



Rodger Will Hoelscher

April 25, 1941 - February 19, 2024

Rodger Hoelscher, 82, of Greene, was called to his heavenly home on Monday, February 19, 2024 at Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City following his battle with dementia.

Rodger was born on April 25, 1941, in Hubbard, IA to Wilford and Ethyle (Rash) Hoelscher. He graduated from Hubbard High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree at the State College of Iowa (now known as University of Northern Iowa). Rodger later obtained his Master's degree in Geography from Mankato State University.

During the summer of 1962, Rodger made what he would say was the most important decision of his life by believing the Gospel for Salvation that Jesus Christ died for Rodger's sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) and by placing his faith on the finished work of Christ, Rodger was saved and sealed to his eternal home.

On April 20, 1963, Rodger made what he would say was his second most important decision in life by uniting in marriage the love of his life, Dian (Konrad) at Cedar Heights Baptist Church in Cedar Falls, IA. Rodger and Dian were blessed with three wonderful children. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary together in 2023.

In 1980, Rodger and Dian moved to their current home in Greene, where Rodger taught social studies and coached for over 30 years. Rodger coached multiple sports at Greene over the years, although his passion was always high school girls' softball. Rodger was extremely knowledgeable related to fast-pitched softball and even after his retirement, spent several springs assisting the Royal City Knights while visiting Tim and his family in Royal City, WA.

Rodger's other hobbies included fishing and trapping. He trapped everything from raccoons, foxes, mink, and muskrats for much of his life. Rodger was an avid Cubs, Vikings and Hawkeyes fan. Sports were a big part of Rodger's life and even after retiring from coaching he and Dian attended many activities for the Greene Rams, North Butler Bearcats and varied sports and activities involving his grandchildren. Rodger will be remembered by all those who knew him as caring teacher, coach and friend.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Dian Hoelscher of Greene; children: Tim (Peggy) Hoelscher of Royal City, WA and their children: Katie (Aaron) Gardener and their children (Isabella and Isaac) and Emily Hoelscher; Christine (Dan) Phillips of Van Meter, IA and their children Joshua (Lindsay) Phillips, Meg (Mark) Gowen and Carder Phillips; Allie Vicker of Des Moines, IA and her children Harrison Vicker and Marissa Vicker (fiancé Taylor Gomez); brother, Tom (Anna) Hoelscher; step-sister Joyce McGaughey and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilford Hoelscher and Ethyle (Harold) Flickenger; grandson Elijah Phillips; stepbrother Denny Flickenger and step-sister Mona Bagby.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Woodley Funeral Home in Greene. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Calvary Baptist Church, 312 S Main St, Greene with Pastor Ben Hartwig officiating. Rodger will be laid to rest at Deer Creek Cemetery north of Carpenter, Iowa.

Cemetery Details

Deer Creek Lutheran Church Cemetery

4598 Zinnia Ave
Saint Ansgar, IA 50472

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Greene - Woodley Funeral Home
519 N 1St St
Greene, IA 50636
(641) 823-4457

Funeral service

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
312 S Main St
Greene, IA 50636

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Of all my teachers at Corwith Wesley Mr.Hoelscher was one of my favorite. He made his class interesting and fun. I remember the wooden yard stick he had as a fun way. to remind us to behave lol

Amber Zeigler Soria - March 04, 2024 at 07:58 AM

LF

“ It was in 7th grade Social Studies at Corwith-Wesley that Mr. Hoelscher awakened my interest in genealogy by asking, "what do you think your last name means?" Many good memories of his teaching, his humor, and that smile. May all your good memories be of comfort now and in the days to come. With sincere sympathy, LuAnn (Skelley) Folkers

LuAnn Folkers - March 03, 2024 at 09:55 PM

LW

I remember Mr. Girls her as a tall man with a big stick. Only saw him use it once, that's all it took. He had a great smile and made social studies fun. Sad to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.



Larry Weig - March 04, 2024 at 08:01 PM

SR

“ Our deepest sympathy Dian and family in your time of loss. Hillis and Sharon Rupe

Sharon Rupe - February 29, 2024 at 09:47 AM

TH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Rodger’s family. He had his priorities straight, God, family, and friends. A lot of fond memories, thankful that he was a part of our lives.

The Hardy’s - February 28, 2024 at 06:41 PM

KT

“ Kelly T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodger Will Hoelscher.

Kelly T. - February 28, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rodger Will Hoelscher.



February 28, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JF

“ Jim and Pam Gideon, Laura Flinn purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rodger Will Hoelscher.



Jim and Pam Gideon, Laura Flinn - February 27, 2024 at 01:06 PM

GF

“ Greg and Maggie Hoelscher and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodger Will Hoelscher.

Greg and Maggie Hoelscher and family - February 26, 2024 at 08:41 PM

GF

“ Greg and Maggie Hoelscher and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodger Will Hoelscher.



Greg and Maggie Hoelscher and family - February 26, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodger Will Hoelscher.



February 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM

AR

“ Amber R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodger Will Hoelscher.

Amber R. - February 23, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodger Will Hoelscher.



February 23, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ Joel and Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodger Will Hoelscher.

Joel and Linda - February 21, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rodger Will Hoelscher.



February 21, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Wonderful, neighbor, friend, teacher & coach!

LaVon Steere - February 20, 2024 at 07:41 PM



I have good memories of Mr Hoelscher. He made social studies fun and had this huge smile. He also had a big ruler and only saw him use it once. That's all it took was once. My condolences to his family.

Larry Weig - March 04, 2024 at 08:06 PM