his son, Jeff Meese and partner Stacey Walker, their children, Oliver, Lorelei, Allison, Madison and Addilyn. His daughter Amy Sovereign and husband Benji, their children Ethan, Eli and Ariel. His siblings Marcia "Marci" Colegrove, Mark Meese, Linda Fox,

and Andrew Meese. His siblings-in-law Michael and Joyce Gmoser, Dan and Regina Robinson, Louie and Anne Gmoser, and Kenny and Kathy Gmoser. His nieces and nephews Jim and Kris Lauer, Meg McCormick and her children Aidan, Ean, and Aren McCormick, Jason and Jennifer Sieb and their children Noah and Conner Sieb, Derek Robinson, Leslie Robinson, Jake and Brittany Gmoser and their children Cassidy, Blake, Aubrey and Layla Gmoser, and Lilly, the daughter of his late nephew Joshua Gmoser. He was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" Colegrove. Roger had many more family members that he cherished and loved.

His benevolence was inspiring, and he truly demonstrated how one is to love their family.

Roger's generosity was boundless. He would selflessly give his time, labor, knowledge, and just about anything to help his family and friends. He enjoyed travel, golf, cooking, and hosting holiday parties for his family. Always good humored, he loved to laugh and tell stories when spending time with his family and many friends. He was an avid car enthusiast, even working as a mechanic on a race team in his younger years. He was on the sidelines of all the sporting events his children and grandchildren participated in. He had a successful career at Ford Motor Company for 39 years. During his later years, as life slowed down a bit, he always had a project or two going on, and he created numerous photo books commemorating his travels with Linda, his hobbies, and family.

Roger served honorably in the United States Navy and was a veteran of the war in Vietnam. He was engaged to Linda during this time. The letters he wrote to his love, Linda, and to his parents during the war are amazing, as he had quite a flair for writing.

Roger was known for being meticulously organized and keeping everything in

its proper place. He was a man of integrity and a man of his word. Roger could be trusted with anything or with everything. He left a lasting impact on all that knew him. He will be remembered and missed forever.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Disabled Veterans of America <https://www.dav.org> or Gary Sinise Foundation <http://www.garysinisefoundation.org>

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# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Hope Cemetery

18303 Allen Road  
Brownstown, MI 48193

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Service

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
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# Tribute Wall

CT

“ I grew up in Allen Park, MI & met Linda at Cabrini High School. My husband met Roger, when they both worked at Ford. We stayed friends with Linda & Roger even after we moved to Southern CA in the late 70's. We visited back & forth over the years, with Linda & Roger being our daughter, Callan's, god-parents. When our son, Colby, was killed in 2010, they both attended his Celebration of Life in CA. This was a long, enduring friendship. Roger's passing stunned us & we will miss him dearly.  
John Koenig, Cindy Tobis, & Callan Koenig

Cindy Tobis - June 04, 2024 at 05:12 PM

TF

“ The Davis Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Russell "Roger" Meese.



The Davis Family - June 04, 2024 at 09:54 AM

BC

“ Roger is unforgettable in so many ways over the many years that we were neighbors, yes, but also friends and travelling companions. Memories will be in our hearts, travel photo books and in our home where Roger and Vito built a wall display shelving unit around our family room fireplace. Roger was a man of many talents that he was so willing to share. He had a great wit with some one liners that I recall and still make me smile. He will be greatly missed.  
Barb and Vito Curcuru

Barbara Curcuru - June 03, 2024 at 11:15 AM

BG

“ *Bill & Cindy Guillemette purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell "Roger" Meese.*



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**Bill & Cindy Guillemette** - June 03, 2024 at 08:22 AM

DP

“ *We were so glad to have Roger and Linda join our small group of golfers that golfed a couple of times a week, for several years. We had a great group and always had so much fun, especially on the 19th hole.*

*Roger and Linda loved to travel, and we loved hearing the stories and seeing all of the picture albums that Roger worked so hard to create.*

*Roger and Linda were wonderful hosts at their home in Canton and when we were invited to visit them at their rental in Naples. They were always so gracious and we always felt so welcomed. They were the best of friends! I'm so sad , and so sorry for your loss. Diane Plafchan and my husband Al, felt the same way too.*

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**Diane Plafchan** - June 02, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Russell "Roger" Meese.*



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May 31, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Marcia, Linda, Mark, and Andy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell "Roger" Meese.*

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**Marcia, Linda, Mark, and Andy** - May 31, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell "Roger" Meese.*



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May 31, 2024 at 11:31 AM