



Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA

August 24, 1939 - August 7, 2022

Roger Alan Kerbow, 82, a long-time CPA and financial services representative in Grand Prairie, Texas, passed away on Sunday morning, August 7, 2022 following a brief illness.

Memorial Service: The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022, followed immediately by Funeral Services at 11 a.m.

Committal Service with Military Honors: 10:15 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2022. He will be buried beside his wife, Joan (Gardner) Kerbow,.

Roger Kerbow was born on August 24, 1939, in Fort Worth, TX to the late Stanley A Kerbow and the late Dorothy (Hardegree) Kerbow. The only son of an oil field service supervisor in west Texas, Roger attended schools in Hobbs, Eunice, and Silver, NM and Bay City, Odessa, Colorado City, Snyder, and Coleman, TX. He moved through ten schools over twelve years, completing his public education at Coleman High School in 1957. He received his BBA from The University of Texas in 1961. Roger loved ballads and harmonies, his children enjoyed his record collection that included recordings by Mary Robbins, Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, and The Kingston Trio. He grew up hunting and fishing with his dad, digging up the worm-bed every time they moved. While in Snyder, TX, Roger was a junior deacon in Order of Demolay, and played Little League and Pony baseball, developing amazing hand-eye coordination while throwing a ball at

the side of his house to the point that he could catch anything tossed to him from any angle with either hand.

Roger's work ethic was instilled at an early age. He'd say that picking cotton, delivering newspapers, balancing tires, and servicing oil wells convinced him that he needed an education. While in college, Roger married Joan, the love of his life, and welcomed their daughter, Rae Ann.

He joined US Army ROTC because "I needed the \$.90/day..." During active duty service he attended Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, VA, learning to cook and run a cafeteria. (At social gatherings, he could be seen critiquing the set-up of serving lines, often rearranging placement so that the gravy would be after the mashed potatoes instead of before the salad.)

His unit was responsible for packing parachutes for the Bay of Pigs invasion, and he remained amazed at how quickly a base could be deserted when troops were deployed. At Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans, LA, he ran the Commissary in the French Quarter, rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. An avid game-player and haggler, he delighted in the telling of the wrath of wholesalers in the French Quarter when he made arrangements for purchases in civilian clothes, then returned in uniform with military trucks for pick up.

While in New Orleans, their son, Roger Alan II, was born. Upon discharge, he moved his young family moved to Grand Prairie, TX, where he worked as an auditor and tax preparer. Shortly after the birth of a second daughter, Susan, he established his own practice, Kerbow & Associates, CPAs. He was a daily presence in his office until the week before his passing, having pursued is career as a Certified Public Accountant for more than fifty-nine years.

He was a skilled investor and advisor to many. In addition to his professional

life, he was a Lion in the Grand Prairie Lions Club for fifty-eight years, serving not only his local club, but District 2-X1 as well. He is the only person to serve as both District Secretary and Treasurer the same year. He was a longtime member of the Methodist Church, where he served as a Trustee and investment advisor. He joined Order of Demolay in 1953, rising to 32nd Degree Mason in Good Standing of Thomas B Hunter Lodge. He was a Life Member of the Ex-Students Association of The University of Texas. He served on the Board of Directors of DFW Medical Center Grand Prairie for more than ten years, acting as Chairman for a number of those years. He was a constant presence and devoted father and grandfather who, if he knew about it, never missed a child or grandchild's game, performance, activity, or celebration.

Helping people was his passion. He often said, "If you'll pay attention, I can make a difference in your life." His final act was to ask that no more O- blood be wasted on him and to donate his corneas and skin through LifeGift. Many are indebted for his financial foresight. Those thankful include Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, whom he assisted for more than twenty years, as well as many others. His advice will not be forgotten. His advice to everyone was to read "The Richest Man in Babylon", a book written in 1926 by George S. Clason.

Survivors: children, Rae Ann Forester and spouse Warren, Roger Kerbow II and spouse Deborah, Susan Cowan and spouse Rick; grandchildren. Aaron Forester and spouse Diana, Katherine Lowry and spouse Manzy, Ethan Forester, Ryan Kerbow, Reagan Kerbow, Robin Kerbow, and Garrett Kerbow and great-grandchildren, Florence and Caleb Forester, seven nieces and nephews, and many friends.

