



Roger "Rod" Evan Lien

December 26, 1945 - January 28, 2023

CARSONVILLE- 'Roger Rod' Evan Lien, 77 of Carsonville, passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 28, 2023. Rod was born to Clifford and Lois 'Sal' Lien on December 26, 1945 in Chicago, IL. He grew up on Penn Street in Dearborn, MI, where he met his wife Denise in 1968. They married on May 17, 1974. Rod's group of special childhood friends from Penn Street have remained close to him for his entire life.

In the early 1970s, Rod built his own home situated on his beloved wooded property in Michigan's thumb, where he lived for the remainder of his life. He worked as a Service Planner for Detroit Edison/DTE for over 30 years, and later for Heidecker-Wheatlake.

Rod was a proud Marine and served active duty in Vietnam from June 1967 to February 1968. He was awarded a Bronze Star with Combat V for his actions while under ambush near Con Thien, which led to his unit sustaining no casualties and causing the enemy to flee. He was active with the Sandusky VFW Post 2945 and could often be found Friday nights helping at the post's weekly fish fry.

In his spare time, Rod enjoyed being outside and going for walks in nature, reading, spending time with his pets, marksmanship and woodworking. He was a lifelong Christian and a member of the Sandusky Presbyterian Church, where he had many longtime friends. Rod especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and going on special annual trips with his family to

Grand Marais, MI.

Rod is survived by his beloved wife Denise; daughter Danielle (Mike) Shellabarger; son Nick (Kaitlyn) Lien; five grandchildren, Stone, Freya, Odin, Milo and Beyla; sister Peg (Ralph) Stephenson; brother Cliff (Connie) Lien; brother Mark (Mary) Lien; brother-in-laws Jon (Beverly) Ostertag and Dale (Sue) Ostertag; nephews David Ostertag, Donald Ostertag and Jayson Lien; nieces Jasmine Knaus, Roxanne Wendahl, Caleigh Smith and Cathryn Lien-Miller; Great-nephew Ben Lien; Great-nieces Allison Lien, Sydney and Rachel Ostertag, and Kayleigh and Maya Wendahl.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 3 at Sandusky Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mark Garavaglia will officiate. A luncheon will follow the service, followed by a 3 P.M. Committal Service with Military Rites provided by the Sandusky VFW at the Downing Cemetery in Deckerville.

Visitation will be from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 2 at the Pomeroy Funeral Home of Lexington and at the church Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to VFW Post 2945 of Sandusky, MI or the Sandusky Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Downing Cemetery

Deckerville, MI 48427

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
5635 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-7700
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sandusky Presbyterian Church
104 Lexington St.
Sandusky, MI 48471

Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“💜🙏🌟 Roddy Lien was the Sweetest Kindest Man I knew.... His wife Denise also an Angel. Roddy grew up directly across the street from Me. Denise's Family grew up on the next block of Penn St. Roddy and Ed and My Dad would get on the floor and play with me as a toddler.... I will never ever forget the Kindness of the Entire Lien Family. We had 5 come back to our block from Vietnam. Ed Chambers a Marine shelled in a Tank but Survived. My Dad 2 tours in Danang working on Planes in the AirForce.....& Roddy in th Army. I know the History of War on these Gentlemen and it took some time to heal as the Wounds could not be Seen as most of this Brutal War. Vietnam Vets Are My ANGELS and HEROES. I was born in 1964. My Father left when I was 2+. I remember I split my lip at the Airport.

The Love and Kindness of Roddy and his Family helped me get through my Grandmothers death in 1982 the Year I graduated. I am So Sad as no kinder person ever I have met. I still remember his Sting Ray.baby blue...They were “neighbors” when there were “neighbors.” We had Penn St reunions ever year and for 3 days the kids would swim and the adults brought pictures and stories and Wonderful Foods to share. My Heart is With Denise💜. I'm in Cali now and neighbors & the way they used to be are just Extinct here. Roddys Mom and My Gram were Tight. Just a funny Story Sally , Roddy's Mom told me. Apparently back in the Day around Christmas time when Roddy and My Dad were younger.....my Dad snuck over to Surprise Roddy.....They had these Hay bales in the back yard with major Snow. They had a target on them forYes real Bow & Arrows were Xmas gifts back in the Day..... Well as Sally stated My Dad jumped up from behind the bales to Surprise Roddy.... Well you guessed it the Arrow hit him almost took out my dads eye..... There was a Pact to never tell My Grandma what happened to her 1 st born. Sally was a Medically trained person.....so all is Well back then anyway.....It's So Important for US to “Seek Joy and Honor ourselves” more than ever today.....As I learned at our lake house those WE Love are never more than a thought away.....Much Love and Sadness as I am just now hearing about him. Roddy always Was an Angel and Kind does

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“ *Denise and Family: I was devastated to hear of Rod's death. He was a role model for us younger Penn St. kids and has left a lasting impression on me that I will never forget.*

It seems the older you get the clearer old memories become and Rod, Ed and Ron were all a huge part of my formative years. I looked up to all of them especially Rod. It is truly sad to see him go but know he will never be forgotten.

May he rest in peace.

*Dennis Quenneville
McMinnville Oregon*



Dennis Quenneville - February 02, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



February 01, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Gourmet Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



February 01, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



February 01, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Henry Ford Hospital Quality Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



Henry Ford Hospital Quality Department - February 01, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ Dale Hamilton and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



Dale Hamilton and Family - February 01, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ It was a blessing to have had the opportunity to work with Rod in Service Planning at DTE Energy. Rod was a true professional and had a caring attitude towards his fellow workers. His sense of humor and smile would change your attitude if you were struggling that day. Denise and family may your days, weeks, and months ahead be filled with comfort knowing Rod had a positive impact on so many people he associated with.

Bob Hornby - February 01, 2023 at 09:38 AM

EC

“ Erica Coady purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



Erica Coady - February 01, 2023 at 09:03 AM

BP

“ Bob and Elisabeth Phillips purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



Bob and Elisabeth Phillips - February 01, 2023 at 04:21 AM

KW

“ I am a cousin that remembers waiting for summer vacation every year when Aunt Lois would come to Arizona and pick me up along with her four kids and we would go on some crazy adventure. Been many many years since that happened. We most years would head to the beaches on the Pacific Ocean. One year Peggy got so sunburned and we couldn't find a doctor open, finally Aunt Lois got her in to see an OB GYN, LOL, but he did fix her up! I remember a story of all of us being in Superior, Arizona visiting our grandmother Brownie, my dad was sleeping and Rod came in from outside killing flies, well one landed on my dad's back, well Rod got the fly, but my dad was so mad! LOL

Kay Wagner - January 31, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



January 31, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



January 31, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Mark, Mary, Knaus & Detary families purchased the Forever Beloved for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



Mark, Mary, Knaus & Detary families - January 31, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



January 31, 2023 at 09:55 AM

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“ Gary Ostertag and Ron Ostertag purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



Gary Ostertag and Ron Ostertag - January 31, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



January 31, 2023 at 03:22 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



January 30, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.



January 30, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger "Rod" Evan Lien.*



January 30, 2023 at 05:41 PM