



Roger Gordon Hellwege

August 14, 1936 - June 5, 2015

Roger G. Hellwege, 78, of Grand Island, went to his heavenly home on Friday, June 5, 2015.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home, 2929 S. Locust Street, Grand Island. Reverend Paul Dunbar of Faith Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in Grand Island City Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Roger was born August 14, 1936, in Ord, NE, the son of Adolph and Marie (Fuss) Hellwege.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 58 years, Judy; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Dolores Hellwege of Grand Island; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Bruce Strawder of Wichita, KS; sister, Bernadine Elrod of Grand Island; two granddaughters, Crystal (Michael) Poe of Mesa, AZ, and Stacie Steele of Aurora, IL; five great-grandchildren, Blaike, Makenna, Jadyne, Sophie and Brooklyn; and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dale Hellwege and sister, Verna Mae Niemoth.

Roger grew up and attended school in North Loup, graduating from North Loup High School with the Class of 1954.

Roger entered the United States Air Force on October 7, 1955 and was honorably discharged October 6, 1959. He was united in marriage to Judy Holechek on August 6, 1956. The couple lived in Montana, Wyoming and

Colorado while Roger was employed as a power plant operator. They returned to Nebraska and purchased a sanitation route in Grand Island and then in Hastings. They retired in 1988 when Roger was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Roger put up a heroic fight for 27 years, while continually encouraging others with disabilities. He loved his family and gave them all strength throughout his battle.

One of Roger's great loves was flying; he became a pilot and loved his hours in the sky. He also enjoyed camping, hunting (especially for elk in Colorado) and spending winters in Arizona. He and Judy were members of Faith Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Memorials are suggested to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to Faith Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Gordon Hellwege*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hellwege family in their loss. Roger was a best friend and an excellent flight student. He loved flying very much.*

*L. Miller
OKC,OK*

Larry J. Miller - June 17, 2015 at 08:43 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers be with you and your family at this time. Dan and Becky Janes...always remembering our mall walkers and their families.*

Dan and Becky Janes - June 08, 2015 at 08:13 PM



“ *Michelle Ummel lit a candle in memory of Roger Gordon Hellwege*



Michelle Ummel - June 08, 2015 at 05:50 PM

JF

“ Jane, Tom, Bob, and Ed's entire family.
purchased the Garden To Go Basket for the
family of Roger Gordon Hellwege.



Jane, Tom, Bob, and Ed's entire family. - June 08, 2015 at
09:03 AM

VG

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.
God Bless and Comfort you all.

Valerie Garcia - June 08, 2015 at 06:09 AM

LM

“ Judy and Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you morn
Roger's passing.
We have missed both of you at Golden Vista. We are thinking of you
at this time.
Richard and Lorraine Meyer

Lorraine Meyer - June 07, 2015 at 06:27 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Roger Gordon Hellwege.



June 07, 2015 at 05:47 PM

VA

“ *Judy and family-my deepest sympathies to you all. Always hard for me to know what to say to those who are grieving but just know that I'm thinking of the Hellwege family. I loved spending time in Arizona with Judy and Roger when I visited my folks while they were wintering there also. Condolences and prayers to you!!! Vicki Anderson*

Vicki Anderson - June 07, 2015 at 08:07 AM

KA

Thank you for your kind words. We will learn to take one day at a time to get through this hard time.

Karen - June 15, 2015 at 08:42 PM