



## Roger A. Kilman Sr.

October 16, 1945 - August 2, 2022

Roger A. Kilman Sr., 76, formerly of Bradley, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by family in the morning hours of Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 at his home in Shreveport, LA from metastatic lung and brain cancer.

He was born October 16, 1945 in Mattoon, Illinois the son of Robert and Helen Kilman. Roger married Brenda "Darlene" Moses-Baker on August 12, 1984 in Oceanside, California. Roger along with Darlene were blessed with 8 children between them.

Roger was one of the first tattoo artists/ body piercers in the community. He started his own business, known to the area as "Roger's Tattooing," out of his home in 1985. In 2021, Roger and Darlene retired to Louisiana, leaving the business, then on Kinzie Avenue to his daughter who now carries on his legacy on Broadway Street in Bradley. He was a proud Vietnam Army Veteran and would often be seen sporting his military hats.

He loved many things throughout the stages of his life. Decorating for Christmas, babies, fishing, hunting, motorcycles, friends, movies, tattooing and piercing, cruises, dining out, 70's & 80's country music, and dancing. Above all else, he loved his wife, Darlene. It was a rare occasion when you saw one without the other.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Brenda “Darlene” Kilman; his children, Ryan (Ginger) Baker of Shreveport, LA, Roger (Kristen) Kilman Jr of Bradley, Teray (Duane) Spence of Bradley, Julia (Dirk) Bradbury of Tallahassee, FL, Deidre Houser of Crown Point, IN, Brandee (Don) Grenda of Denver, NC, Andrea (Dennis) Rosenbrock of Chebanse, Rogena Mathers of Dublin, GA; 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; two siblings, Ronnie (Diane) Kilman of Effingham, IL and Shirley (James) Nadeau of Kentucky; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two sisters, and a grandson.

The family invites the community to attend a Memorial Celebration of Life on Sunday, September 11th, 2022 from 1pm to 5pm at the American Legion, upstairs, 835 W Broadway St. Bradley, IL 60915.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one of the following: The Manteno Veterans Home, The American Cancer Society, or The American Lung Association.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

American Legion  
835 W Broadway St.  
Bradley, IL 60915

*It will be held upstairs of the American Legion.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger A. Kilman Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Jaici Kilman lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.*



jaici kilman - April 27, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ *Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.*



Monica Rocha - September 05, 2022 at 07:04 PM



*Prayers for all of you from the Leonard Rocha family*

Monica Rocha - September 05, 2022 at 07:05 PM



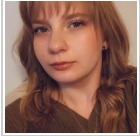
*So sorry for your loss he was really good man I liked him a lot if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have never had any tattoos anyway my thoughts and prayers to the family and I will never forget him*

Paul - November 14, 2022 at 09:33 PM

MM

“ I've know Roger since I was about 11 years old. You were a good friend to my dad (Jack- Gogo). To the entire Kilman family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Heaven gained another good man. RIP Roger

Melody Mayfield - August 13, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ Ellie Benge lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.



Ellie Benge - August 10, 2022 at 11:48 AM

PB

“ sorry to see Roger go ! we only new him and his wife and Teray she did my wifes rose vine on her leg from the hip to the toes ! bless you all !  
Phil & Cathy Boehm

phil boehm - August 10, 2022 at 08:17 AM

LI

“ He was ornery ,funny, and like my second dad! If he was not in my life especially when I was young I think I would probably still be a whiny lil brat. Darlene and all of you kids and the rest of the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers

Love Sossy!❤️



Lisa - August 09, 2022 at 06:10 PM

TB

“ Teresa Bruen lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.



Teresa Bruen - August 09, 2022 at 09:51 AM

DK

“ Donn & Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.



Donn & Darcy Kane - August 08, 2022 at 08:20 PM

DE

“ Roger did my first Tattoo on East Broadway shop in Bradley in 1988. Unfortunately it was my ex wife's name in a heart.(my mistake) we are divorced so I covered it. Prayers to all of his family and friends.

Dennis - August 08, 2022 at 06:38 PM

SR

“ Sandra Roof lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.



Sandra Roof - August 08, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger A. Kilman Sr..*



August 08, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Roberta Olson lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.*



**Roberta Olson** - August 08, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ *CAROLYN HARRIS lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.*



**CAROLYN HARRIS** - August 08, 2022 at 05:08 PM



*Roger and I have known each other since age of 13 when we went to school together and he was one of the nicest guys I knew as he never forgot his friends as he grew and treated others with so much respect.*

**CAROLYN HARRIS** - August 08, 2022 at 05:25 PM

CS

“ *Darlene and Family, Mike and I send our love and deepest condolences as you begin this walk into a new phase of your lives. Roger was a man like no other and will never be forgotten. RIP my Friend*

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**Clara Szabo** - August 08, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger A. Kilman Sr..*



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August 08, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DS

“ *Dennis W Dunlavey Sr lit a candle in memory of Roger A. Kilman Sr.*



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**Dennis W Dunlavey Sr** - August 08, 2022 at 01:09 PM

TH

“ *Roger have me my very first tattoo followed by Teray adding to my art. I will always keep you in my heart. I love the family very much.*

*Tracey*

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**Tracey hopkins** - August 08, 2022 at 12:54 PM

BH

“ Terray , Nikki and family so sorry to hear about your loss. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to call me.

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**Barb Hammack** - August 08, 2022 at 12:17 PM