



Rodger H. Wellenreiter

October 23, 1942 - August 28, 2019

GREENFIELD – Rodger H. Wellenreiter, age 76, of Greenfield, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. He was born in Bloomington, Illinois on October 23, 1942 to Harold and Oma (Goodin) Wellenreiter. Rodger graduated from Heyworth High School in Illinois in 1960. He received his bachelors in science in education from Illinois State University in 1964. He then went on to earn his PhD in animal husbandry from Michigan State University in 1970. Rodger married Jackie (Yordy) on August 25, 1963 in Heyworth, Illinois.

He worked for Eli Lilly in Greenfield as a Senior Poultry Research Scientist from 1970 until retiring in 2002. He was a member of Bradley United Methodist Church. Rodger organized Santa's Helpers at Eli Lilly. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, skiing in Colorado, four wheeling, biking, traveling, yardwork, and exercising. Rodger also enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, taking pictures, and journaling. For many years he was a little league umpire for Greenfield Youth Baseball League and the IHSAA. Of all of these things, he most loved traveling and spending each day with his family and eating at whichever restaurant Nicholas would choose.

Rodger is survived by his loving wife, Jackie Wellenreiter of Greenfield; daughter, Janeen (Trey) Gill of Greenfield; son, Darren (Destiny) Wellenreiter of Charlotte, NC; six grandchildren, Zach Gill of Greenwood, Nicholas Gill and Brenden Gill both of Greenfield, Kai Wellenreiter, Jax Wellenreiter, and Cruz Wellenreiter all of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Sandy (John) Horner of Armington, IL and Sue (Mike) Bolt of Bloomington, IL; mother-in-law, Bobbie Yordy of Greenfield; and an uncle, Less Wellenreiter of Danvers, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Oma Wellenreiter; and his father-in-law, Willard Yordy.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 6, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Bradley United Methodist Church, 210 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140 with viewing one hour prior to

the service. Pastor Terry Campbell will be officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to MADD Indiana, PO Box 141, Fishers, IN 46038, Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, 402 West Washington Street, W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Bradley United Methodist Church, 210 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140, or Michigan State University Foundation, 325 E. Grand River Avenue, Suite 275, East Lansing, MI 48823. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary and church. Friends may share a memory or condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Cemetery

Park Cemetery

621 South State Street
Greenfield, IN, 46140

Events

- SEP 5** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM
Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140
- SEP 6** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Bradley United Methodist Church
210 W. Main Street, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140
- SEP 6** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM
Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

Comments



“ Where are you I tried because I`m feeling everyday looking around for you, because my special Christmas gift everyday I am the only one with Jesus because you`re going to be 78 because everyday if I love not in impossible how when I`m where are you replied because not or my god when to come seeing me, because I to call you to hear me because you`re father-in-Law he saw you flying because you are just like Bold eagle because you were flying around because it`s a Christmas gift to the people by the people who parish, it brings everyday because my brother Brenden got issues like politics he talks about you`re memories isn`t living death anymore because my brother Brenden sometimes when he feeling to spend everyday enjoying to get happy tears because if things to relationship remember when the memories not to bring in behind the past

Nicholas Gill - August 05, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Grandpa I wish you should eating Lunch with me because I didn`t know how I called you honey you didn`t answer my phone calls I tried to randpa I wish you should eating Lunch with me because I didn`t know how I called you honey you didn`t answer my phone calls I tried to reach to you honey it`s hard how to be not to being around I need you honey to being with me it randpa I wish you should eating Lunch with me because I didn`t know how I called you honey you didn`t answer my phone calls I tried to reach to you honey it`s hard how to be not to being around I need you honey to being with me it means to me to me to you honey it`s hard how to be not to being around I need you honey to being with me it means to me

Nicholas Gill - June 07, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Marry Christmas Grandpa the year is 2020

Nicholas Gill - October 03, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ I know the feeling of the year to continue to go though because I know because I want you back because I don`t Understand this Christmas everyday how much means to me

Nicholas Gill - October 03, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Dear Grandpa

Everyday when things in me however do without feeling so much I loved to supportive so much when I say

Happy Thanksgiving Grandpa

Nicholas Gill - November 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Rodger was an amazing Christian man. He always exuded so much life that it just spilled out of him onto others. He was insightful, effective, caring and honest. He gave so much of himself away that this world is still filled with him. I will never forget his comment about December 21st, the winter solstice being the best day of the year. It was a privilege to serve as his pastor for a number of years. I regret being unable to attend his funeral service and put my arm around Nicholas and Jackie. The separation time will be brief by the grace of God.

