



Roger Parsons Anthony

July 11, 1944 - October 23, 2018

Roger Parsons Anthony of McKinney, Texas passed away on October 23, 2018 at the age of 74. He was born on July 11, 1944 to Frederick and Marjorie (Perry) Anthony in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Roger and his family lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma prior to settling in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area, namely Wallingford and Swarthmore. He graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1962 before setting off to attend Syracuse University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. While at Syracuse, Roger became an avid fan of Syracuse basketball and was an active member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, where he proudly served as President in 1966. Sports were always a big interest of Roger's and he was a very ENTHUSIASTIC fan of the New York Yankees and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Roger had a lengthy and extensive career with Westinghouse and Lincoln Electric; his managerial positions with both companies required much international travel which he thoroughly enjoyed. He spent years working as the Managing Director for Harris – Calorific (International Division of Lincoln Electric), relocating him to Milan and Bologna, Italy. It was during this time that Roger developed a deep fondness for the Italian people and their lifestyle, and also became quite the fine wine connoisseur. As a young man, he was a huge classic car enthusiast and together with his oldest brother, Perry, attended many T-Bird car shows across the country throughout the years. During his teenage years, Roger spent many summers working in Cape Cod with his brothers and came away with many fond memories. The quiet peacefulness of the ocean, beaches, and Cape Cod's natural beauty were all very special to him. Later in life, Roger developed a passion for gardening and landscaping and always maintained a perfectly manicured yard. Above all else, he was a selfless person, always putting others first. To all his family and friends, he was a counselor, chauffeur, handyman, and anything else asked of him. He always loved having a project to do. His constant upbeat personality and infectious laugh endeared him to all and he will be dearly missed.

Roger is survived by his children, Stephen Anthony and wife, Hollie of Plano, Texas, Karen Cowley and former husband, Tony of Plano, Texas and Ashley King and husband, Kasey of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren, Camille Anthony, Lily and Leonidas King; mother to Stephen and Karen, Peggy Stout and husband, Bob of Allen, Texas, and mother to Ashley, Evelyn Russo Anthony of Columbus, Ohio; brothers, Perry Anthony and wife, Alyce of Loudon, Tennessee and Reverend Malcolm Anthony and wife, Mary of Glad Hill, Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Marjorie Anthony.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Turrentine Jackson Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway, Allen, Texas 75013

Please join in a celebratory gathering immediately following the service at 1701 Berwick Drive McKinney, Texas.

Memorials

Dad, I imagine you in heaven right now, having a nice pep talk with God, as you get ready to attend your service. I see you putting on your best suit, brushing your hair with soft bristles, and tying your necktie while looking in the mirror. You are looking sharp and distinguished, with a glowing grin upon your face. You are the most handsome man ever created and you have an exquisite soul. I am here at your service in spirit, just as you will be here with us. When you passed, you left a part of yourself that is always with me; In exchange, I gave you a part of myself to always be with you as well. My unconditional love and esteem for you will never falter. More than anything, I wish I could hug you in a tangible way in this world... I feel your presence; I also see you and hear you everywhere. I want to thank you for being my spectacular father and for positively impacting others by just being yourself. I am grateful for all of the life, love, details, and countless memories we shared together. "Rest in peace" is not appropriate for you, as you preferred to stay active. Instead, I will say, "Embrace peace and do whatever makes you happy." You deserve it. I love and miss you endlessly, with every ounce of my heart. --Ashley



ASHLEY ANTHONY KING, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

Roger Parsons Anthony, who also referred to himself as "R", is a name with a person behind it that exudes greatness and deserves reverence. Everyone who met Roger loved him - or if they didn't - they respected him. The sunshine reminds me of my father; It is bright, it brings warmth, it illuminates, it shines, and it provides energy for growth. Dad always lived with strong principles: "So

