



Roger Curtis Bender

January 14, 2015 - March 9, 2015

Roger "Doc" Curtis Bender, age 81 of Spring Grove, passed away Monday, March 9, 2015 at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, WI

He was born January 14, 1934 in Dubuque, Iowa to Harold and Hazel (Dodge) Bender. He attended grade school at Waterloo Ridge Country School, graduating from Spring Grove High School in 1952. He went to Iowa State College graduating in 1959 and started his practice of Veterinary Medicine in Spring Grove.

On September 1, 1957, he married Annette Tweito. They lived in Dorchester, Iowa before living various places in Spring Grove. He practiced in Spring Grove from 1960-1987 and was a USDA Veterinary Meat Inspector from 1987-1999. He continued doing veterinary work occasionally after his retirement. His awards and accomplishments included: State Farmer FFA degree; Friend of the Fair, 2013; Snowmobile State Trail Chairman. He was a member of Commercial Club, Lions, EDA, Syttende Mai committee member, Trinity Lutheran Church (past congregation Chair), Viking Ridge Riders, Busy Bee Winnies, and a pilot 1960-2011.

Survivors include his loving wife, Annette; children: Curtis (Pat) of Prairie Du Chien, Wis., Craig of Spring Grove, Ann (Charles) Bryz-Gornia of Blaine, Minn., Karen (Richard) Tisthammer of Black Hammer, Collin (Kim) of Waconia, Minn., Calvin (Marnie) of Plymouth, Minn., Brenda of Spring Grove, Bonnie (Kenneth) Heim of Caledonia, Minn.; 20 grandchildren: David, Megan, Daniel Bender, Elliott Bender, Andrew (Abby), Erik, Krista and Kyra Bryz-

Gornia, Bethany (Tyler) Engen, Brandon Tisthammer, Brock, Blake and Haley Bender, Kallie and Alexa Bender, Kai (Jessie) Becker, Jenna and Lauryn Bohr, Kendra and Austin Heim; 2 great-grandchildren: Makenzie Becker and Graham Engen. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Roble Funeral Home
225 East Main Street
P.O. Box 368
Spring Grove, MN 55974
(507) 498-3875
mor4law@springgrove.coop
<https://roblefuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
203 E. Main St.
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Annette & Family,
We are sorry to hear of Roger's passing & would like to extend our sympathy to you. We always appreciated his willingness to make our move to Spring Grove with whatever help he could provide. Enjoyed the appreciation party that was provided for the folks that were living in Bender Addition at the time & his golf carting in the neighborhood which always resulted in a nice visit. From Texas, Happy Trails Roger!*

Dick & Carol Lilla

Dick & Carol Lilla - March 13, 2015 at 11:11 AM

 Ruth Heim

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Roger was a kind and loving soul who will be greatly missed. Share and treasure the many wonderful memories that you all have of him. My deepest sympathy and love to all. Ruth Heim*

Ruth Heim - March 12, 2015 at 09:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Curtis Bender.*



March 11, 2015 at 09:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Roger Curtis Bender.



March 11, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *Trina Alfson lit a candle in memory of Roger Curtis Bender*



Trina Alfson - March 11, 2015 at 10:38 AM



“ *Doc was a great guy...so very knowledgeable of his love of animals and so willing to pass on that knowledge...he taught me a lot knowing my love of animals also...He was always at anytime willing to help with a sick animal and the owner..Also his and Annettes drives in the golf cart down my street and visiting will be missed....hugs to all family and prayers of strength..*

Trina Alfson - March 11, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Roger Curtis Bender.



March 10, 2015 at 09:33 PM

AH

“ I am thinking of you all, praying for comfort, and sending lots of love and hugs. I didn't know Doc long, but it didn't take much time for me to feel like one of the family. He always greeted me with a smile, even when he wasn't feeling the greatest. He told me lots of stories about his family and was incredibly proud of all of you. I will miss him! ~ Angie Halverson

Angie Halverson - March 10, 2015 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ My prayers are with all of you!

Nothing ever seemed to big for Roger. Once he decided to do something he did it. I admired that about him. Enjoyed his visits to Florida. The trip to Disney and the time he came down to Florida bought a truck and flew a couple down to drive it back. Nice couple they stayed with us a couple of days. Never met anyone like him. I enjoyed my last conversation with him at his house our last visit to Spring Grove.

Rest in Peace Roger!

Dino Benvenuti

Dino Benvenuti - March 10, 2015 at 06:08 PM

KB

“ Roger was quite a character. Some of his favorite sayings were: "Who goes there...Friend or Foe?" and 'That guy doesn't know if he's afoot or horseback!"
He will be deeply missed!

Kim Bender - March 10, 2015 at 05:40 PM