

Roger S. Benson

Our well loved friend, Roger Benson, 58 was passed away suddenly, Tuesday afternoon, July 15th, 2014.

An inspiring colleague, engineer, dad, husband, and fellow Board Member, Roger's passing is a great loss for our IMAPS Community, yet pale in comparison to the exceptional family life he led.

Those who knew Roger will never forget his warmth, generosity, sense of humor, and immediate connection you felt with him.

A by-the-book task master, every role or interest Roger dealt with was accompanied by desire, organization, patience, and the ability to achieve the best results possible.

Nothing better describes Roger than one morning in Upton, Massachusetts when his second daughter was making an entrance into our world. With no time left on the clock for a hospital delivery, Roger called 911, and then calmly, with all his desire, organizational skills and patience in check, cool handedly delivered Ms. Marisa Benson at 10:20AM.

Roger was currently employed by Hittite Microwave as a Project engineer and was excited to return to the world of microelectronic manufacturing. Past employers that were honored to have worked with Roger included Digital Equipment, Raytheon, IRC, Skyworks, and Conexant.

A graduate of Northeastern University, Roger held degrees in Biology and Chemistry. Roger also had the ability to make airplanes go and was an FAA certified Airframe and Power plant technician.

Roger's Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, July 20th was beautiful. The love from his family and friends was bright and strong. Kathy Benson performed a Bonnie Raitt love song and both daughters spoke candidly and humorously about their dad.

One daughter sang "Somewhere over the Rainbow" acappella style which was both tearful and joyous and another close friend sang "Heart of Gold" made famous by Neil Young.

Roger now serves as the guiding light for his wife Kathy and daughters Rachel and Marisa.

*I want to live
I want to give.
I've been a miner for a heart of gold
It's these expressions, I never give
That keep me searching for a heart of gold.*

Keep searching Roger, for all of us.

Via Con Dios Your friends from IMAPS New England

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