



Roger J. Boucher

January 12, 1932 - April 4, 2023

FITCHBURG - The competitive spirit came naturally to Roger Boucher. Born in 1932 on the outskirts of Rimouski in Quebec, Canada amongst a bustling rabble of 14 children he found all the rivalry he needed from his brothers and sisters in those early years. His interest in the game of Billiards started at a young age, when the ponds weren't frozen enough for a hockey match and over his lifetime of 91 years, his talent and competitiveness for Billiards grew and trophies filled his shelves.

Roger was a pool legend in his adopted home of Fitchburg and the surrounding areas especially in his home club of St. Joe's in Cleghorn. He was four times New England Billiards Champion, four times Massachusetts State Champion, sixteen times Fitchburg City Champion. During those decades, he played some of the most memorable names in Billiards including Boston Shorty, Irving Crane, Willie Mosconi and Steve Mizerack among others.

He is remembered by his fellow players as an observant, elegant player and a gentleman, who was ever willing to impart his experience and knowledge to others who showed interest. Roger's love of the game was infectious and many people benefited from his jovial nature and keen eye for the game of pool.

Roger passed away after a short illness and is survived by his wife of 67 years, Yvonne; his children Karen, David and Michael; his daughter-in-law Nancy; son-in-law Stuart and his four grandchildren, Steve, Seb, Jake and Becky. Of his 14 siblings, four of his brothers remain – Fulgence, Aldege, George and Norman Boucher. He is also survived by a multitude of nieces and nephews with whom he maintained close bonds and many a joke.

One of his favorite retorts when commenting on someone else's misfortune was to say "It could have been worse ... it could have been me!" No one who heard him say it with that glint in his eye could fail to smile.

The funeral Mass will be held in Saint Joseph Church, 49 Woodland St., Fitchburg on Friday, April 14 at 10:00am. Burial with military honors will follow in the parish cemetery. There are no calling hours. The Isabelle and Anderson Funeral Home is directing arrangements.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Suite 250 Framingham, MA 01701.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
49 Woodland St.
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Tribute Wall

AE

“ My condolences to the Boucher family. I met Riger at St. Joe's club in Fitchburg. I will forever cherish all the good times shared, and valuable lessons learned from this great man. RIP my dear friend

Amir Elmerheb - April 20, 2023 at 11:13 PM

GB

“ Brother you will be missed. You provided me with many fond moments. The trip to Chicago when you competed in the US Open pool tournament The trip to Las Vegas was a great time and the many hours at St Joseph's new and old club. We shared so many laughs and joyful moments. I will see you at the next stop. Love Alberic , Grace and the family



George A Boucher - April 11, 2023 at 06:13 PM

NB

“ Roger was an extraordinary pool player, but an even better man who will be missed by so many. We love you - you'll never be forgotten, dear brother. Love, Norm Boucher & family

N Boucher - April 09, 2023 at 10:16 AM

LS

“ Love Karen, Steve, Seb and Stuart purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Roger J. Boucher.



Love Karen, Steve, Seb and Stuart - April 08, 2023 at 05:44 AM

RH

“ *Ronald Hakola purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Roger J. Boucher.*



Ronald Hakola - April 07, 2023 at 10:08 PM

HL

“ *My condolences to the entire Boucher family Roger was not only a Great pool player, but one of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. R.I.P. my friend. Herb Lashua*

Herb Lashua - April 07, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger J. Boucher.*



April 07, 2023 at 03:37 PM