



Roger L. Wilkening

August 20, 1949 - January 4, 2026

Roger Louis Wilkening, age 76 of Edwardsville, IL, died Sunday, January 4, 2026, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on Saturday, August 20, 1949, in Edwardsville, IL, the son of August and Edna (nee Rode) Wilkening.

Roger was born and raised on the family farm in the NE Edwardsville area. He attended Edwardsville High school, graduating in 1967, then attended SIU-E graduating with an Accounting degree. Roger and his brother Don operated the family dairy farm for many, many years; after retiring from the dairy portion, they continued as grain farmers. Roger was previously active on the Board of Directors with Prairie Farms Dairy, NE Central Water District (Madison County), and with Hamel COOP. Roger was an active member of the Immanuel UCC-Hamel (where he was baptized and confirmed), Illinois Holstein Association, Farm Heritage Museum in Greenville, and very active in the Hamel Volunteer Fire Department. Some of Roger's many interests were history, especially a WWII history buff, watching western movies, attending tractor and farm shows as well as collecting many toy tractors and full-size ones. Roger had many friends and connections in the community and loved spending time with friends and his family.

Survivors include:

Brother - Alvin V. (Janet) Wilkening, Hamel, IL

Sister - Rose M. Olive, Edwardsville, IL

Nieces & Nephews - Many

He was preceded in death by:

Father - August William Wilkening (died 12/12/1973)

Mother - Edna Louise Wilkening, nee Rode (died 3/16/1992)

Brother - Donald Wilkening (died 3/24/2004)

Sister - Verla Cartwright-Donaldson (died 6/15/2017)

Sister - Bettie Head (died 7/29/2017)

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Hamel, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday, January 12, 2026, at Immanuel United Church of Christ - Hamel in Edwardsville, IL and Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at Immanuel United Church of Christ - Hamel in Edwardsville, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Edwardsville, IL., with Rev. Paul Burden, Immanuel UCC, officiating.

Interment will be at Immanuel Cemetery in Hamel, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel UCC Church or Immanuel UCC Cemetery-Hamel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel United Church of Christ-Hamel
5838 Staunton Rd
Edwardsville, IL 62025-6322
(618) 633-2277

Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel United Church of Christ
5838 Staunton Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025
(618) 633-2277

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel United Church of Christ
Hamel, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Roger and the entire Wilkening family all my life. It is a wonderful family, and I remember Roger from many church activities. Although I moved away from the area, his smile, good humor, willingness to volunteer to help, and other qualities still remain clear in my memories. He was simply a real good person. My family and I send our sympathy to his family and friends. God bless Roger and all of you. Rhonda (Schwengel) Rielly and family

Rhonda Rielly - January 11 at 01:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger L. Wilkening.



January 11 at 01:34 PM

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“ Rhonda Rielly & Bonita Schwengel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger L. Wilkening.

Rhonda Rielly & Bonita Schwengel - January 11 at 01:34 PM