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PSP Jerry "Jake" Roush Passes

Brothers & Sisters,

It is with very heavy hearts that the Ottumwa #114 Eagles informs you all of the passing of our Patriarch, (Jerry) Jake Roush, yesterday morning at his home.

Fossil, as many affectionately called Jake, was a 68 year member of the FOE and served as Iowa State Worthy President in 2011-2012. He was fiercely dedicated to this organization and was extremely knowledgeable. He was always willing to share his wisdom with anyone who sought it and could even cite parts of the Constitution word for word or tell you what section to look at off the top of his head.

He was married to his wonderful wife, Barb, for 65 years this past June. As you know, it was very rare to see Jake without Barb or vice versa. Please keep Barb & the entire Roush Family in your thoughts and prayers. Jake has been cremated. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Ottumwa Eagles on September 10th at 2:00 PM. A meal will be served after the Service.

Here is the link to Jake's Obituary for any who would like to read it.

<https://obituaries.ottumwacourier.com/.../jake-roush...>

Sympathy Cards may be sent to:

Barb Roush

9354 74th Street

Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

If you would like to include a Memorial, they may be made out to the Heartland Humane Society or directly to Jake's Family for future use.



OBITUARY

Jerry "Jake" Roush, 88, of Ottumwa, died at 8:24 a.m. August 30, 2023 at his home.

He was born April 4, 1935 in Ottumwa to Grant A. and Violet E Scott Roush. He married Barbara Ann Walters June 9, 1958.

A 1955 graduate of Ottumwa High School, Jake served in the US Army from 1957 to 1959. He worked for John Morrell & Co. for 20 years, John Deere Ottumwa Works for 12 years and the City of Ottumwa as an electrician for 12 years.

Jake was a 68-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #114 and was state president in 2011 and 2012, as well as a member of O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion. Jake enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife, Barbara; their children, Larry (Marlene) Roush and Christi (Orville) Johnson both of Ottumwa; 9 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lori Klyn; great grandson, Lukus; and brother, Larry Roush.

His body has been cremated. A time to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Humane Society or to the family.

Reece Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Auxiliary Committee Lists

Auxiliary members who are on the committee list for MSP Lisa Zook, please double check the committee list and let State President Cindy Balsanek via email at cmb1804@mchsi.com if any corrections/updates needed.

This includes emails, phone, addresses, etc.

Iowa State Eagles Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 9 - Ottumwa Car Show
- 15 - West Central Regional Conference
- 19 - Ft Madison State Charity
- 30 - Des Moines State Charity

OCTOBER

- 6 - Maquoketa State Charity
- 7 - Guttenberg State Charity
- 8 - Dubuque State Charity
- 20 - Albia State Charity
- 20-22 - Western Zone Conference in Albia
- 27 - Burlington State Charity

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Shenandoah State Charity
- 4 - Red Oak State Charity
- 5 - Glennwood State Charity

DECEMBER

No events

JANUARY

- 12 - Mid Winter Board Conference
- 19 - Waterloo Breakfast/Dinner

FEBRUARY

- 16 - Hawarden State Charity
- 17 - LeMars Charity Event
- 24 - Iowa City State Charity

MARCH

- 2 - Oskaloosa State Charity
- 3 - Ottumwa State Charity
- 8 - Missouri Valley State Charity
- 9 - Council Bluffs State Charity
- 22 - Waterloo State Charity
- 22-24 - Eastern Zone Conference in Waterloo

APRIL

- 12-14 - MINK Omaha, NE
- 20 - Tama-Toledo State Charity

MAY

- 4 - Cash Bash

JUNE

- 12-15 - Iowa State Convention

JULY

- July 24-27 - Gra

AUGUST

- 5-8 - International Grand Convention New Orleans, Louisiana

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Schedule your
charity event now!
Contact Lisa Miller or
Jum Zubach




GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT BECKY WILSON

Becky Wilson, Grand Madam President, joined the organization in 1977 as a member of Springfield, Mo., #294. In 1980, she helped organize and became a member of Queen City Eagles Auxiliary #3904, of which she is still a member today.

