



Roger Lee Sachse

September 14, 1955 - September 25, 2017

Roger Lee Sachse, born September 14th, 1955 in Wilmington, Delaware, and who lived in the Washington D.C. area for over forty years with his loving and devoted wife, Karen Patt Sachse, died on Monday, September 25th, peacefully in his home while surrounded by family after a year-long battle with bladder cancer. Roger grew up in Newport, Delaware, where he attended Conrad High School, and then went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware and a Master of Public Administration from American University. He spent his entire career as a civil servant, working primarily at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a business project manager and budget advisor. A lifelong baseball and football fan, he was a supporter of the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles. His favorite activities (when he wasn't watching baseball with Karen) were eating quality food and tasting wine with friends, vacationing in the Wild Dunes of Charleston, South Carolina, fishing at Lake Gouldsboro, and talking to his two sons, Christian (32) and Justin (28). He is survived by his wife, two sons, and brother, David Sachse.

Please join in the celebration of Roger Sachse and a life well lived!

Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA 22315, will host a gathering of family & friends on Sunday, October 1, from 2 till 4 pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 2, 11 am, at St. Mary's of

Sorrows Catholic Church, 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032. A reception will follow in the Church hall

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Roger's name to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (www.bcan.org), 4915 St Elmo Avenue, Suite 202, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Lee Sachse*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *"My Deepest Condolences go out to the Sachse family, I hope you find comfort in these words, "He will swallow up death forever,.....And will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8. We want to trust in Jehovah God's, promise of the resurrection hope. jw.org*

November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roger Sachse, a BCAN "Sled Dog", entrusted the following to me on September 4, 2017: "You've got to be the sled dog from here on, buddy. You've got to carry the advocacy load for both of us." Roger, I thank you for sharing your faith, your courage, wisdom and your strength with me. Know that any and all of my future BCAN endeavors will be to honor the life of Roger Sachse.*

October 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger, we will so miss just having you in our 'tribe'...our neighborhood. Our family met over 20 years ago in our neighborhood and we have always enjoyed conversations -- just discussing those mundane things such as good BBQ, good wine, sports, your/our sons, etc. Your spirit will be with all of us always. You have a wonderful legacy of clearly being a great co-worker, a wonderful neighbor and you and Karen have raised two great sons. Clearly a life very well lived! I hope to be able to say the same when my time comes...whenever that is. You remind me that life passes much too quickly...

October 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to high school with Roger and I have very fond memories of him. He was very simply a good person. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

September 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sachse family. I am so very sorry to hear of Roger's passing. I work on the NRESS contract and had the great pleasure of working with Roger on a fairly regular basis, attending meetings where we discussed the database that is a major part of our contract. I learned very quickly that Roger was a man with a quick mind, who grasped the important issues immediately and could summarize the salient points of a conversation. I always knew that if Roger was running the meeting, it would be productive and efficient. He CARED about the process behind the database and always asked probing questions and made spot-on comments. I was always so happy when my phone rang and it was Roger, with some random question about something... not that he particularly needed to know, but just about something that he wanted to better understand. We always ended up having a good chat. I will miss his dedication, his support of us, and his smile.

September 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Roger's passing.

I had the privilege of knowing Roger for several years while working together at NASA Headquarters until my retirement in 2011.

Roger was intellectually gifted, and a dedicated, resourceful and thoroughly professional employee. He was quiet and unassuming, never prone to self promotion. He was a true team player and a credit to NASA.

Having two children of roughly the same ages as Christian and Justin, we often talked about the challenges and joys of parenting. He was a deeply committed and loving father.

Roger was also blessed to have Karen as his wife. Undoubtedly she was the cornerstone of his life. He talked with me often about her own battle with cancer and her courage and perseverance. He was totally devoted to her.

On the lighter side, Roger was an avid Eagles fan while I was a staunch Steelers rooter. It was an annual ritual for us to get charged up and exchange barbs about the expectations of our respective teams. Every year he would renew his excitement over the Eagles' prospects only to have his expectations dashed as the season progressed. Of course, I would needle him relentlessly.

Several years ago, I persuaded Roger to go to a three day golf school with me and a couple other guys in Ocean City, MD. Although he was not overly enthused about the sport, he thought it might be something he could enjoy in retirement. We had a great time at the golf school sharing many chuckles over our mutual ineptitude while trying to master a golf swing.

Our little corner of the universe was blessed by Roger's presence. He will be deeply missed.

My heartfelt condolences to Karen, Christian and Justin.

Dennis Bridge

September 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *During my time as NASA NRESS Program Manager, Roger was a great colleague who became a good friend. We started on the Contract the same week in 2011 and we learned a lot along with our departed colleague and friend, John Long (Business Manager). I appreciate Roger's leadership, intelligence and unique sense of humor. My condolences to his family. Dr. Nicole Francis*

Candle of Peace - September 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger was a fun guy to be around. He made you feel welcome in his presence. He struck me as shy and reserved, and never seemed to want to be the center of attention. An understated guy but also very insightful and observant. His quiet friendliness was the perfect complement to Karen's outgoing personality. Such a wonderful couple!

My favorite memory of Roger was running into him at a baseball game at Camden Yards in the late 90s. I had only met Roger a few times and really only knew him through Karen. Yet, he spied me walking in front of the warehouse and came over to say hello to me and my son Adam. He recognized me right away but I couldn't place who he was or how I knew him. He graciously gave me a few clues until I figured it out. I was impressed. Roger could have brushed me off entirely but he made a point of stopping to say hello to me and my son. When Adam sadly took his own life nearly three years ago, Karen and Roger were among the very first people to pay their respects, driving to Pennsylvania on a bitterly cold day to grieve with my family. I will never forget your generosity.

Karen, Christian and Justin, I will keep you and Roger in my thoughts and prayers. May God's love help you to find comfort and peace in the days ahead.

September 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM