
▶ Roger Attoe

Attoe, Roger C. PORTAGE/ MADISON - Roger C. Attoe, age 69, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007. He was born on June 20, 1938, the son of Carl and Irene Attoe. Roger attended Rice School, a one room schoolhouse, built by his great-grandparents. His father, aunts, uncles and brother also attended the school. Roger attended Wild Rose High School and participated in football and track. He enjoyed working with his grandpa planting trees, bucking wood and driving his grandpa's 1952 Ford pickup truck. Roger went to UW-Madison and went out for the football team. He joined the Madison Police Department, before graduating from college. Roger finished his schooling at UW-Madison, while raising a family and working as a police officer. He went on to obtain a master's degree, while becoming a police detective supervisor. Roger worked on many high profile cases. He was the first law enforcement officer to be a Certified Fire Investigator, in 1981, from the International Association of Arson Investigators. Roger retired in 1989 and formed a private detective agency, Attoe-Watson Co. Inc., continuing detective work and arson investigations.

He was a member of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Association, International Association of Arson Investigators and the Portage Elk's Lodge. Roger became exalted ruler of the Madison Elk's Lodge in 1987-1988, and continued working with the Elk's drug awareness program, becoming assistant national director. He enjoyed singing in the University Chorus and at various churches as choir member and soloist. He sang with the Madison Maennerchor, a German men's choir, for many years. Roger considered it an honor to have sung at various relative's weddings. He looked forward to traveling to Canada with several buddies for their annual walleye fishing trip. Roger liked playing golf, though he was just a hacker. He enjoyed his grandchildren, attending many of their various activities. Roger was united in marriage to his soul mate, Jolynn on July 13, 1991.

He loved following the Wisconsin Badgers, football and hockey, and especially the Green Bay Packers. Roger is survived by his loving wife, Jolynn; three children, Todd (Michelle) of Mercer, Robin Vincent of West Jordan, Utah and Kevin of Marshfield; three step-children, Bob (Ann) Halverson of Pewaukee, David (Cathy) Halverson of Verona and John (Stephanie) Halverson of Aurora, Colo.; 10 grandchildren, Keegan, Taylor, Jennie, Cassandra, Alek, Alan, Mataya, Connor, Eric and Olivia; a brother, David (Lena) of Wautoma; sister-in-law, Barbara (Darryl) Sullivan of Portage; special cousin, Donna (Skip) Peterson of Madison; and many nieces; nephews; family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Mark Roy.

Funeral services will be held at GUNDERSON EAST FUNERAL HOME, 5203 Monona Drive, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park at a later date. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, with an Elk's service at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for a fund to be established. Gunderson East Funeral and Cremation Centers 5203 Monona Drive (608) 221-5420 www.gundersonfh.com
