



## Roger Nace

June 21, 1943 - April 24, 2013

Roger A Nace was born on June 21st 1943 in Tacoma, WA and passed away unexpectedly from complications following heart surgery on April 24th 2013 in Mesa, AZ. He was the only child of Dr. Fay and Marjorie Nace who preceded him in death. Also preceding him are 'son' and daughter in law, Stephen and Sara Sherwood. Roger leaves behind his loving wife, partner, companion, "cheer leader", best friend and soul mate of more than 27 years, Kathleen; son Patrick and daughter Michelle; son in law, Jeff, daughter in law, Allyison; grandchildren: Kristina, Steven, Samantha, Amanda, Damian, Cody, Alex, Kylie, Robert, Jordan, Joey, Ripley and Kailyn; great-grandchildren: Ember, Elena and Avery; brother in law Stephen Taylor, wife Valerie and family; mother in law Lelia Taylor.

Roger was born and raised in the great Northwest where he and his dad studied together to get their amateur radio licenses. They received their novice licenses in 1957 and soon upgraded, Roger garnering call sign K7AYC and his dad, K7AYD. He was an active member of the Radio Club of Tacoma (W7DK) anytime he lived in the Northwest. In the mid 1990s he changed his call to K8RN to reflect his initials. Roger was part of the first complete graduating class (1961) of the then new Wilson High School in Tacoma, WA. He attended the University of Puget Sound and then went on to graduate from the University of Washington. After graduation he stayed on as a research assistant in the Medical School doing studies in anesthesia application and

action. As a part of his job he wrote a grant to purchase a computer to help compile the data collected from the studies. And thus began the love relationship with computers and computing. Roger left the research field and joined Digital Equipment Corporation in 1973 as a software specialist and later as a software consultant, working in Seattle, Denver, Merrimac, NH, and Bellevue, WA. In 1993 he became one of the principals of Excell Data Corporation in Seattle and later Bellevue. On his retirement in 1997, Roger and Kathleen purchased a class A motor home to continue with their love of travel and pleasure in the sun of AZ during the winter months, where they spent many happy busy years at Valle del Oro RV Resort in Mesa. They had just completed 16 years of living full time in the motor home, travelling across the country several times visiting family and friends, stopping to enjoy many interesting places along the way. A favorite spot had become Moab, UT for slick rock jeeping, where he and his trusty Wrangler accomplished some pretty awesome trails. They both enjoyed the beauty and majesty of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Roger loved to travel both nationally and internationally. He loved to fly his plane, climb, ski, scuba dive, play Texas hold 'em, go to the movies, play on-line computer games, take jeep trips in the desert, fly kites, teach others, read on the beach, watch the surf and storms. His humor would sparkle in his writing and storytelling and the occasional quick comment. Roger was our favorite techie-nerd and, each year, attended CES in Las Vegas, as he loved to keep up with new technology. He was part of the Radio Club of Tacoma, the Tacoma Astronomical Society, the Family Motor Coach Association, the M & F Jeepers, the Valle del Oro Photography Club and had recently found a church home with Kathleen at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Phoenix. Roger loved music, photography, art, reading, ham radio, computers, good food and wine, the night sky, friends and family. He was happiest being with family that he loved so much. Roger and his gentle spirit will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2310 N 56th

Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

A celebration of Roger's life will be held this summer in the Northwest. A memorial service will be held in the fall in AZ.

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember my brother asked Roger to do some desert photo's of me for a silly tryout and I fell into a cholla cactus and both he and my brother got stuck numerous times pulling the needles out! Don't ever do anything but drive on the road between canyon and apache lake if you plan on stopping in between:) we miss him so much!

Donna Norris Hardin - November 22, 2013 at 03:26 PM



“ Missing you so much. I love you.



Kathleen Nace - September 29, 2013 at 01:10 PM



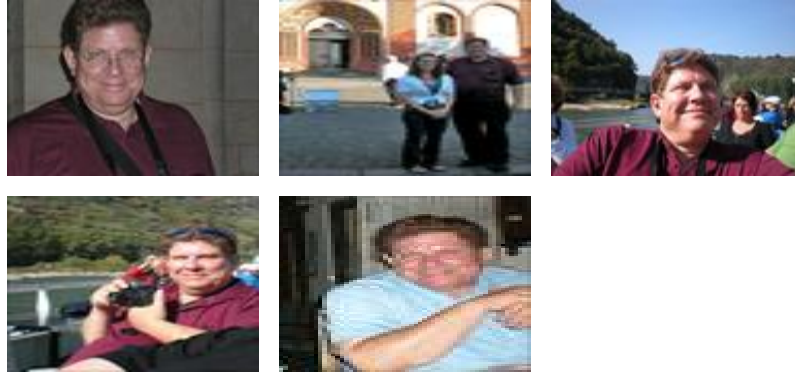
“ Kathleen Nace lit a candle in memory of Roger Nace



