



Roger L. Zeiger Sr.

February 22, 1936 - November 30, 2023

ROGER L. ZEIGER, SR., 87, PEACEFULLY WENT TO BE WITH HIS LORD AND SAVIOR ON NOVEMBER 30, 2023. ROGER WAS BORN IN HERSHEY, PA, THE SON OF HARRY LEHMAN ZEIGER AND BEATRICE ANASTASIA HOWER ZEIGER.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE, DOROTHY CONNOR ZEIGER, HIS DAUGHTER KIM ELIZABETH ZEIGER FLOOD, A GREAT GRANDSON, TITUS RHETT SCHAP, SISTERS BEATRICE WISE (LEWIE), DARLENE ENGLE (LLOYD), BROTHERS HARRY B. ZEIGER (MARGARET), KENNETH ZEIGER (KARON), PAUL W. ZEIGER (BETTY), AND RONALD ZEIGER (DIANNE).

HE IS SURVIVED BY DAUGHTER CONNIE ZEIGER RICHARDSON (TERRY) OF HEMINGWAY, SC, SON ROGER L. ZEIGER, JR. (BARBARA) OF GASBURG, VA, AND DAUGHTER KAREN ZEIGER HINKLEY OF LAKELAND, FL. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND 18 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

HE GREW UP IN CAMPBELLTOWN, PA, A SMALL TOWN OUTSIDE OF HERSHEY AND GRADUATED IN 1953 FROM HERSHEY HIGH SCHOOL. FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, HE JOINED THE MARINE CORP AND THAT IS WHERE HE MET HIS WIFE, DOROTHY. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1956

AND CELEBRATED 66 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. DISCHARGED FROM THE MARINE CORP IN 1957, HE WENT INTO BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF AS OWNER OF ZEIGER'S GULF SERVICE STATION IN CLEONEA, PA. IN 1960, HE WAS RECALLED BY THE MARINE CORPS AND WAS BASED AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NC UNTIL HE WAS AGAIN DISCHARGED IN 1964.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE, THEY MOVED TO WILMINGTON, NC WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD (NOW CSX RAILROAD). AFTER SEVERAL PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS, THEY SETTLED IN DARLINGTON, SC, WHERE HE BECAME THE DISTRICT SERVICE LANE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FLORENCE DIVISION WITH HEADQUARTERS IN FLORENCE, SC. HE RETIRED FROM CSX IN 1997.

HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH IN DARLINGTON, SC UNTIL HIS WIFE'S ILLNESS PREVENTED HIM FROM ATTENDING.

PERSONS WISHING TO VISIT THE FAMILY MAY DO SO AT 813 ROGERS ROAD, DARLINGTON, SC. THERE WILL BE NO MEMORIAL SERVICE.

MEMORIALS MAY BE MADE TO FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH KITCHEN FUND, 1416 LAMAR HIGHWAY, DARLINGTON, SC 29532.

Tribute Wall



“ You always had a funny joke to crack and will be missed by us!~ we love you Roger -love Cindy, Kevin, Erika, and family

Cynthia Kelly - December 17, 2023 at 12:14 AM

A grey square profile picture containing the white initials 'KH' in a serif font.

“ Daddy, you took my heart with you when you left this world. Momma told me you named me too.💕😊 I am sooo much like you because you taught me responsibility & the need to consider others as I trek through this thing called life. Your example is why I have a charitable heart. I remember spoiling you & momma through the years. We picked out your last set of golf clubs together & I made sure you got the set you wanted. I will always treasure the rare moments we spent together through the years. I'm glad God picked you to be my Daddy...love you to the moon & back. Love, your baby girl.💕

Karen Z Hinkley - December 04, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JS

“ A few funny/fond memories:

You and Dottie came to Washington State to visit Karen and I. We invited you to the local diner (35 miles away) and "let you pick up the tab" as always.

You loaned me your Stihl chainsaw and I dropped a tree on it. I had it repaired but the case was still cracked. I did the right thing and bought you a new one. I still have mine. It's 25 years old but I got it running again. Think of you every time I cut down a tree...

I remember helping you build the back porch and having the whole family come together one weekend to re-roof your house.

You worked hard your whole life and continued that after retirement. Always out in the garage building something for family or the church. I still have your bookshelf and it still looks great.

Fond memories sitting on that back porch with you puffing on a cigarette, reading the newspaper, and telling jokes, while Dottie was cooking up something special. Good times!

You touched a lot of lives and will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace Papa Z and say hey to Dottie and Kim...

Jay Schwersenska - December 03, 2023 at 09:13 AM

CC

They flew to Washington and then y'all didn't even buy dinner 😂 my first time hearing that story... too funny.

Cassie Crespo - December 06, 2023 at 04:43 AM

KA

We were broke airmen back then...serving our country. Daddy WANTED to pick up the tab because he was showing respect for our service, trust me. I picked up HIS tab later...more than once!

Karen - July 10, 2025 at 12:48 AM

EG

“ *Earl And Debra Grooms lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Zeiger Sr.*



Earl and Debra Grooms - December 03, 2023 at 07:57 AM

CC

“ *Papa, you were a great provider, friend, and rock to so many. Some of my most cherished Christmas memories are visiting you, Grandma, and the cousins and my favorite summers were attending VBS at your church.*

I will always remember how steadfast you were in your faith. It was a pleasure witnessing your devotion to helping whatever congregation called you next, lending your skills and services to so many. You always made a point to keep Jesus in all of our hearts ❤️ and we can rest easy knowing you've made it to heaven and reunited again with our loved ones gone too soon...and I hope you're still cracking jokes with the big man upstairs 😊

Cassie Crespo - December 03, 2023 at 06:38 AM

AF

“ Anne Foster lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Zeiger Sr.



Anne Foster - December 02, 2023 at 05:46 PM

AF

Mr Roger is in his heavenly home but my friend you'll never be forgotten. Always loved seeing you at Walmart. I always got my hug. Your jokes will be missed.. Love you.

Anne Foster - December 02, 2023 at 05:48 PM

SW

“ I don't know where to start. I'm going to miss you so much Papa. My heart is shattered into a million pieces. I hope you knew that I enjoyed every moment I had taking care of you Papa. I'm going to be lost for awhile. Praise Jesus you can breathe again!! I know that reunion with grandma and momma was a wonderful one. There's alot I want to say but Rest Easy my sweet Papa. Until we meet again!! I love you oceans!! 🥺💔💔💔

Stacey Weaver - December 02, 2023 at 08:35 AM

JY

I worked with Roger when I was working in Savannah. RIP. Prayers for peace and comfort for your family

Judy McWhorer Young - December 02, 2023 at 07:39 PM

NN

Stacey and family, we love you and we are praying for yall. He was very special to me and I am so glad to have known him.

Nancy Nichols - December 03, 2023 at 09:28 PM

PN

“ Patricia Norton lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Zeiger Sr.



Patricia Norton - December 02, 2023 at 07:36 AM

GB

“ Gary Barber lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Zeiger Sr.



Gary Barber - December 01, 2023 at 09:14 PM

KS

“ Kathy Sheffield sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger L. Zeiger Sr.



Kathy Sheffield - December 01, 2023 at 02:21 AM