something bad happened...what's the next best thing? What can you do to make that happen?" Dad will be remembered for his character, integrity, attitude, resilience, and fortitude. Although no one is perfect, Roger was the closest one to it in my eyes. I feel he nobly walked with God every single moment. He had a heart of gold and would even overextend himself to take action in order to offer his help. He had the utmost appreciation for the world around him. I was adopted as an orphan, but my dad never indicated to me that I was anything less than a certain daughter to him. I never doubted his love, dedication, encouragement, or support. I'm grateful for every second we had together in this universe. He is a part of me, and I am proud to be raised as an Anthony. My dad was and always will be my hero, my inspiration, the positivity in my soul, and the laughter in my heart. He is the good in everything and the good in everything I do. God brought us together, and we will never be apart. Dad, I miss you more than words will ever convey. You have been my source of sense, of spirituality, and touchstone for my entirety. To me, you signified diligence, success, and responsibility. You were a born leader who embodied commendable qualities that are lost on most individuals. You taught me that forgiveness is the truest and biggest thing we can do for moving on, but it also is important for recognizing hope. You showed me that shortcomings should be seen as opportunities for goals of improvement. You proved that everyone deserves a chance to make things right. I will raise my children to carry on the virtues and faith that you have shown me all my life. I appreciate you suggesting the name, Lilibeth, for my daughter, as I immediately knew it was the right fit for her. Lily loves you and misses you dearly. I know she thinks of you frequently when something reminds her of you. She recognized your precious nature and felt your spirit with her, whether with you in person or not. Lily is comforted by knowing you are in heaven – We discussed it, and she told me, "I know he made it. He deserves it." My son, Leonidas Anthony King, has your namesake (as do I) and will carry on this legacy. Although you didn't get to meet him in person, I know you are looking over him now. He will feel your embrace and I will pass your distinctive humor

on to him. He seems like the type of guy who could carry that awesome torch. Leo loves being outside, as I know you did. I will encourage your essence in life with my children. They will cherish your memories, life story, and experience your phrases, perspective, routines, and idiosyncrasies that are all ingrained within me. I will walk with your remembrance, as will my husband Casey, whom you impacted in many ways as your bond together grew. Despite the divorce, my mother never stopped caring about you, loving you, and she never stopped missing you. She is sending her prayers and wishes of peace. Mourning is about being alive. I'm trying to grasp that leaning into sadness isn't refusing to be happy; Letting sadness into your life right now and still pushing forward to be the best person you can be, ensures and celebrates that Roger will never disappear. It is knowing you will survive this time and then carry him with you. Whenever you think of Roger, admire the beauty and honor the splendor of life surrounding you; Know he is present in the goodness and joy that is all around. He will never be forgotten; His imprint will always be with us. Dad, I love you so much. Through this grief, I have a palpable pain every time I think of every detail of who you were - but I do not want you to worry. I will speak to you every day. My words are not adequate to express how deeply I feel nor how strongly I want to make you proud, continuously improve myself, and honor you in all the ways you would want. Please watch over me and offer guidance and protection as I continue my journey with you in my heart. Thank you for being you...a treasure and the most significant person for who I am today. You are a blessing, always and forever. God bless you. Love, Ashley



ASHLEY ANTHONY KING, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

Roger brought a lot of liveliness and humor into my life when he came to Swarthmore High. I remember his ever ready laugh and his basketball prowess. I remember both of us sweating it out in Latin class as we were making on the spot translations from a few lines (was it Caesar?) with Mrs.

Henry. I don't like the phrase 'by-gone days' - my recollection of Roger is ever green and I'm just very sorry he has gone.

JOHN PIERSON, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

So sorry to hear we have lost one of our favorite 1962 grads of Swarthmore High School. Roger was definitely one of the cool guys. Peter and I are praying comfort and peace for his family knowing that Roger is now in God's precious hands. Peter and Suzan Crawford Erber

SUZAN CRAWFORD ERBER, OCTOBER 31, 2018

Farewell to a fellow classmate, and Brother in the Bond of PDT, and an all-around great guy.

BILL (NELSON) SHOCH, OCTOBER 30, 2018

Sending our most sincere condolences to all your family. Prayers for peace.

DALE & LOIS KING. (PARENTS OF CASEY KING), OCTOBER 30, 2018

I remember Roger as always having a twinkle in his eye. He certainly loved life, and was a generous man. Rest in peace, Roger.

JAY ESTEY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

My deepest condolences to family and friends.

DEIRDRE KESSLER, OCTOBER 29, 2018

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