Kathleen Nace - July 01, 2013 at 09:07 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *Trip to Germany with daughter Michelle, Fall 2008*



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**Kathleen Nace** - June 30, 2013 at 10:11 PM

HW

“ *A kind spirit who valued family and you very much. Love you!*

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**heather west** - June 12, 2013 at 01:12 AM

 Terri Sherwood

“ *We are so sad and will miss our summer visits with Roger. We will miss his smile, his wit, and his wonderful vegetable stew. Rest in peace, dear friend. Rob and Terri*

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**Terri Sherwood** - May 24, 2013 at 02:24 PM

DF

“ *It was my distinct honor and privilege to have known Roger. I always enjoyed his smile, humor and great stories.*  
*Dr. Dan Freberg*

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**Dan Freberg** - May 23, 2013 at 07:40 PM

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**Kathleen Nace** - May 23, 2013 at 07:37 PM

PR

“ *Kathleen*

*We're so sorry to hear about our loss. Roger was a very giving person and was always ready to help. We really loved getting his witty announcements of the upcoming photo club meetings. We will miss his kind and loving spirit.*

*Phil and Diana Reismiller*

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**Phil Reismiller** - May 23, 2013 at 07:19 AM

CG

“ *Carolyn Gaupo lit a candle in memory of Roger Nace*



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**Carolyn Gaupo** - May 23, 2013 at 12:41 AM

MB

“ *My condolences to you and family(s) on Rogers passing. The photo club won't be the same without him. I had only met him this past season, but he seemed to be the go-to person who thoroughly enjoyed those around him and gave his time freely. R.I.P. Roger.*

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**MaryAnn Bryenton** - May 22, 2013 at 08:12 AM

MM

“ Dear Kathleen, I am so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. Roger and the Photo Club had become my favorite VDO activity. His humor, kindness and willing to share his incredible talent with us will not be forgotten. My heart goes out to you and your family. Sincerely,  
Margo Morgan

Margo Morgan - May 22, 2013 at 12:07 AM

MB

“ Margaret (Stickney) Bienert lit a candle in memory of Roger Nace



Margaret (Stickney) Bienert - May 21, 2013 at 07:21 AM

RW

“ Kathleen  
So sorry to hear of Roger's passing...Sue and I both loved his spirit and his drive...He was always so gentle and happy...We loved photo club with him and will miss him very much....Will look forward to seeing you next year when you return from the Northwest..  
Love and Hugs  
Rich and Sue Wilson

Rich Wilson - May 18, 2013 at 11:39 AM

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**Kathleen Nace** - May 14, 2013 at 09:56 PM


 Cassandra Patton

“ *Cassandra Patton lit a candle in memory of Roger Nace*



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**Cassandra Patton** - May 14, 2013 at 01:13 AM

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*Roger was a great man, and I love him as one of my best friends who I could talk to for hours on end about everything and nothing. He will be, without doubt, terribly missed by all who knew him! My condolences to his wonderful and loving family. I wish I could be there to support you during this trying time.*

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**Cassandra Patton** - May 14, 2013 at 01:15 AM



“ *Blushing Lilies was purchased for the family of Roger Nace.* ”



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May 09, 2013 at 03:30 PM



“ *Michelle lit a candle in memory of Roger Nace* ”

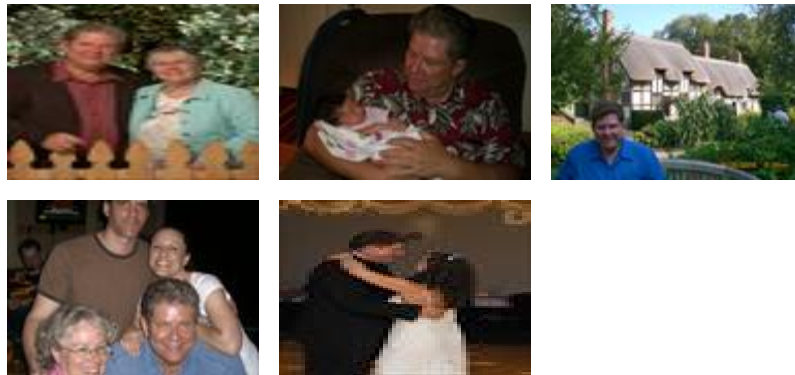


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Michelle - May 09, 2013 at 07:49 AM



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Michelle - May 08, 2013 at 07:55 AM