



Richard Roger Sankey

December 18, 1942 - May 30, 2025

Roger Sankey, 82, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on May 30, 2025.

Roger was born on December 18, 1942, to Dick and Bonnie Sankey in Akron, Ohio. After graduating from Florida State University with a Doctorate degree in Nuclear Physics, Roger went on to pursue a career in Medical Physics with a specialty in Radiation Oncology.

Over the course of his more than 55-year career, Roger made significant contributions in many fields, including patient care, teaching, life-changing research, and technical innovation focused on treating disease. His efforts greatly enhanced the quality and vitality of the lives of the people he served. This included time spent at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, Picker X-Ray Corporation, St. Joseph's Hospital, Piedmont Hospital, and Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as Archbold Medical Center in Thomasville, Georgia. He was highly valued for his depth of knowledge, dedication, and heartfelt compassion, maintaining strong personal and professional ties with everyone he had the honor of knowing and supporting.

Throughout his life, Roger remained a devout Catholic. His faith was the foundation of his life and his source of guidance. He served the Church in many capacities and always gave selflessly of his time and talent – unfailingly placing the needs of others above his own.

Roger will be fondly remembered for his love of his friends and family, his intelligence, his sense of humor and storytelling, his appreciation of the natural world, and his passion for classic cars.

Roger is survived by his wife of 60 years, Caroll Sankey; his daughter, Jeannie Sankey Malinsky; his son, Rick Sankey; his son-in-law, Jeff Malinsky; his daughter-in-law, Yvonne Sankey; and his three grandchildren: Trey Sankey, Lauren Sankey, and Jillian Malinsky.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, Tallahassee, FL.

A funeral mass will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Tallahassee, Florida on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:30am with a reception to follow at the church. The service will be live-streamed via <https://goodshepherdparish.org/events/funeral-at-good-shepherd-for-roger-sankey>

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard Roger Sankey.



June 13, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Roger Sankey.

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RN

“ I first met Roger about 10 years ago when he joined our team in Thomasville. What struck me from the start was his intelligence and his generosity of spirit in willing to share his knowledge. As colleagues, we worked well together - our interactions and teamwork developed over shared tasks and challenges. He would willingly fill in for me when I had to be away and as was his nature, was uncomplaining as well as accommodating.

Beyond work, we would meet for lunch often and he would speak of his family, children and grandchildren and of their many achievements. I know from these conversations that he was immensely proud of them. Roger had a gift for conversation, and we were all entertained by his many interesting stories. Roger was very family oriented and found strength and solace in his catholic faith. I know I am a richer and better person for having known Dr. Roger Sankey.

R Nair

Ramesh Nair - June 12, 2025 at 05:57 PM

BS

“ Joanne and I met Roger when we were in high school in Miami, FL. Roger and I, Bill, attended a Science Camp at FSU and then enrolled in, roomed together, and graduated from the university. As a student, I envied Roger for how little he seemed to have to study and yet he got top grades in all his classes. I think this was just a testament to his native intelligence. Roger formally became a Catholic while at FSU; I was his sponsor. He was in our wedding, and I was in his wedding. We have remained good friends with Roger and Carroll over the years. I have never known a more genuinely good guy. Joanne and I have always known him as a thoughtful, compassionate, fun-loving person who was always willing to help others in need. He was a perfectionist, but a worrier as well. Jokingly, I would often start our phone conversations by asking him what he was worrying about that day! Carroll and his family were everything to him. He loved the work he did because he felt he was helping others to have a better life. We both loved him like a brother and will miss him very much. We look forward to being together with him again one day.

Bill and Joanne Strazik

Bill Strazik - June 03, 2025 at 01:35 PM

MS

“ Roger Sankey was a prince of a guy and a damn good medical physicist. We helped a lot of patients with the Gamma Knife at St Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta. I always admired his wise advice and wit. He will be missed!

*Max Steuer, MD
Neurosurgeon*

Max Steuer - June 03, 2025 at 10:49 AM

GM

“ Roger was a very dear colleague..working with him was such a pleasure and privilege. I will miss him greatly. Gerry Kadis

Gerald Kadis MD - June 02, 2025 at 11:14 PM