



Roger Matzke

July 6, 1941 - June 25, 2026

Roger Dale Matzke, 84, Silver Lake, Kansas, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Thursday, June 25, at his home with his family by his side.

Roger was born July 6, 1941, in Wheaton, Kansas, the son of George and Lucille Zabel Matzke. He graduated from Wheaton High School, helped his father farm and drove a truck for Matzke Hog Market before serving in the Army. Roger served during the Korean War completing special training as a lineman as well as earning Expert with rifle, Marksman with carbine and Good Conduct Medal.

Following his service, Roger went to work for Kansas Power and Light Company as a lineman, retiring after 42 years.

On November 26, 1966, Roger and Geraldine "Jerri" Tanking were united in marriage at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Seneca, Kansas, enjoying almost 60 years together.

Roger loved being outdoors, fishing, boating and camping. He could fix almost anything using items which he collected and had on hand. Underneath his rough exterior, Roger had a huge heart, loved his family and being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and surprised people by being a

practical joker.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Jerri Matzke; his children, Randy Matzke (Nancy) and Rhonda Matzke (Brandi Madsen); grandchildren, Ryan (Briena), Blake and Logan Matzke; great-grandchildren, Beau, Lily and Karsyn Matzke; his older sister, Marcella Budden and his twin sister, Maureen Schwant.

Roger was preceded in death by his infant sister, Lila Jane Matzke.

Funeral service for Roger will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, at Faith Lutheran Church where visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial, with military honors, will follow at Silver Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Faith Lutheran Church or to Elara Caring Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Silver Lake Cemetery

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
1716 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66604

Funeral Service

JUN 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
1716 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66604