



## Roger L. Komer

April 19, 1946 - May 23, 2006

KOMER, Roger Leo. Age 60. May 23, 2006. Loving husband of Linda J. Dear father of Tracy A. Komer, Marty Amy Komer, Tammy Richard Brogan, and Michael Melanie Stachowicz. Proud grandfather of Bradley, Alexandra, Richard Jr., Jake, Kaitlyn, Emily, Olivia, and Aidan. Dear Uncle of Sarah Burall. Mr. Komer was preceded in death by his parents the late Leo and Odessa Komer; and his sister the late Janet Burall. Private services held by family. Memorials suggested to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ Linda, Just last weekend I read the notice about Roger. While I am deeply saddened by his death, I am sure he is overlooking us right now with some to do list of things he wants to accomplish in heaven. I have never met anyone quite like Roger during my twenty some years in the industry. Roger cared more about industrial justice and the values and rights of people than anyone I know of. While I never talked with Roger after I left the Sterling Plant, I would frequently recall the great memories and principles he taught me-- even sometime the hard way. It was an honor to work with him and you should take comfort in knowing that he was one of those people who truly made a difference while he was here. I hope you and the kids are doing well and if there is anything you ever need, please get ahold of me. Cell phone 248 431-3330. Sincerely, Mike Nowicki

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**Michael Nowicki** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Granpa-I miss yu so much. I wish you were here. I love you sooo much too. Love, Bradley xoxo

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**Bradley Nagey** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Dad- I cannot believe I will never see your face here on earth again. It is so unreal to me that you will not be there when I need your advice, your laugh, your hugs or just the simple comfort of knowing that you are not far away. You could never possibly imagine how important you are to me. You are my rock. Not one day of my life spent with you did I ever feel not loved or accepted for who I was or who I wanted to be. You let me dream my dreams, live my life, make my mistakes-and all the while- never judged me. You always made me feel was capable of anything. I felt so cherished by you and I know this is why I was able to get through my rough patches without totally losing it. I looked to you for guidance and honesty because you always had my best interest at heart and never had an ulterior motive. There will always be so many unanswered questions why this happened to you, to me, to our family, to our future that I so much wanted and needed you to share me. But the one question I will never have to ponder is your absolute love and dedication you had for me, my son, our beautiful family. The memories we made together and as a family will be my rock now. These, and only these, will be my salvation from driving myself insane with missing you. I close my eyes and I see your face. I listen closely, I can hear your voice. I feel you everywhere. Your love embraces me now that your arms cannot. There is not a way I can cover the best times with you because each, and every one, left me with laughter and happiness. From my softball games, me breaking curfew, sneaking the car out, me starting school 4 or 5 times and you behind me each time, our Long Lake fishing trips and you always coming back sunburned, you being there when my beautiful son, Bradley, came into the world, you helping me move 1000 times, Cedar Pointe, Ford picnics, Dave and Buster's, Rolling Stones concert, holidays, birthdays, you giving me away at my wedding in Tennessee, comedy club night and I could go on forever with these wonderful memories I have. And with each memory- there are a million more. I am so sad there will be no new ones made but I am so thankful I was blessed with the ones that were. I will be eternally grateful to you for doing exactly what a father is suppose to do- love me, support me, guide me and make me feel so secure in a world that is

*so much the opposite. My son, your first grandson, is confused and hurt but he knows that Grandpa Crappa-on-the-pot will always be with him and we will see you again when it's our turn to come home. I will always remind Bradley of his special time that he was able to spend with you no matter how short. I love you Daddy and I know that you are at peace now and there is no pain. That is all I ever wanted for you. Please visit me in my dreams and watch over Bradley when I cannot. I miss you and love you with everything I have inside of me. This is not good-bye because we will be together again. Love your baby girl, Nit xoxo Tammy Marie*

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**Tammy Brogan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Linda & Family, You are all on my heart and in my prayers. I love you, Petrina*

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**Petrina Chesnutt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roger, I can't express all you meant to us. You were SO MUCH MORE than a friend. You have left your fingerprints on each of the Chesnutts hearts, you have touched each of us in a special way. We will be forever grateful for that. You would never believe how often "UNCLE ROGER" stories are told here in HILLMAN. The kids now adults STILL do the Uncle Roger laugh. We will never have a fireworks that will not remind us of you. Just so many memories, Aunt Lindas Bday parties, you would always say, now isn't that special! You had a wonderful way of letting the people you loved know, just how really special they were to you. You were so deeply passionate about the people you loved, your family, your bride and the things you stood for. How blessed we all were to have been loved by you . Thank you for that. Our kids loved you SO much, we all did and always will. You will be missed more than words can say, how I wish we can do all we have done, all over again. You will forever be in our hearts. Love, Petrina

