



Roger Theodore Bettmann

October 11, 1947 - January 1, 2024

Roger Theodore Bettmann of Elkhorn, NE passed away peacefully on January 1, 2024 in Elkhorn, NE with family at his side.

Roger was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota on October 11, 1947 to parents Irene and Theodore (Ted) Bettmann. Roger was the 4th child of 9 children. Roger was a devoted Christian since childhood and always put Jesus first in his life. He lived a life of compassion, service, and gratitude. He was a shining light to all who knew him through his laughter, humor, love, and genuine care for others. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and true friend to so many.

Roger grew up on the Bettmann dairy farm outside of Aberdeen. He milked cows with his dad and siblings for many years. He and his family were members of St. John's Lutheran church. Roger graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1965 and attended Northern State College in Aberdeen. He worked at the Sale Barn and Farmers Union in Aberdeen before beginning work at 3M. Roger married his first wife, Susan, in 1970. They had 3 children together: Brent, Becky, and Brad.

Roger moved his family to Fremont in 1979 to work at 3M in Valley, NE. He retired in 2007 after 33 years. Roger was a production control analyst. He loved his job and made many life-long friends. From 1979 to 1996, Roger was

a member of Fremont Alliance Church, where he was baptized. He taught Sunday school, was an AWANAS Leader, worked as an usher, and church treasurer.

Roger married Marcia K. Highfill in May of 2002. They enjoyed a beautiful life together in Elkhorn for over 20 years. In retirement, they enjoyed traveling across the country to see family and friends, attending many weddings, birthdays, graduations, and family reunions. Roger and Marcia also experienced memorable trips together – Hawaii, Switzerland, Italy and more. They have many dear friends through Westside Church and AARP group.

Roger sought out volunteer opportunities. It made his heart full to help others. He was a greeter and usher at Westside. He belonged to the Rotary Club of Elkhorn, and West Omaha Chamber of Commerce. He volunteered for Heartland Hope Mission in Omaha, Teammates Youth Mentoring Program, and COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn). Roger went on two mission trips to Ecuador. Roger enjoyed volunteering at the Cox Classic golf tournaments. He loved baseball, working several seasons for the Omaha Storm Chasers on their ground's crew. Roger had his own landscaping business serving neighbors and local businesses.

He loved hunting and fishing, hiking, biking, running, and nature walks. Roger enjoyed sporting events of all kinds! He especially LOVED the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Green Bay Packers. Roger played slow pitch softball for close to 20 years on various teams.

Most of all, Roger cherished time “just being with” family and friends. His grandchildren were “the jewels on his crown.”

He will be missed by so many, our love for him will live on in our hearts forever.

Roger is survived by his beloved wife Marcia Bettmann of Elkhorn; his children: Brent (Amy) Bettmann, of Littleton, CO, Becky (Denver) Swanson, of Arvada, CO, and Brad (Sarah) Bettmann, of Olathe, KS; step-children: Robin (Brian) Nelson of Woodcliff, NE, Mindy (Eric) Looney, of Novi, MI, and Brian (Chanda) Highfill of Gretna, NE; grandchildren: Hannah, Riley, Saylor, Brady, Maddie and Zetta; step-grandchildren: Trevor, Nathan, Takahiro, Nikko, Jaxon and Skylar; siblings: Gary Bettmann, of Fargo, ND, Kevin (Janae) Bettmann, of Blaine, MN, David (Robin) Bettmann, of Cedar Rapids IA, Marge (Steve) Streitz, of Burleson, TX, and Mary (Keith) Arnholdt, of Columbus, IN; brothers-in-law: Larry Baack of Columbus, IN, and Rod Weier of Watertown, SD, and many much-loved nieces and nephews. Roger was preceded in death by his parents; Irene and Ted Bettmann; and sisters: Marla Jean Bettmann, Marilyn Baack and Myra Weier.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Westside Church, or the charity of your choice, may be donated in Roger's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation with family

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westside Church
15050 W. Dodge
Omaha, NE

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Westside Church
15050 W. Dodge
Omaha, NE

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Live Stream of Roger's Service today, can be viewed on the Westside Church Youtube Channel at <https://www.wchurch.tv/watch-live>*

Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 18, 2024 at 11:50 AM

GM

“ *I had the privilege of working with Roger for several years at 3M in Valley. After he retired, I would often see him at Elkhorn football games and other places around town. Roger had the best laugh that was contagious and got those around him to laugh and smile. Roger was such a genuine good man. He is with Jesus now.*

George Musselman

George R Musselman - January 15, 2024 at 10:54 AM

CB

“ *Roger was a great man. Always had that great smile and infectious laugh. We had a long standing joke about my one time poor vision seats at Nebraska Football games. Roger would always ask me if I still had my seats behind the post. I saw Roger the last time last fall. I could tell things had changed, but he still had that smile. He was a great man and will be missed by so many. To the entire family left behind, I am sorry for your loss. Cal Bull*

Cal Bull - January 14, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Theodore Bettmann.*



January 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Mike and Roger started their 3M careers in Aberdeen, SD, at the same time. Roger worked at setting us up on a date when Mike transferred to Valley. It worked, we've been married for 39 years now. I worked with Roger in Valley for years, and was always impressed with his love for his Savior and his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but we can look forward to seeing him again one day in the future. Diane Agnitsch*

Diane Agnitsch - January 14, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *Roger was one of the best people I've encountered. He was my fifth-grade Sunday School teacher and would become a good friend over the years. Enjoyed playing softball with him and talking Braves and Packers! Years later, got to see him working the grounds crew at Werner Park, and you could see how much he enjoyed it! Just an all-around great guy. Prayers for his family during this time. Eric Taylor*

Eric Taylor - January 10, 2024 at 02:17 PM



Eric, thank you for your prayers sharing your memories of Dad. He was a good friend to so many and loved playing softball with you and all of his teammates. Blessings to you and your family.

Brent Bettmann - January 11, 2024 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ Mary M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Theodore Bettmann.

Mary M. - January 10, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Theodore Bettmann.



January 10, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JK

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Bettmann families. Roger certainly was greeted with a big welcome in heaven. Our deepest sympathies.

Julie (Ugland) and Brian Kaminski

Julie Kaminski - January 09, 2024 at 08:59 PM

JT

“ Roger was such an amazing person and such a great friend to my dad. I loved meeting my Dad and Roger for coffee when I would come to town. He will be missed!

Jody Tomanek - January 07, 2024 at 04:21 PM

JW

“ I'll never forget that smile!! Roger, being my mom's favorite brother (sorry Gary, Kevin & David although my mom loved you all dearly there was just something about Roger that always lit her up no matter what), was chosen to be the urn bearer at my mom's funeral. Roger carried my mother's cremains to the altar with a look of honor, pride and about the biggest Roger Bettmann smile I've ever seen! Although funerals are usually solemn events as we are sad that they are gone. That smile on Roger's face reminded me that this isnt the end & there's way more to the story than we can imagine! And now my Mom has her brother in Heaven with her & I can just feel the radiance of their cumulative smiles when they reunited! There are many things about Roger I'll never forget but how proudly & happily he carried my Mom's cremains tops them all!

Jason Weier - January 07, 2024 at 03:24 PM

BB

Thanks Jason for sharing these beautiful words about Dad.

Brent Bettmann - January 09, 2024 at 10:07 PM

PH

“ I worked with Roger for many years in Valley. In all my memories of him, he is wearing a genuinely joyful smile. Despite his illness, he was wearing that same “I love life” smile when I saw him a year ago. I admire Roger's natural tendency to see the good in others and in the world and consider myself blessed to have known him. Paul Harp



Paul Harp - January 07, 2024 at 12:21 AM

JA

“ Jeffrey, Isabelle, Marie-Anne & Abigail purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roger Theodore Bettmann.



Jeffrey, Isabelle, Marie-Anne & Abigail - January 06, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JU

“ Very sorry to hear of Roger passing. You all have our deepest sympathy and we say a prayer for him.

Joe Ugland - January 06, 2024 at 12:00 PM

RF

“ Reed & Monica Carlson & Family lit a candle in memory of Roger Theodore Bettmann



Reed & Monica Carlson & Family - January 05, 2024 at 09:09 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about your loss! We will always remember what a kind neighbor he was. Deepest sympathies to your family. god bless.

Mindy & Bryon Milker

Mindy Miller - January 04, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JW

“ Jason Weier lit a candle in memory of Roger Theodore Bettmann



Jason Weier - January 04, 2024 at 04:30 AM