Wade Compton

Pastor Wade - September 14, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ Grandpa I wish you should eating Lunch with me because I didn't know how I called you honey you didn't answer my phone calls I tried to reach to you honey it's hard how to be not to being around I need you honey to being with me it means to me

Nicholas Gill - October 01, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ I have such fond memories of Rodger and Jackie as my childhood neighbor. Rodger would shoot hoops on occasion with me, because I was already in their backyard playing on their hoop. You both taught me how to be a good neighbor purely by example. Rodger will be truly missed by all. My prayers for you all in this time of sorrow!

With love, Kelly Ellis

Kelly Ellis - September 05, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ Our condolences and prayers to the family. We love you Susan (Karen). - The Bolts, Kipp & Heidi

Kipp Bolt - September 05, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ I have many memories of Rodger umpiring Little League Baseball. Roger was a fine person who will be missed by many. Our Sympathy and Best Wishes to Jackie and family.

Dennis & Sally Porter



Dennis Porter - September 04, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Tim And Kathi Ottesen lit a candle in memory of Rodger H. Wellenreiter



Tim and Kathi Ottesen - September 04, 2019 at 05:44 AM



“ Jackie & family, So sorry to read of Rodger's passing. May you and your family be comforted in knowing there are friends who share in your sorrow. We are sending our Deepest Condolences. Someday, we'll all be together again. Harlan & Bea Kay Orns

Harlan& Bea Kay Orns - September 03, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ I'am so very sorry to hear of Roger's passing, God be with your family as you grieve a great loss !!!!! This was a shock and a loss for Bradley, he will be missed. Know that prayers are being sent your way, God never forsakes us !!!!! Cheryl Byers

cheryl Sue byers - August 31, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ I was so stunned and saddened to hear what happened. I worked with Rodger at Elanco, and he was an incredibly kind, caring, and fun person. We always enjoyed hearing about his activities with Nicholas. Rodger made life better for so many people, and will always be fondly remembered.

Rebecca Hozak - August 31, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ I was shocked when I heard about Roger's passing. I can't seem to find the words to tell you how deeply sorry I am for your huge loss. My prayers are with the entire family. Toni Ludington

Toni Ludington - August 31, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ Larry and I are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed talking and seeing you both at the Motsomi booth in Harrisburg as well as Nicholas. We pray that you find comfort in God's love and everyone around you. Love and prayers, Kitty Stival

Kitty Stival - August 31, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ So sorry, Jackie. May you and your family be comforted by your faith and friends. Thinking of you in this sad time.

Diana Mouser McLean - August 31, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ I was a student with Roger at Illinois State University. I graduated in 1965 and went to work for Elanco Products Co. Roger arrived at Elanco after completing his graduate school degrees. We worked together many years. A great friend and colleague. Lee Dueringet

Lee Dueringet - August 30, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Jackie--I am so sorry for your loss and the void you are now feeling. My prayers for you and your family. Jan Kwasigroh

Jan Kwasigroh - August 31, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Jackie and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thought and prayers! Tim and Kathi Ottesen

Tim and Kathi Ottesen - September 04, 2019 at 05:46 AM



“ The Frankes, down the road, were sorry to learn of Mr. Wellenreiter untimely passing. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

June & Gregg Franke - September 04, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Jackie, just know you are in my thoughts and prayers. We have such fond memories of our time together.

Nancy Moran - September 04, 2019 at 10:35 AM