



Dr. Roger C Verhagen

May 6, 1925 - February 7, 2019

Roger C. Verhagen, 93, died Thursday, February 7, 2019 at his home. He was born May 6, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Christian M. and Marie (Natelborg) Verhagen.

Roger served in the Army Air Corps in WWII. He then graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He practiced Optometry in Knox and North Judson from 1950 to 1996. Roger enjoyed singing, golfing & playing tennis (in his younger years), long car rides, philosophical talks and most of all spending time with his beloved family. He will be especially remembered for his unique sense of humor that brought laughter and joy to all who knew and loved him. He was very proud of his Dutch heritage and he loved Hershey bars, Fingerhut chocolate donuts and Coca-Cola. Roger had attended North Judson United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons: Dr. Christian (Anne) Verhagen of Noblesville, IN and Kirt (Elizabeth) Verhagen of Zionsville, IN, one daughter, Amy (Michael) Mosher of North Judson, IN, and grandchildren: Adam Mosher, Steven Verhagen, Andrew Verhagen, Olivia Verhagen, Ashlyn Mosher and Garrett Verhagen. He is also survived by his former wife, companion and caregiver, Joyce Verhagen.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Lt. Donald Verhagen (killed in action WWII) and Dr. Paul Verhagen, and two sisters: LaVerne Steck and Jean Hagen (Hollywood actress).

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be

given to "North Judson United Methodist Church Outreach Building", which houses the Kid's Closet and Food Pantry ministries that serve our community. (NJUMC, 210 W. Central Ave., North Judson, IN 46366).

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I just read this about the passing of Dr. Verhagen and want you to know that he was my very first Eye Doctor and I thought the world of him....so sweet and friendly.... his office was in Knox and right across the street from the Court House...I have compared his chair side manner to every other Eye Doctor that I have seen in the last 55 years...He was priceless...sorry this is so late. Debbie Lynch Jones

Deb Jones - June 06, 2019 at 07:51 PM

SJ

“ I grew up next to the Verhagens and used to babysit for the kids. While I never interacted a lot with Roger I remember him as always having a smile on his face and being warm hearted and caring. What a blessing he lived such a long full life so that he could enjoy his family and have what I am sure was a positive influence on their lives. My heartfelt condolences to Chris, Kurt, and Amy. May you be comforted by the countless happy memories you have of your dad.

Sandee Jorczak - February 18, 2019 at 07:20 AM

LW

“ My condolences to the Verhagen family “Doc” was a fine fella
We met him in the 1950s , we being teenagers at the time.
Joined at Bass Lake haunts now vanished
He was joyful company and we agog his sister was Jean Hagen,
We were always interned on his return visits to her , asking
questions
About her life etc. In my later years he fit me with my first pair of
reading
Eye glasses RIP “Doc”. Been good to know you.
May God bless your family with The Lord’s loving comfort
Louise Williams

louise williams - February 14, 2019 at 07:02 AM

MH

“ Got my first glasses from Dr.V. I also shared many times with him at
the K9nrads. He was a funny man. Condolences to the family. Murry
Hight

Murry Hight - February 10, 2019 at 03:42 PM

KC

“ Seems every memory includes laughter. I really got to know his wit
and sense of humor when he hired me in the eighties....best “boss”
ever! I still felt like a family friend instead of employee. I feel blessed
that my life’s journey included Rog Verhagen 😊

kim cole - February 10, 2019 at 03:09 PM