



Roger K. Ankley

June 9, 1935 - September 5, 2023

Roger K. Ankley, 88, passed away on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at his home in Waukegan, IL. He was born June 9, 1935 in Lombard, IL, was a longtime resident of Waukegan, IL and was a veteran of the United States Airforce from 1952 to 1956. Roger was initiated as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in 1959, served as President & Business Manager of IBEW Local 150 and served as Chairman of the Trust Committee. He served as delegate to the Lake County Building Trades, Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and was Chairman of Labor Management Cooperation Committee and a member of the Executive Board of the State IBEW Conference. He was also active with Waukegan Yacht Club; attaining the rank of Commodore in 1983 and was a member of the Waukegan American Legion Post 281. Roger retired from IBEW in 2001 and enjoyed his time surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Surviving are his three children, Roger (Heather) Ankley, Julie Hopkins and Wendy O'Linn (David Schlapper); 11 grandchildren, Kristin (Jacob) Crisp, Jeffrey (Caitlin) Ankley, Samantha Kutches, Alex (Naomi Bell) Kutches, Allison (Joe) Smith, Kelly (Frank DiLauro) O'Linn, Kevin (Amanda) O'Linn, Ryan O'Linn, Ethan (Carly Rousso) Schlapper, Jonathan Schlapper and Matthew Schlapper; 14 great grandchildren, Brookelyn, Madison, Savanna, Olivia, Emmeline, Kellen, Donnie, Mason, Brooke, Lana, Gianna, Lillian, Rory and Kalee. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Goldie Ankley

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Blomstrom Ankley on

September 7, 2019, his brother, George Ankley and his sister, Arlene (Gordon) Hill.

A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023 with a service beginning at noon at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block West of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville, IL. Interment will be at Northshore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Memorial Service

SEP **23.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SY

“ *What a life he had! It was an honor to know him.*

Steve Yore - October 12, 2023 at 08:55 PM

DC

“ *It has taken me awhile to come up with the best words to communicate how Roger touched our lives. He was instrumental in my hiring at the apprenticeship school for Local 150, 27 years ago, and I feel so lucky that I got to be part of not only our office life, but outside of the office as well. Roger cared for every person he met, and everyone knew that. Our office laughed and enjoyed every moment we worked together, and none of us will ever forget those years. From birthday celebrations together, decorating the office Christmas tree, softball tournaments, being called his "girls", our memories are all happy and endless, and I am so thankful for all of those. His smile, laugh, love of his family and his Local Union was the best ever. We send our sympathy to his family, but know he left so many wonderful moments every where he went, that he we will always be alive in spirit. Godspeed Roger, Dee & Steve Crutchfield*

DEE CRUTCHFIELD - September 20, 2023 at 11:22 AM

TM

“ *Roger was one of the best people one could have on your side. You could always get his help when needed. He was always honest with you and let you know when you were on the correct path or you may want to reevaluate what you were doing. It would have been impossible to start LLD without his help. I will miss our time together. He was truly one of the best people I have ever had the honor to call a friend.*

Tom Morton - September 19, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



September 18, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger K. Ankley.

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



September 18, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



September 18, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



September 16, 2023 at 12:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger K. Ankley.

September 16, 2023 at 12:12 AM



“ Tom, Marianne, Cheri and Michael purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



Tom, Marianne, Cheri and Michael - September 15, 2023 at 06:49 PM

SA

“ The man whose passing we mourn and life we celebrate wasn't just a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather - he was also our Uncle Rog. As youngsters celebrating birthdays and holidays with him, he always seemed larger than life, stronger than life. Many lasting memories...seeing him at Christmas where my cousin and I would hang onto each of his arms and he'd "curl" us...times when all his nephews pleaded with him to let us punch him in the stomach, after which our hands would always be hurting but he was never was...hearing that distinctive chuckle he always made after saying something funny. Two of the finest men I've ever known are now gone – my late father and Uncle Rog. Be at peace, brothers.

Scott and Lisa Ankley - September 15, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



September 14, 2023 at 09:33 PM

WC

“ Roger was always willing to stand up for me. He backed me as the first woman in Local 150 which wasn't an easy thing to do in 1979. He was a mentor but more importantly, he was a friend. He was fair and open-minded. His door was always open and he always had time for every member. He served Local 150 for many years in many different capacities. His length of years in any office will never be rivaled. He will be sorely missed. Godspeed, Roger. Rest easy.

Wendy Cordts - September 12, 2023 at 08:26 AM

BW

“ Roger was always ready and willing to help us navigate issues that came up in our 150 life. He was a gentle, friendly and helpful man who always made us feel special. Thank you Roger.

Bill & Sandy White - September 11, 2023 at 09:52 PM

SB

“ He was an inspiration and represented Local 150 with honesty and dignity. He always had a smile and a warm handshake . We will miss you.

Scott Breitung - September 11, 2023 at 05:29 PM

MF

“ One of the truly good guys.. he is already missed

Michael J Fleming - September 11, 2023 at 04:35 PM

LM

“ Love from Dianne and Eddie Moore purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roger K. Ankley.



Love from Dianne and Eddie Moore - September 10, 2023 at 09:48 PM