



Roger G Hendrix

June 7, 1933 - January 26, 2024

Roger Hendrix, 90, passed away in peace on Friday, January 26, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will take place Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 4-7 p.m. at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Homes located at 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085.

Born on June 7, 1933, to Corinne and Franklin Hendrix, Roger was an only child following the untimely death of his father months later. He grew up in Columbus, the city where he later met his wife of 66 years, Pat; raised his ever-growing family, taught high school biology, and coached countless young men on the gridiron.

He graduated from North High School in 1951, the school he later returned to as a biology teacher, football and wrestling coach, and its athletic director until it closed. If he stumbled upon a student asking to go to the nurse's office for a Band-Aid, Roger was quick to pull one from his wallet to make sure they wouldn't miss — or skip — class.

Roger attended Capital University and played on the football team before leaving school to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He said the most beautiful sight in the world — second only to his wife — was returning to the States and seeing the Statue of Liberty from a boat in New York Harbor. He received his bachelor's degree in 1958 and a master's degree from West

Virginia University in 1963.

High school sports were Roger's passion. Roger took great pride in his dozens of student athletes and keeping them motivated on the field and in the classroom. He hosted pizza party film sessions for years, and Pat was his statistician and constant companion at every game. He also umpired high school baseball for more than 40 years, was a longtime volunteer at the Ohio High School Sports Association and traveled the state with Pat performing rules interpretation for the baseball community.

Roger was a founding member of North Community Lutheran Church on Morse Road, where he and the family were members until it closed. He and Pat later attended Clinton Heights Lutheran Church.

More than anything, Roger's cherished moments were those spent with his family and friends for birthdays and holidays, traveling the country with detailed itineraries, visiting spring training each year, and playing rounds of golf with Pat. A family man at heart, Roger treasured the time spent with his four children and their spouses, 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and the Keeton family dog, Mack.

He was a constant presence in the bleachers at his children's and grandchildren's sporting events and extracurriculars. He kept a running list of the best milkshakes he encountered on his travels. He always made sure the grass was mowed at home and at the church. Roger and Pat set a high bar for their children, leading by example and giving selflessly and sacrificially to the Lord, their family, and their community.

If his health hadn't slowed him down in the last few years, Roger would still be walking to the Ohio High School Sports Association's office to stuff envelopes for coaches and officials, with a packed lunch in one hand and his wife in the

other.

Roger's leadership and love will be missed, but his example will carry on through his loved ones forever and will be felt by all. He is survived by his beloved wife Pat, children Jim (Lori), Barb (Jere), Bev (Dave) and Steve (Laurie), grandchildren Sheridan, Cole, Quinn, Brittany, Tatum, Emily, Allison, Adam, Morgan, Natalie, Greg, Alex, and Owen, and their spouses and children. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger G Hendrix*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 13, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BR

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Roger at the Central District Baseball tournament as a site Manger for many years . How he ever managed to get these games scheduled and played with bad weather , proms , diamond availability was a testament to his dedication to the sport he loved . I am most assured that Pat had a huge hand in that . I also worked with Roger at the fairgrounds coliseum during the Central District basketball tourney for many years . He was always at the Pass Gate greeting us as we came to work . It was an absolute pleasure to know Roger and I am grateful for the opportunity . May our loving god assign him the best ball diamond in heaven .*

Buddy Roe - February 01, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger G Hendrix.*



February 01, 2024 at 11:51 AM

CA

“ Central Ohio Baseball Umpires Assoc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger G Hendrix.

Central Ohio Baseball Umpires Assoc. - February 01, 2024 at 11:51 AM

HG

“ I knew Roger from north and from clinton heights Lutheran church.he was a good friend and we shared some interesting experiences. He was a very sincere person who will be missed.
Harry gardner

harry gardner - January 31, 2024 at 09:32 PM

JK

“ Condolences from Dr Don (North Polar Bear 1949) and Jeanne Davis. What a beautiful legacy. Our Dad-Don and the Davis boys shared many good days at ball diamonds and in the bleachers with your family.
Julie, Don, Mark, Scott, Laura and Brian

Julie Keckstein - January 31, 2024 at 03:48 PM

KE

We were so sorry to hear about Roger just this morning. We did not know about his passing until today. We have been friends for 65 years and have many wonderful memories of our years spent together.It was a pleasure to sing at Roger and Pat's wedding.Roger was a true friend and we enjoyed many activities together.You are in our prayers and thoughts Pat,and so sorry we did not know. Dave and Kathy

Kathy Enderle and Dave Enderle - February 04, 2024 at 11:57 AM

BR

“ *Condolences to the Hendrix family. Roger Hendrix had a positive impact on so many high school athletes. Bob Richwine, NHS football co-captain, 1969-70*

Bob Richwine - January 31, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Roger G Hendrix.*



January 31, 2024 at 02:20 PM

CS

“ *To all the Hendrix-sorry to read of Roger's passing. A really good guy and a really good life. It took a lot to coach football at NHS. You were great neighbors and I miss the old, good times. Best wishes to all. Craig Stewart*

craig Stewart - January 31, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger G Hendrix.*



January 31, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ David Patel, David Kozar, Indus Hotels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger G Hendrix.

