



## Roger Henry Jaacks

June 29, 1938 - February 3, 2011

Roger Henry Jaacks was born on June 29th, 1938, in Denison Iowa, and died on February 3, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida. He grew up in Denison, graduating from Denison High School where he was active in sports. He attended Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, where he played on the football team and was an All American. After earning his undergraduate degree in history, Roger went on to obtain his master's degree in Physical Education at the University of Iowa. Upon graduation, Roger accepted a job teaching and coaching at Dubuque High School. While in Dubuque, Roger married Courtney Paige Amiss in 1963. Just after the birth of their first child in 1966, Melissa Paige, Roger and his family moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where he taught and coached at both Case and Park high schools. His second child, Michael John, was born in 1969. In 1973, Roger and his family moved to Tallahassee. He spent the rest of his career in sales, first working for his father-in-law, John Amiss, then for himself after he purchased the business from John, then for Niagara Lockport, and finally, for JWI until he retired. Roger was an avid golfer, evidenced by the scratch handicap that he maintained for most of his life. He was renowned for his joke-telling and knowledge of history. He loved to read and do crossword puzzles. He is survived and greatly missed by his wife Courtney, his children Melissa and Michael and their respective partners Michael Jackman and Melissa Kerns, his grandchildren Suzanne and Spencer and their mother Laura Anstead, his grand-dog Shrimp, his brother Richard and wife Leanne, his sisters, Roseann

Olson and husband Robert, and Rhonda Wessel and husband Douglas, his sisters-in-law Patricia Jaacks, Norma Jaacks and Lindsay Barr, his brother-in-law Chip Amiss, his mother-in-law Doryce Amiss, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Meinhardt and Hilda, and by his brothers Ronald Jaacks and Robert Jaacks, and sadly, his sister Ruth Bell died the day after Roger. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee. The family will be holding a wake on Saturday, February 12th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Killlearn Golf and Country Club, Oakview room. All friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and celebrate Roger's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Alzheimer's Project or to a favorite charity.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Courtney, Melissa and Michael--My deepest sympathies to you and the rest of your family. I'm so sorry to hear of Roger's passing and know he will be dearly missed by all. Roger was a mentor to me years ago as member of our youth group as Advent and I often recall his great sense of humor and thoughtful guidance. He was surely loved by all who knew him and will be missed greatly. My prayers and thoughts are for you and the rest of the family.  
Sincerely, Jimmy Allen

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**Jimmy Allen** - February 09, 2011 at 01:47 PM

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“ Though we ourselves had only just come to know Roger Jaacks in recent months, we mourn his untimely passing and extend our deepest sympathies to all the family who held him held dear, as well as the many friends who will clearly miss his presence in their lives. Ever true to himself, with a good humored and straightforward personality, Roger's very memorable and energetic spirit will remain a vivid part of so many lives. He knew how to laugh and, more importantly, how to share laughter. As a lasting gift to all who knew and loved him, there remains a legacy of appreciation for the ties that bind and a valuable example of how to fully embrace life however it is given to each of us.  
We honor his memory best through love and laughter, Neil & Carol Sheppard

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**Neil Carol Sheppard (Mel Kerns' family)** - February 08, 2011 at 10:04 AM