



## Roger E. Sinclair

June 29, 1945 - April 12, 2017

Roger E. Sinclair, age 71, of Laurie, left us peacefully while at home on April 12, 2017.

He was born in Aurora, Illinois, on June 29, 1945, a son of the late Lemman and Dora (Bottema) Sinclair. At the age of one, the family moved to a farm in Milan, Missouri, where he graduated high school.

Roger started work at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City right out of high school where he met his wife, Vicki. They celebrated fifty years of a wonderful life on December 10, 2016.

He served honorably in the United States Air Force Reserves during 1964-1970.

Roger retired from Hallmark as manager of a graphic arts department in 2000. They moved full time to the lake at that time so Roger could live his dreams of fishing and building his house on the lake.

He was an accomplished craftsman and loved building things, especially bird houses for his wife.

Roger was an avid sportsman, both playing and watching. His high jump record stood for years at his high school. He was on a fast pitch softball team that won the Kansas City championship. He coached girls softball for years, loved playing horseshoes and bowling at the lake. While living at the lake, he also enjoyed visiting with his many friends at the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705, in Laurie, where he had been a member for several years.

Roger was a kind, gentle, caring man with a great laugh and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; two daughters, Angie Jackson of San Diego, California and Tanya Holt of Independence, Missouri; two brothers, Carroll Sinclair and wife Judy and Russell Sinclair and wife Donna all of Laurie, Missouri; one sister, Shirley Stark and

husband Galen of Harrisonville, Missouri; five grandchildren, Lexi, Jake, Paige, Blake and Austin; two great-granddaughters, Harper and Jacqueline; also many wonderful and loving nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a great-nephew, Stephan Sinclair.

A celebration of Roger's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 17th, at the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie with a luncheon to follow. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Elks Lodge or to Hospice Compassus.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.

# Events

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**APR**   **Celebration of Life**   11:00AM

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Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705

174 Elks Road, Laurie, MO, US, 65038

# Comments

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“ I only knew Roger for the briefest of times, but I was saddened to hear of his passing. It started the summer of 1972 when my Dad (also a long time Hallmarker) was able to get me a "summer job" to make a little cash before heading off to college in the fall. Roger and his team were the unlucky recipients of this know-nothing kid just looking to make a few bucks in a few months. One of my first "bosses" taught me that treating people with respect and creating a "team oriented environment" really made the job enjoyable and his team was extremely effective at what they were doing. Roger was also incredibly patient with me and helped me out at every turn. (Even though I accidentally exposed several boxes of photographic paper during my stay) I stopped by to see him a couple times after that when I was at the HQ on business. You see I also eventually enjoyed a long (35 year) career with Hallmark as a District Sales Manager; retiring 2 years ago. Even though we never stayed in contact after that I never forgot Roger and that summer job of '72. You just never know when you're going to come across examples of just plain old good people that will influence the type of people we eventually become. Thank you Roger...and to his family, I am very sorry for your loss.

Patrick Cullinan Jr. - May 13, 2017 at 07:39 PM

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“ so sorry to here about roger I know what you are going through Vickie I lost Janice in march of 2014 she had a stroke in 2003 and myself and the kids took care of her until her death. its hard but you will make it.

john neidig - April 24, 2017 at 07:30 PM

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“ Prayers for Vickie and family. I worked with Roger at Hallmark from '69 until '87. We worked a lot of hours and played a lot of softball and golf together. Thru it all I don't remember Roger ever saying an unkind word about anyone. A real gentleman in the truest sense. RIP my friend...

Roger Hunt - April 18, 2017 at 12:03 PM

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“ Preston Moore lit a candle in memory of Roger E. Sinclair



**Preston Moore** - April 16, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to Vicki and the family.

**Preston Moore** - April 16, 2017 at 11:33 PM

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“ So saddened to hear the news of Roger's passing. Like others, I had the pleasure of working with Roger at Hallmark. I'll never forget his easy smile and pleasant demeanor. Prayers for his family...may his soul rest in God's peace.

**Marcia Hamilton** - April 16, 2017 at 08:55 AM

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**Larry Goe** - April 15, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ Blessed to have worked with Roger and even more blessed to actually know the man. Roger was always smiling and his laugh was contagious. Whether it was work or after work intramural sports Roger always gave it his best. Thanks for sharing Roger with us all. Continue blessings to the family and prayers for peace.

**Larry** - April 15, 2017 at 10:14 AM

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“ So saddened to hear of the loss of another fellow Hallmarker. One who always presented himself as a very outstanding, gracious, and caring man. An excellent person to have had the privilege to call friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Sinclair family having to endure this loss, but know that you have many extremely fond memories to reflect upon. As has been mentioned by several, heaven has gained a good hand.

Bob Bearly

Bob Bearly - April 14, 2017 at 05:30 PM

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“ Vickie - We were so sad to hear about the death of Roger. The two of you were on my mind just last week. I enjoyed working with him at Hallmark - He was always so kind and fun, and made me laugh. Thinking of you and your family at this time. Hugs and Prayers to all of you. Debi and Ed Schulenberg

Debi Schulenberg - April 14, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ I am SO saddened to hear of Roger's passing. He was always one of my favorite people in the graphics department, with his sense of humor, his big easy smile, and his ability to solve any problem you might be having. There are fish that need catching in GOD's heaven. Rest Peacefully there, Roger.

Pat Murray Lucas

Pat Murray Lucas - April 14, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ Vicki and family, my thoughts and prayers are with, always enjoyed Roger and his wonderful smile Mary Evans

Mary Evans - April 17, 2017 at 07:00 AM

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“ For many years Roger Sinclair was my first and only boss we had some complex and challenging times during those years as technology changed but Roger was always consistent and it was a pleasure to work for him.

Larry Greenberg - April 14, 2017 at 09:49 AM

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“ Had the pleasure of working and knowing Roger. Very kind person. Prayers for his family.

Paula Craner

Paula Craner - April 14, 2017 at 09:46 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Roger. His bright smile and friendliness is something that I will always remember at Hallmark. Heaven just got a little bit nicer this week! Thinking of the whole Sinclair Family. Peace.

Stacey Lamb - April 14, 2017 at 08:51 AM