Sister Becky soon became active at the State level and served on several committees. In 1989, she transferred to Knollwood Auxiliary #4060 and was selected Madam President for the 1990-91 year. She has held all positions within the Knollwood Auxiliary.

She was voted Madam President for the 1962-63 term and has also held the offices of Madam Vice President, Madam Secretary, Madam Trustee and both guard positions in the Queen City Auxiliary.

Her dedication to ritual has led her to two Grand Championships with the Queen City Ritual Team and has taken first place individually several times.



GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT CHUCK WEBER

Chuck Weber, Grand Worthy President of The Fraternal Order of Eagles, joined the organization 45 years ago as a member of Casper, Wyo., #306.

He was very proud to represent the State of Wyoming at the Fraternal Order of Eagles' 100th Anniversary in Seattle, Wash., in 1996.

He has been married to wife, LaRae, for more than 40 years and together they have three children and four grandchildren.

Brother Chuck has been active in the Ritual for 44 years, competing on State, Tri State and National levels. He served eight years on the 12-man Ritual Board. He also served for seven years as the International Chairman of the Memorial Foundation and is proud of the work the Foundation does for the children.



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WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

September 15-17, 2023 Omaha Aerie #38
201 S. 24th St. (402) 342-0769

We would appreciate all Delegates to the Conference to register before arriving at the Conference as this helps aid us in calculating our food needs.

To register, send name, address, phone number, Aerie/ Auxiliary office held (PSP, PWP, PMP, etc) and registration fee to:

DENNIS MICEK
704 COMANCHE ST
COLUMBUS NE 68601
(402) 276-2603

Checks to be made out to Nebraska State Aerie with "WCR" in the memo line

Pre Registration DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

and this puts your name in the drawing for a FREE night of lodging!!

REGISTRATION - \$40 (includes Friday night hospitality from 5-11, the Saturday Banquet and hospitality after the Banquet). Fee goes up \$10 if registering less than 7 days prior to the Conference. NON-REFUNDABLE

SATURDAY -Meeting starting at 9:30 am.

Friday night we will have an auction of items with proceeds to the Grand Charities.

Lodging available at the EVEN motel, 2220 Farnam St. (402) 345-3836. This motel is located across the parking lot from Omaha Aerie #38

WCR Schedule

Thursday - Club opens at 4 pm
Sloppy Joes, Beans, and Chips 5-8 pm \$7.00

Friday - Club opens at 9 am
Lunch 11-1 Brisket Sandwiches/FF \$8.00
Dinner 5:30-8:00 Enchilada Dinner with Rice and Beans \$10.00
Shadow Ridge Band 7:00-10:00 pm

Saturday-Club opens at 7 am
Breakfast 7:30-9 am Breakfast Sandwiches or Biscuits & Gravy \$5.00 or Combo \$8.00
Lunch-Chef Salad or Chicken Alfredo \$8.00
Banquet-Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Salad & Dessert
Gerryoke 7:00-????

Sunday-Club opens at 8 am
Breakfast 8-10:30
Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits & Gravy, etc.

***Get your golf teams turned in to Gerry via email as soon as possible. gerrystor@yahoo.com
Deadline for booking at the Even is August 14th

Looking forward to seeing you all at West Central Regional at Omaha #38

Please note to use the HIGHEST RANK in which you have reached when registering.

PWP Charlie (Tuna) Wells Celebration of Life

Eagle Memorial
Monday Sept 4 2023
2:00 PM
Fraternal Order of Eagles #764
202 E. First St.
Waterloo, Iowa
Fellowship and Celebration of Life
to follow Memorial Service.

