



Roger Ihnen

November 20, 1939 - July 2, 2025

Roger Ray Ihnen, of Lennox, South Dakota passed away at the age of 85 as a result of an auto accident near Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

Roger was born on November 20, 1939 to Raymond and Alice (Sikkink) Ihnen on their farm located between Hurley and Chancellor. Roger grew up on the farm, attending a rural country school just a quarter mile away. He graduated from Chancellor High School and went on to attend General Beadle State Teachers College and South Dakota School of Mines.

Roger married Denise Johnson on June 14, 1963 at the First Baptist Church in Chancellor and they settled down and started farming. He served in the Army National Guard after being drafted in 1964 and was honorably discharged in 1968. He was also a member of Chancellor Reformed Church where he served as a Deacon.

Roger loved to travel and visited all 50 states as well as every province in Canada. He and Denise traveled by car and motorcycle, but their favorite way to see the world became their Harley Davidson Motorcycle. Of all their travels, they enjoyed Alaska the most.

After Denise's death in April of 2025, Roger said, "I want to take one more trip." So he took off for Alaska. He was headed back home when his accident

occurred. Although very difficult to accept his passing, he finished his life doing what he loved, driving and seeing Alaska one more time.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children, Darrin (Becky) Ihnen of Hurley, SD, Angie (Rich) Kilmer of Sioux Falls, SD, and Stephanie (Corey) VanderWaerdt of Collinsville, OK; as well as 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a sister, Donna (Leon) Johnson of Piemont, SD. He was preceded in death by his wife Denise after 61 years together, as well as his parents and his brother Dennis.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Central Church
3102 W Ralph Rogers Rd
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
<http://centralsf.org>

Oakwood Chapel

Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

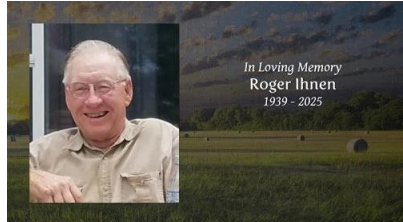
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jarman Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Ihnen*



Jarman Family Funeral Home - July 13, 2025 at 08:37 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers to Roger Ihnen family may God Bless you all*

Brian Lind - July 12, 2025 at 09:38 PM

VJ

“ *Roger and I were in the same grade in Stoddard rural school from March of 6th grade [1951] through 8th grade. I am so sorry to hear this.*

Verlyss Jacobson - July 08, 2025 at 11:06 AM

VT

“ *My sympathy to the family. Have a few good memories of talks with him, being he owned the land right next to our acreage, on the short cut road. Always a Nice pleasant guy!*

Verna Temple - July 07, 2025 at 11:50 PM