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**Petrina Chesnutt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Linda and Kids....May God give you comfort and peace. I love you all. Pepper

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**Gary Chesnutt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Roger...you are a very special and true friend! I could tell stories for hours about the times we experienced together. We worked and played hard. You were very special to my family, Trina and all the kids just loved you! You were great to be around...full of love, joy, laughter and wisdom. My words seem so inadequate right now and I am somewhat lost on how to share my feelings. Sorry pal! But I love you man! You and Linda will always have a special place in my heart. May God Bless your soul. Pepper

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**Gary Chesnutt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ To everyone - thank you for your kind words - I go through pictures, remember the fun times . . . and the trying times - through it all I remember the love and friendship Roger felt for all of us. All of us will never be able to do anything but smile when we think of Roger, his good heart and his infectious laugh! It lives on forever. Always, Linder

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**Linda Komer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Roger- You were a very special person to me! I will miss you so much. We had so many wonderful memories together. Thank you so much for your wonderful son, d my husband. We had so many great trips together over the past 10 years. I will remember each and every trip. From the first Hillman trip YMCA to the last Key West Trip. Key West will never be the same. Thanks for the joy you brought to all of our lives. We love you forever Grandpa Roger and Dad!!

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**Amy Komer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I just got off the phone with Gary Chestnut and he told me about Roger. I am so sorry. I first new his mother and years later meet Roger. The best part about Roger that i remember was his devotion of the union and of course softball. May he rest in peace and his spirit will always be with us.

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**Daniel Nezich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Hey Roger. You know, I only met you once but it really did leave a lasting impression on me. It was November 2001 and I drove with Sarah down to San Diego to meet up with you and Linda. You got me the most drunk I think I have ever been in my life and I had an awesome time that night when we went bar hopping and ate at Croces. And the next day when we went to Tijuana to get you that Hard Rock Cafe menu. It was an adventure. Everytime Sarah spoke to you on the phone, I told her to say hi. She would always tell that you would yell "BENNY!". And even to this day it makes me smile to hear someone say the name "Benny". Say it with me... "B B B Benny". You left a lasting impression on me and I hope you have found peace. God Bless.

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**Aaron "Benny" Pruner** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We will miss you so much. You have been such a big part of our lives for many, many years now. We will never forget the great times from Macomb to Malibu to Key West. The laughs and good times we have shared will always make us smile. You were always there for us a true ôbest friendö. You will always be in our hearts. We love you! Linda and Family you know how much he loved all of you! He was quite a man to know. We have been fortunate to become an extension of your family. We will always be very proud of that and will always be there for you all. With loveàà

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**David & Nancy Brandow** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Dear Roger, You will be missed. After being friends for 35 years plus, you are more like a brother. I remember all the good times and your funny laugh. You were always ready to party and to be the life of the party. Yet you had your serious side. There was never anyone that worked harder than you. Given a job to do, you didn't stop until it was done and done very very well. No wonder Ford Motor Company is doing so poorly, Roger Komer isn't there to organize. Local 228 is still benefiting from all the programs you personally started and from the ones you made better. You will be remembered by your 228 brothers and sisters forever. I want to thank you for being such a good friend to me and my family, through the good times and the bad times, we will never forget you. I love you, Egor. Love. Pretty and JJ

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**Ed Gallagher** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Linda, I am so very sorry. Please know I am thinking about you. You are a strong woman and will get through this with the help of your wonderful family. I wish you peace and love. Take care of yourself.

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**Lori Stobak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Linda Komer and Family-Mike, Melanie, Tammy, Rich and Bradley, I am so very sorry for your loss. I love you all very much. I will be here for anything any of you need at any time. Roger, I will miss you and your laugh. Most of all I will miss you calling me my token nickname-"Uncle Brooke" No one has ever made my voice sound so lovely. You will be missed every day.

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**Brooke Stevens** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I love you. I miss you. I will still talk to you on Friday's and give you the latest and greatest. PEACE, LOVE AND HAPPINESS. Linda, I love you and I am here if you ever need me. Marty, Amy and Tracey, I love you!

