



## Roger Stephen Jacobs

May 19, 1952 - January 14, 2026

Roger Stephen Jacobs, 73, of Valparaiso, Indiana, formerly of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at home with family on January 14, 2026.

Roger was born in Windber and raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he attended Greater Johnstown High School and later Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His hospitality career spanned more than four decades.

As a restaurant manager, Roger was the consummate host, taking genuine pleasure in enhancing his guests' dining experiences. He had an exceptional ability to make everyone feel welcome and special, treating each patron as if they were a guest in his home. His passion for hospitality and dedication to creating memorable moments for others defined his professional life and left a lasting impression on countless guests and colleagues.

Roger was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Jacobs; his mother, Barbara Jacobs; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary and Louis Hall; his brother, Jeffrey Jacobs; his sister-in-law, Deborah Pritt, and her husband, Paul; his brother-in-law, David L. Griffith; and his nephew, David W. Griffith. He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Jacqueline Jacobs; his son, Stephen Jacobs; his daughter, Amanda Keller (Benjamin); his granddaughter, Mary Keller; sisters-in-law Patricia Griffith (David), Kathleen Hall (Dennis Innocenti), and Janice Mitchell (Lloyd); niece Tracy Slagel; nephews Michael Pritt, Christopher Pritt, Ryan Pritt (Darlene), Michael Jacobs (Alysse); and Justin Jacobs (Megan); as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews.

All who knew him will miss Roger's warmth, generosity of spirit, and sense of humor. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched through his kindness, his desire to make others laugh, and his efforts to make them feel welcome.

Services will be private at the family's request. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ I was a manager working with Roger at Casa Gallardo back in the 1980's. He was a great guy!! He also had a wicked sense of humor. I was just talking to someone the other day about Casa and Roger's name came up. It's been more than forty years, and we were still talking about him. I looked him up and found this. Sorry for your loss.

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**Gilbert Jones** - January 25 at 08:36 AM

DH

“ I remember when I first met Roger at Casa Gallardo. He was working with my brother Tony Green. Rodger's genuinely warm personality and natural sense of humor will be remembered. My condolences to his family.

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**Danny Hart** - January 22 at 05:58 PM

LI

“ Sending love to family & friends. I will never forget the many times Roger made my friend and I feel exceptionally welcome at TGI Midway over the years. I'll always remember seeing Roger greeting and welcoming guests with a natural genuine light, smile as big as the sun. Thank you so much for your warmth & hospitality Roger.

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**Liz** - January 21 at 08:10 PM

PD

“ Jacky, It is with deep shock i read of the passing of your beloved husband Roger, we are thinking of you and your family at this difficult time, may His Soul Rest in Eternal peace. Pat & Helen Donlon (Dublin Ireland)

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**Pat Donlon** - January 21 at 04:05 PM

SH

“ *The best time of my life was working at Casa Gallardo.....and it was because of Roger. May Roger be basking in the light and Glory of God's love. 💖*

Shari - January 21 at 03:04 PM

AH

*Please accept my sincerest sympathy and that of the extended Hyland and Donlon family in Ireland on the death of Roger. Thinking of Jacky and family at this sad time. Áine Hyland*

Aine Hyland - January 22 at 07:49 AM

TS

“ *You were truly an earth Angel! Always helpful, caring, and embraced people from all walks of life. Rest in love beautiful soul, Tela. 💜*

Tela Satterwhite - January 21 at 11:20 AM

MK

“ *Joanne and I were saddened and shocked to hear of Roger's passing. We enjoyed seeing him at Casa Gallardo where he made our children feel very special. I then enjoyed time spent with him in the office for years afterwards. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Roger.*

Michael Kovacich - January 21 at 07:40 AM



“ *Roger, this is Kingsley 😞  
You believed in me from the very beginning when I first started at TGI Fridays. You helped build my confidence when I was just a kid coming into the franchise. I carry so many memories with you and Tony, and I truly cherish you both. I'll forever appreciate you, Roger.*

Kingsley Hoard - January 20 at 09:53 PM

JT

“ Roger was more than a friend to me, he was very dear brother who welcomed me on my first visit to Columbus Ohio. We both worked at Casa Gallardo, he was the best Boss. We then worked at Casa in stlouis and later I was sent to Merryville. We were roommates and later I used to spend mini vacations at his home. We had fun going to the Cubs/Cardinals game. My dear friend and brother will surely be missed.

