



Roger Beane

December 9, 1946 - August 31, 2025

Roger Beane, 78, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, August 31, 2025, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Roger Alvin Beane, son of Louis Alvin and Maxine Louise (Thompson) Beane, was born on December 9, 1946, in Des Moines, Iowa. Roger lived in Oskaloosa until 5th grade, when the family moved to Belle Plaine. He graduated from Belle Plaine High School in 1965. After graduation, he attended Ellsworth Junior College for two years and then went on to the University of Northern Iowa, where he earned his teaching degree in 1969. While in college, he married Andrea Kay Goodman, the neighbor girl he had been sweet on since moving to Belle Plaine, on June 15, 1968, in Belle Plaine. After receiving his teaching degree, they moved to Stanley, Iowa, and taught science and health in the Oelwein School District. The school in Stanley closed, so he transferred to Oelwein Middle School, where he taught for 39 years. He retired in 2009. Roger and Andrea moved back to Oskaloosa in 2013 to be near family.

Roger volunteered with Trees Forever, the Ecumenical Food Cupboard, and the Environmental Learning Center. Roger was an accomplished wood carver; he had been carving for over 48 years and had created many figures of Santas, farmers, and ornaments. Together with Andrea's woodburning talents, they formed a partnership and were showcased in the Cultural Building at the Iowa State Fair for eight years, selling their products and making many new friends from Iowa and other states. He was a member of the Des Moines

Wood Carving Club and had also done demonstrations at the Iowa State Fair and Nelson Pioneer Farm on several occasions. Roger had many interests, but his true passion was his family; he always made time for them and cherished every moment with them.

His family includes his wife of 57 years, Andrea; his children: Amy (Mike) Klatt of Monroe; and Robb (Amanda) Beane of Oskaloosa; three grandchildren: Trevor Rau of Monroe; and Addison and Mason Beane of Oskaloosa. Roger is also survived by a brother, Ken (Beth) Beane of Pleasant Hill.

Roger's parents preceded him in death.

As was his wish, Roger's body has been cremated, and a Celebration of Life Service will occur at a later date in Oelwein, Iowa. Memorials may be made to Tree's Forever in Oskaloosa or the American Cancer Society – Russell and Ann Gerdin Hope Lodge - Iowa City. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with the arrangements for Roger.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ We met Roger and Andrea when they moved into our neighborhood in Oskaloosa. He loved our dog, Bella, and she became accustomed to getting a few treats every morning when they came by our house on their daily walk. Roger carved a small image of Bella and the detail is amazing! We will cherish it forever. Roger also helped dig us out of a few nasty blizzards in the winter and he shared his vine ripened tomatoes with us in the summer. He was an amazing neighbor; everyone should be so lucky! He will be greatly missed by us and so many others the world was a much better place for Roger having lived in it.
Darrell and Teri Rogers

Teri Rogers - October 22, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ Our scout troop took many weekends with Roger and he was quite the carver. Normally I might carve the bark off a stick for smores with minimal blood on the wood, and he would be carving a detailed gnome that looked like it was ready to come to life in the same amount of time. But he was encouraging and super fun. He was Funny, hardworking, and overall great guy. Thanks for the great times Roger! We were lucky to have him around.

Matt Purdy - September 30, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ Gary and I met Roger and Andrea in 2015 when we moved to Oskaloosa from Ohio. We knew no one but that did not matter as the Beane's were truly welcoming as were all the neighbors. An absolutely wonderful man and an exceptional wood carver. I have one of his pieces but wish I had more. He may have left this world to early but he sure did make a huge impact. We feel blessed to have known you. Mary Ann and Gary Mertes

Mary Ann - September 11, 2025 at 03:26 PM

KS

“ Mr. Beane sparked my love of science which led to a 40 year career in the field. I loved the live and preserved animals he had in his classroom. He had to tell me to stop chasing the boys with the live snake—which he did with a twinkle in his eye. It was fun being FaceBook friends later in life. Thanks for being a force for good in this world. Katie Johnson Slivovsky

katie Slivovsky - September 04, 2025 at 08:52 PM

SN

“ First met Roger when Andrea and I worked at the Cupboard together. Later in life he was my kids Science teacher. Great man all around. Always willing to help people. He was a wonderful woodcarver. He tried to help my daughter learn this skill. He will be missed.

Sheryl Nading - September 03, 2025 at 12:36 PM

TR

“ Some people just make such an impact on their friends. Roger was that guy. Many years ago, Roger and Marv Kaisersatt formed IWAG Intergalactic Woodcarvers and Guests. Business cards and all. Roger was so kind and funny. He will be so missed.

Tami Resler - September 03, 2025 at 09:51 AM

SS

“ I spent 33 years teaching at the Oelwein Middle School with Roger. He was a great teacher and friend. He will be sadly missed.
Steve Schwemm

Steve Schwemm - September 02, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ "Cardinals" Black 36" Cylinder Sonnet was purchased for the family of Roger Beane.



September 02, 2025 at 10:14 PM



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

September 02, 2025 at 10:14 PM

JS

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Roger's passing. Lots of memories of our high school years in Belle Plaine. That guy had the greatest smile!!

JoAnn Musel Schultz - September 02, 2025 at 10:06 PM

DC

“ Doug And Rhonda Callison lit a candle in memory of Roger Beane



Doug and Rhonda Callison - September 02, 2025 at 07:14 PM

KF

“ My husband and I have many of Roger's wonderful carvings especially treasuring lots of his special Santa's that we decorate our home with during the Christmas season. He was always so very gracious. Sincerest sympathies being sent to his family. Larry and Kathy Fettkether

Kathy Fettkether - September 02, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ Roger will be missed. He was always a bright spot at the food cupboard when he helped unload the trucks. I always honk the horn on the Recreation Trail Tram when we go by his house. People on the tram loved his wood carvings on the trail, his faces in the tree, and the beautiful blue bottle tree. I will continue to honk when I go by his house to honor Roger. My sympathies to his family.

Cheryl Benson - September 02, 2025 at 05:56 PM

EW

“ We met Roger through woodcarving and treasure the memories of his friendship and teaching us through the years. Our prayers are with his family. Piper and Emily Wrigley

Emily Wrigley - September 02, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JR

“ Roger was a faithful friend to my husband, Jake. They enjoyed having coffee together with their other coffee friends at Hy-Vee every weekday. Roger gave him at least two of his wonderful wooden carving that we'll cherish.

Judy Roberts - September 02, 2025 at 03:24 PM