



Roger Lee Raney

December 9, 1955 - April 10, 2026

In Loving Memory of Roger Lee Raney

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Roger Lee Raney, 70, passed away on April 10, 2026. He was born on December 9, 1955, in Madison, Tennessee, to the late Leonard and Wanda (Ausbrooks) Raney.

A Life of Adventure and Service

Roger moved with his family to Sarasota in 1959 at the age of four. A natural athlete, he attended Riverview High School, where he excelled as both a wrestler and a sprinter. Following graduation, Roger honorably served in the U.S. Air Force before earning his associate degree at the Manatee Community College and later majored in Physical Education at Metropolitan State College of Denver. His athletic prowess continued into his post-college years when he played minor league baseball for the Montreal Expos organization.

Roger's professional life was defined by a desire to help others and a drive to succeed. He began his career as the Principal for the Gulf Coast Marine Institute, working with students facing behavioral challenges. He later transitioned into public service as a Firefighter/Paramedic and eventually concluded his career as a Regional Sales Manager for a credit card processing firm.

Passions and Community

A lifelong sportsman, Roger grew up playing in the Sarasota Babe Ruth League and later dedicated his time as a Big Brother for the Boys & Girls Club. He found peace in woodworking and fishing with his father, traditions he passed down through cherished outdoor pursuits with his son. In retirement, he remained an avid golfer and a competitive tennis player at the River Strand Country Club.

Family and Legacy

Left to cherish his memory; his devoted companion and wife of 21 years, Michelle; sons Christopher Lee Raney; and Jorge L. Sotomayor, Jr. and his wife Randi; sister Rita Raney-Butler and her husband Mark; nephew Quint Butler and his wife Jessica; and great nephew Maxwell, as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews and in-laws from his blended family.

Roger's witty, unfiltered outlook on life, his mischievous smile, and his adventurous spirit will be forever missed. The family extends their deepest gratitude to the caregivers at Pines of Sarasota and Discovery Commons ALF of Bradenton for their exceptional care.

As Roger would say "Say Goodnight, Gracie!" May he rest in peace.

Memorial Information

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Roger's honor to the Alzheimer's Association at www.ALZ.org.

Condolences: Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.MFHcares.com.

Celebration of Life:

Sunday, April 19, 2026 from 5 to 8 pm

River Strand Golf and Country Club in Bradenton
7155 Grand Estuary Trail
Bradenton, FL 34212
Please RSVP to vertassist@icloud.com or text (757) 695-4064

Cemetery Details

Sarasota Memorial Park

5833 S. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34231

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“Michelle, I am so sorry for you and your loved ones. Though I never had the pleasure of meeting Roger in his earlier years, I feel certain that I would have enjoyed his energy and comedic personality. The disease that took him is a thief, stealing our most precious in broad daylight day by day until it extinguishes their essence. Jesus has his hand now and for eternity. My hope for you is that memories, family and friendship will sustain you in the days ahead. Sending hugs and love from your support group friend, Kim

Kim Hamilton - April 21 at 07:53 PM

AJ

“Michelle, my dear cousin, I am praying for strength, comfort and peace for you today and will continue throughout the coming days. May God hold you in the palm of His hand. I love you 💕💕 Ana

Ana Jacobs - April 19 at 05:22 PM

MC

“Mayra Cestero lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Raney



Mayra Cestero - April 18 at 05:01 PM



“ *Nayda Nieves lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Raney*



Nayda Nieves - April 18 at 06:32 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you for the loss of your dear husband. I know how much he meant to you and how deeply you both loved each other. I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you're feeling. I am praying for your peace and comfort.*

I will never forget the beautiful moments I shared with both of you, especially your wedding. My mom and I were so touched by the fact that he had the initiative to say his exchange of vows in Spanish...Both of you beamed with happiness and love. He was an outstanding human being and an adoring husband. He was fun to be around, honorable, and kind. What a great combination of qualities. That's three of the many reasons he was loved, and he will be missed.

I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers, Primita.



Nayda Nieves - April 18 at 06:30 AM

JG

“ Life moves fast. Didn't realize or accept just how fast until the past few years as I continue to age. Roger was 22 years my senior when we met. I was a mid 30's fella trying to build a career when I moved to FL and he embraced me (and my family) and our professional relationship with class and a level of humility and humble I'll never forget. As a result we became very close friends and along the way, I was exposed to his friends, family and eventual wife and I'm eternally grateful for it. NASCAR races, lots of golf, stories about Chris and more rattle in my head after I learned the news of his passing a short time ago. We spent countless hours talking about life, kids, career, golf, tennis and more and while life separated us a tiny bit as time went on, we still remained in touch but he'll be missed by me and others he impacted who are close to me. This one hits home for me and my family. He was pivotal at a time my family and I were transiting to FL. This man traveled to Chicago once on a business trip and attended Wrigley and against the rules took a piece of Ivy and framed it with his ticket stub and a saying that's meaningful to only he and I's relationship and I'll truly never forget the impact this and more had on me. Hopefully I was able to have a similar impact on him. Love hard ppl....life happens fast! Gonna be missed Rogey Rog!

Jason Green - April 14 at 09:57 PM

TT

“ Michelle, I am so sorry I did not get to know Roger better. We would have alot to talk about. He is in peace now. No more suffering for either of you. See you Sunday.
Tony & Gisela

Tony Troche - April 14 at 08:21 PM

LJ

“ *Liliana Jones lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Raney*



Liliana Jones - April 14 at 11:14 AM

MG

“ *Michelle, even though I did not know Roger personally, I know he must have been a pretty wonderful guy because you loved him and he loved you so well! Prayers for your comfort and strength! God bless! Mary Galvin*

Mary W Galvin - April 14 at 10:54 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Maloney Funeral Home - April 13 at 03:26 PM