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**Melanie Stachowicz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ What an awesome person Roger was. He will be missed greatly. I had the pleasure of working with Roger at Ford Sterling. He was a great person with great visions. He always dotted the I's and crossed the T's. Witout missing a beat. May God embrace you, Rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to Linda and Family

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**Bill Bradley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ My family only met Rodger a couple times when they came down to Phoenix, but we always had alot of fun with Linda and Rodger. He had a great sense of humor and made us laugh. Linda you and I were best friends all through school together. We shared alot of secrets, laughs and tears....remember the mascara I wasted on you that is a friendship that will always be sepcial to me. I will always be here for you if you need to just talk or just shed some tears. Love you

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**Peggy Thompson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Linda: I cannot put in words how sorry I was to hear about Roger's passing. He was a really nice person and an extremely hard worker. Roger was very instrumental in the life of the Ford Sterling Plant and you can be proud of that. When my mother passed away I will never forget that he attended her service and will always be grateful for he was one of the ones there in "my" hour of need. i I can only say that he is now with God and for you to remember and cherish all of the good times you both had together. I'm sure he would want you to heal rapidly and be happy. God Bless you and your entire family. I will keep Roger in my prayers. Love Josephine

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**Josephine Cusenza, Labor Relations** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Joy and grief were mingled in a cup; but there were no bitter tears: for even grief itself awoke so softened, and clothed in such sweet and tender recollections, that it became a solemn pleasure, and lost all character of pain. Charles Dickens Thank you Roger for all the wonderful memories. Your greatest gift to me was Marty, Tracie, and Lindas.

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**Laura Cubba** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Linda and Kids, I'm so sorry to hear about Roger. I have known Roger for as long as I can remember. He was such a fun, loving, kind person. I will miss him dearly. He was a wonderful husband, father and Grandfather. He was also a great friend and coworker. I will always remember his laugh and great personality. I hope he is in peace. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. This is a prayer that someone gave me at Mike's funeral. I'm Free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow, My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it with untold grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

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**Cindy Gallagher Stanek** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I can't believe I am never going to see your face again. You came into my family's life over 25 years ago and we have always loved you. You have always been like another brother to me and I am missing you so much. I never wanted you to be in pain and I know you no longer are. You have been a wonderful, friend, father, husband, grandpa, brother in law and you will be so missed by all of the lives you have touched while you were here with us. I am thinking of you every minute and will always love you. God Bless You Roger Love, Moochie To Linda Komer and family: my family's thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very devastating loss.

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**Barb Marsh Nookiebella** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Will never forget the good times. Up at the cabin, Vacations. We ruled Key West! Always loved you!!!!!!

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**David Markus** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ A note to my husband - you will be missed by so many people . . . you have no idea. You were my husband and my friend - I'll always love you. I have memories to last forever - we did so much. I loved sharing and laughing with you. I hope you are at peace. My love always Linda

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**Linda Komer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Deepest sympathy. I worked with Roger for a good number of years and cannot think of anyone that I worked with at Ford that made a greater impact on me than Roger. My wife and I have and use many of Roger's sayings as part of our daily life. The one that most frequently comes to mind is "critical choice points". May Roger rest in peace.

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**Bill Hanes** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dear Linda and family; I am sadden to read of Rogers' death. I worked at the Ford Sterling Plant for 32 years and knew Roger as a fellow employee. He union, I management, so you know we pulled from different ends of the rope. But we always ended our battles with a deep respect for one another. I knew Roger as a man of unquestionable integrity and a strong work ethic. Roger was always someone you could go to to find the right answers. Please accept my deepest sympathy Dan Jendza Mgf. Eng. Ford Sterling 1973-2005 retired

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**Dan Jendza** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Dad, I loved you more than you could ever realize. Our vacations and trips together were more than memorable. Thank you for the life you provided myself and my family. Amy, Jake, Emily, and I will dearly miss you. My buddies Sarge, Jim, Mike, and Dave idolized you.. They coined the phrase the "Roger Laugh". Remember the time we stayed up all night playing euchre at Pepper's cabin. Roger, Pepper Gary, Sarge, & me The next day we got stuck in that nasty thunderstorm while we were fishing on Long Lake Hillman. I Love You Dad!!!! Your Son, Marty Run a Muck

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**Marty Komer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM