



## Roger Kent Bathe

August 9, 1946 - June 5, 2016

Mattoon, IL – Roger K Bathe, age 69, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 12:49 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2016, at his residence.

The funeral service in his honor will begin at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 9, 2016 at First United Methodist Church, 1601 Charleston Ave, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Kenneth Hutchens will officiate. Interment will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Effingham IL. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL.

Born in Decatur Illinois on August 9, 1946, Roger was the son of Jesse and Marjorie (Kenney) Bathe. He married Sharyl Erickson on April 29, 2006, in South Carolina. Survivors include his loving wife, Sharyl of Mattoon, IL; one daughter, Shannon Bathe and Doug Fagan of Mattoon IL; one son, Shad and Kim Bathe of Shelbyville, IL; Step-son Dennis Bluhm and wife Anita of OshKosh, WI; step-daughter Shari and husband Tom Magee of Mascoutah, IL; two brothers, Terry Bathe, and Dan and Vicky Bathe of Sullivan IL; two grandchildren, Lexi Bathe of Mattoon, and Kiefer Bathe of Shelbyville, IL; four step-grandchildren, Kevin and Brian Magee of Mascoutah, IL, Matthew and Ryan Bluhm of OshKosh, WI. Roger was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Thomas Bathe; one sister Mable Ellen Bathe; and first wife Barbara Wheeler.

Roger was former owner of Shelbyville IL Dairy Queen, which had the largest volume in the U.S. He also was owner of Yes Motors in Sullivan IL. Most

recently he was co-owner of [luvracin.com](http://luvracin.com), which is the largest racing website in the nation, and features local racing. He was also an Aflac Associate. He was past president of the Shelbyville Jaycees, and was a Jaycees senator. He was also a member of the Shelbyville Masonic Lodge. Roger had a lifelong love for racing, having raced wingless sprint cars. He was known as "Racin Rog" by many throughout the United States. Among highlights in his life was Petty Racing Experience where he drove 3 MPH below NASCAR average speeds.

A member First United Methodist Church, Roger's faith was an important part of his life. His faith and his family were a source of comfort and strength. He adored his family and cherished time spent with them more than anything.

Memorials in honor of Mr. Bathe may be made to Aflac Children's Cancer Center 5455 Meridian Mark Rd #400, Atlanta, GA 30342

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
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## Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
1601 Charleston Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Kent Bathe*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Always loved Roger's bright smiling face, he made everyone feel welcome and comfortable around him. Thoughts and prayers with you Sharyl and the family.*

**gail price** - June 09, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ *Gail Price lit a candle in memory of Roger Kent Bathe*



**gail price** - June 09, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Roger Kent Bathe.*



June 08, 2016 at 03:48 PM

SM

“ Sending our prayers and condolences from the John Monroe family.



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**Sarah Monroe** - June 08, 2016 at 03:38 PM

DH

“ I'll never forget the Saturday that the Jaycees took over the radio station in Shelbyville and two new radio personalities were created...Roger Dodger and Dynamite Don or the night in mid February when Roger rescued a pregnant, craving woman and went to the Dairy Queen (Old one that wasn't open in the winter) and brought me the Dairy Queen sundae I so desperately needed. He's always been a great, fun-loving friend with a heart of gold!

So sorry to hear of his passing. Sending our condolences to the family.

*Don and Diana Hammond*

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**Diana Hammond** - June 07, 2016 at 09:33 PM

DG

“ Doug and Harriet Guthrie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roger Kent Bathe.



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**Doug and Harriet Guthrie** - June 07, 2016 at 07:01 PM

JC

“ So sorry to learn of Roger's passing. Holding good thoughts for all those grieving at this very sad time.

*Joy Anderson Colclasure, Florence, AZ*

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**Joy Anderson Colclasure** - June 07, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ I graduated with Roger from SHS Class of 1964. I am very saddened to learn of his passing. Class reunions will have a lot less "class" without Roger there. He was well-liked by everyone who knew him. He was always kind to people, and he was a whole lot of fun at parties.

*My first husband, Bill Barnes, who died in 1994, was a buddy with whom Roger loved to go to the races. They did so many fun things together at races, and came home with stories about their adventures. I remember once Bill had gone to the Indianapolis 500 (not sure if Roger went with him that year but I believe he did). The race was delayed for 4 days in a row, and, having no housing made it necessary to sleep in the car. They were pretty gamey by the time they finally got back to Sullivan.*

*Yes, Roger was a wonderful human being who will be sorely missed by many.*

*Sending his family my love and condolences.*

*Lori Parrish (Barnes) Niemi*

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**Lori Niemi** - June 07, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - June 07, 2016 at 02:12 PM