David Patel, David Kozar, Indus Hotels - January 31, 2024 at 02:02 PM

HG

“ Haley Bogatay & Nate Grob purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger G Hendrix.



Haley Bogatay & Nate Grob - January 31, 2024 at 01:47 PM

DM

“ Bobby and I are so very sorry for your loss, Pat and family. When I was working for the OHSAA, I used to love to slip down to the mail room when Roger and Pat were assisting with one of our projects. We would joke and talk about travel and skiing and all sorts of sports topics. Roger was a delight, and Pat was such a wonderful companion and partner. Each summer they would open up their home just down the street from the office to host our entire staff for a party. I will always cherish the memories of Roger as he recounted the many stories of his long involvement in education-based athletics. Rest in peace my friend and may his family take comfort in the knowledge that Roger lived a long life of significance and influence for the good.

Deborah B Moore - January 31, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Roger G Hendrix.



January 31, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Adam and Paige planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger G Hendrix.

Adam and Paige - January 31, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Over many seasons of baseball games, my father “Casey” Dennis would smile to see Roger walking up to the diamond to umpire either a Watterson or a DeSales game. They were both North High Polar Bears. This I’d never known.

Jeffrey Dennis - January 31, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ Mr. Hendrix was a great man and positively impacted the lives of so many during his long career. Sending sincerest condolences from the Heilman family to the extended Hendrix family. “Well done thy good and faithful servant!”

With Deepest Sympathies,
Dave Heilman

Dave Heilman - January 31, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Roger Hendrix, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Roger Hendrix, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 31, 2024 at 04:25 AM

SG

“ *I remember his kindness and efforts to help us become young men with purpose. We didn't win many football games in '73 and '74 but we learned to win at Life. Thanks Coach! 🏈*

Steve Grill - January 30, 2024 at 07:36 PM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Hendrix was terrific to be alongside during his days at Whetstone HS. To be a beloved umpire is the most difficult thing to accomplish, but he did! All the best to Mrs. Hendrix, Steve, Jimmy and the entire family. From Shoe.*

Doug Shoemaker - January 30, 2024 at 02:35 PM

JR

“ Coach Hendrix was in his first season as Head Football Coach at North the 1965 Season. We had two disappointing seasons in 63 & 64. I was his Quarterback that 65 Season. We played Worthington that opening game. We started out real good but we were down 13 to 14 with 40 seconds to go and 80 yards to get the win. We pulled it out for our first win in two years and Roger's first Win as North's head coach. They gave me the game ball after the game. Old Pop Olmsted said to me, Jackie you should give that ball to Coach Hendrix. He's right of course, Pop Always Was. I gave coach the ball. I only wish we could have given him a few more wins that year. I visited with Coach a few times over the years. It was always great to stop and see him and Pat. Stop and saw them both a couple summers ago. Had a good visit. Wish I had got back to see him sooner. The Roth Family sends their condolences Go Polar Bears

Jackie Roth - January 30, 2024 at 02:06 PM

GF

“ Ghidotti family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roger G Hendrix.



Ghidotti family - January 30, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MW

“ Thank you Mr. Hendrix for being a highlight of our Polar Bear years and our time at NHS. What a wonderful and full life well lived. Our prayers to your wonderful family. Dave and Mary Whitacre

Mary Whitacre - January 30, 2024 at 08:28 AM

TR

“ Roger was an exceptional man. He umpired man6 of my games at UAHS and was always fair and impartial. He coached hundreds of young men who benefitted from his leadership. He was the kind of person we all want working with our kids.

Tom Rutan

Tom Rutan - January 30, 2024 at 06:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger G Hendrix.



January 29, 2024 at 06:28 PM

RR

“ Roger was a good guy and a good coach. He lead our football team to a couple of victories in the fall of 1965 after two really bad seasons of football and made my last year at North memorable in coaching me on the wrestling team also in having a good wrestling record

. Rick Rodock

RICHARD R RODOCK - January 29, 2024 at 05:06 PM

CB

“ Connie Bickford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger G Hendrix.



Connie Bickford - January 29, 2024 at 11:34 AM

CB

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