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**Joe Teemul** - January 20 at 09:09 PM

AG

“ Roger was a dear friend to my brother Anthony Green. Our family sends our love and condolences to his wife and family.



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**Antionette Green** - January 20 at 08:04 PM

BP

“ Jacky and the Jacobs Family,

*You have my condolences on Roger's passing. Roger always made me feel right at home, and he was a great host who could make you laugh and smile. I will always remember our week trip to the beautiful Smokey Mountains.*

*I will always be there for your family. Thinking of you and wishing you peace, comfort and lots of love.*

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**Bob Persin** - January 20 at 07:20 PM

DK

“ Roger (doger) was so much fun. In jr high -middle school, we walked in a courtyard circle for an hour. Both ways. So passing Rodger was always fun because he was a trickster. May the Lord greet him with loving arms as he recognized. The needs and brokenness of this world. 🙏🙏🕊️ peace to his family and friends. 💕💕

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**Denise King-Stovall** - January 20 at 06:01 PM

KG

“ Sending love, prayers, and deepest sympathy from Roger’s PA family. Fond memories of spending time together with my cousin when we were little kids. Roger always loved music, and I remember sitting for hours listening to his collection of 45s. Roger was a genuinely kind and caring individual. Sending prayers of comfort and healing to his loved ones.  
Kim Gearhart

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**kim Gearhart** - January 20 at 05:19 PM

AS

“ Jacobs Family,  
  
My condolences on the passing of your husband, and father, Roger. He was the best Manager at Casa Galardo's, and made you feel very welcomed there. I will always remember his white Mustang on US 30.  
May grant God him eternal life, and memory eternal.  
  
Alex Sarafin

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**Alex Sarafin** - January 20 at 03:43 PM

SS

*I loved working with Roger at Casa Gallardo. He was always in a good mood. He will be missed*

**Sandra sloan** - January 20 at 04:23 PM



*I just wanted to send my condolences and prayers to Roger's entire family. I worked with him at the fridays in Bedford Park for years. He was truly a great guy and will be missed by so many! Everytime I swiped into work I knew it would be a fun shift if Roger was there and it was. Even as the years passed he still would check up on me here and there and I would do the same. He wasnt just a great boss he was a great friend too! Rip Roger! 💕💕*

**Bonnie Mcgee** - January 20 at 04:55 PM

NL

*Oh Roger my golfing buddy! So sad to hear...Gods blessings to your family.*

**Nathan Luedtke** - January 20 at 05:01 PM

TK

*I want to extend my condolences to Roger's friends and family. Roger was my manager at casa gallardo, he was one of my favorite boss's! He will be missed.*

**Toni Karshner** - January 20 at 05:15 PM

SS

*To Roger's family, I also worked with him at TGIF in Bedford Park. He was a great manager and always like a host of a party. Fun and caring for his team. I'm sure he touched many hearts. My condolences.*

**Sabrina Santiago** - January 20 at 06:00 PM

KR

*We were so happy that we got to meet Roger and spend time with him on our trip to Ireland. We had a wonderful time and so much fun and amazement as we experienced it all together. Roger was charming and witty, always the gentleman. Our hearts go out to Jacky, Stephen, Amanda, Mary and the rest of his family. We know he will be missed.*

**Kathy Hall Rosa** - January 20 at 06:11 PM

AB

*Jacky and the Jacobs family*

*My deepest sympathies on the passing of Roger. May God bring you peace and love. Thinking of you always.*

*Angie Brown*

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**Angela Brown** - January 21 at 02:30 PM