The family request donations be directed to The Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation, <http://lstf.org/donate-money/>,

Previous Events

Committal Service

AUG **22**. 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Memorial Service

AUG **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
122 N. Center St.
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I have just learned of Mr.Kerbow passing. My condolences to family and friends. I thank God for allowing me to meet such a wonderful kind heart spirit 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Joe Moore - January 26, 2023 at 06:37 PM

JS

“ We just learned of Roger's passing and sad to hear the news. Roger was our CPA & Tax preparer for a number of years. Roger was an astute investor and could squeeze a penny for all it was worth. I enjoyed our conversations and will miss him. RIP Roger and Blessing to the Family. John & Ingrid Sullivan

John Sullivan - September 26, 2022 at 06:06 PM

JA

“ Jack Atwood purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



Jack Atwood - August 26, 2022 at 07:22 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



August 23, 2022 at 12:49 PM

NT

“ Nancy Bear Thomas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



Nancy Bear Thomas - August 23, 2022 at 10:36 AM

MH

“ Mark and Vickie Henley purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



Mark and Vickie Henley - August 21, 2022 at 09:16 PM

BM

“ Sincere condolences on Roger's passing. He was a long-time friend and Lion, where he always did an outstanding job. May God Bless Roger and the Family.

Bill Melton - August 19, 2022 at 07:17 PM

GM

“ Glen & Debbie McCrary purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



Glen & Debbie McCrary - August 19, 2022 at 08:26 AM

WV

“ With sympathy, Emanuel and Anita Valdez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



With sympathy, Emanuel and Anita Valdez - August 18, 2022
at 11:01 PM

NW

“ Charles and Nancy enjoyed the conversations we had with Roger. We did not know him as well as others, but we will miss being able to talk to him when we come by the office to speak to Rae Ann. God bless Roger and his family.

Nancy & Charles Woertendyke - August 17, 2022 at 12:07 PM

KH

We will miss him. Bless his family and friends. He is in heaven now. This message is from Karen in Arlington

Karen Hammond - September 02, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.



August 16, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Alan Kerbow, CPA.*



August 12, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Roger is a long-time friend of my family. I am blessed to have known him for almost 38 years. ❤️*

He has made a financial difference in my life. After I became a widow, I had to learn how to adult with my money. He shared several strategies with me recently, and I am seeing great results.

I did listen, Roger. Thank you.

Jena Perkins - August 12, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I know you will miss your dad as will the rest of us left to cherish his memory. He was always so kind and helpful when we had our family get together and his little laugh or chuckle was contagious. May your fondest memories bring you comfort and God grant you peace. Love and hugs, Marsha and William*

Marsha - August 12, 2022 at 11:06 AM

AL

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kerbow family during the days ahead.

Roger was one of a kind and will be missed by everyone.

I have know him since 1995. Have learn more from him and always knew he had my best interest at heart.

Being in the financial industry myself we could talk a lot.

Such a great Man and a Man of his Word

Roger thank you for all the time you spent with me educating me to be a better person.

You also helped one of my sons and thank you for that

It is your time now to spend time dancing and enjoying your time with your love ones in Heaven

You will be missed. God Bless

Ann Lopez - August 12, 2022 at 11:29 AM

VB

The Lord gave me a special blessing when he sent me to Roger's office over 30 years ago! How I wish I had met Roger just a little earlier in my life! My finances improved greatly through his practical advice, spoken with kindness so simply and plainly that even I could understand -- and spoken firmly, I might add!

He was one-of-a-kind, and I enjoyed our visits even when I had to pay! And praise the Lord, he has passed so much of his wisdom on to his daughter, Rae Ann!

To his family I pray for you to have comfort knowing that Roger is resting peacefully now! Thank you, Roger, from my late husband and me!

Verna Bargsley

Verna K Bargsley - August 24, 2022 at 04:32 PM