Connection submissions

Deadline for articles to be included in the *Connection* is the **15th of the month prior to publication.**

Email: iowa.foe.bulletin@gmail.com

STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Well, I missed my first month letter, with all going on, convention what a blur, I must say, lots of things going on, family, losing my keys on Sunday, then taking off on Tuesday for Alaska golfing, back on Friday, just a



lot of things going on. 1st I'd like to thank all brothers and sisters who attended from love to all deep down. To all it's something I'll cherish all my life. And thanks for my travel companion Kerfunkle. Then on to Ia Bike Rally in Albia for 2 days of fun and awesome to ride with PSP Rusty and MSP Deb in a convertible. Wowser... next up was the drive to Reno with PSP Jim Zumbach & Kerfunkle, Left Wed morning 630am drove to Rawlins Wy. Stayed the night quite the hotel, woke up and ran into Earl Owens and his wife from Joplin outside the hotel. Wowser again. Off Jim and Kerfunkle & I left early again for Reno hoping to arrive by 7pm. And yes after 13hrs we made it to the Nuggett. Unloaded, then relaxed. Friday went to find Darts, to help but ended up being a shuttle for eagles till after 1am. My wife one of them exhausted, hungry, wanted food, bed. Lol Was a very exciting convention, long week, but excited to see old friends and make new ones. Kerfunkle was with me daily as he became pretty well known... lol Then it was Friday already, packed up Thursday afternoon and took off 8am Friday morning, decided to take extra day on way home, site seeing drove to Casper, home if GWP Chuck Weber, stayed overnight, then our adventure became reality. Devil's Tower, Crazy Horse, Mount Rushmore, Wall Drug, drove then to Mitchell, Corn Palace but was too late, went next morning. Ended up home, exhausted but extremely happy. Well till next month. Lots to see talk report.

WSP Kevin Kressley

STATE MADAM PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

What an exciting month it has been since my last article. I traveled to Reno NV where it was my honor and privilege to carry the Iowa state flag. It was an amazing experience. I personally had a fantastic time at National Convention visiting



with all of my brothers and sisters. It was especially nice to spend time with my extended eagle family I chose for the year. We certainly missed our sister Bobbi Jo. The llama family and Kerfunkle were also happy to be in attendance. Debbie Kressley was excited to be called Kerfunkle's mother NOT. After returning home it was off to Oskaloosa where SWP Kevin and I were invited to attend a back-to-school carnival. We dressed up in our costumes and took pictures. Fun was had by everyone who attended. Let's keep up the good work on membership. Our first official visit and state charity event is in Ft. Maddison on September 19th. Then it will be off to 2nd Star Children's Camp for an exciting weekend. Anyone interested in volunteering at camp at the carnival on September 23rd please get in touch with either myself or Kevin asap and we will give you the details. Look forward to seeing everyone down the Eagle Trail.

Lisa Zook, MSP
aka Ring Mistress

THINKING OF YOU

Tiffany Phillips

Tiffany had a surgery this morning in Des Moines – it lasted about 2.5 hours and all went very well. She is at home now, but it will take some time for her to recover and get back to 100%.

If anyone would like to send her a Get Well card, they would be appreciated to brighten her recovery!

Tiffany Phillips
122 Dooley CT SW
Altoona, Iowa 50009

WOW and THANK YOU to our delegation from State convention for accepting Second Star Children's Camp as our state charity for the fraternal year 2023-2024.

Second Star Children's Camp provides an empowering and completely free camp experience for children with life threatening illnesses and their families all across the state of Iowa. Our camp is located at the YMCA Camp Wapsie near Coggon, IA.

At Second Star Children's Camp, all of the children and families are treated to all-inclusive accommodations that come to Second Star Children's Camp come completely free of charge everything is included accommodations, food, and medical assistance are provided at no cost to the families.

Second Star Children's Camp was founded in 2017 and held their first camp in 2018. In a very short of time in operating, their initiative has been blessed with an amazing amount of love and support. They believe everybody has something to offer in order to help these amazing kids can overcome challenges and allow them an opportunity to connect with others who understand what they are going through. It gives them a chance to forget about their diagnosis and focus on what kids should be focusing on...HAVING FUN.



Second Star Children's Camp serves children of all ages with wide ranges of chronic and life-threatening illnesses. Some of the diagnoses include but are not limited to Cancer, Heart Disease, Hemophilia, Sickle Cell Anemia, Diabetes, Spina Bifida, Muscular Dystrophy, Crohn's Disease and Colitis.

We hope this information gives you a glimpse into what Second Star Children's Camp is all about and what they do for the children. We are happy to support this wonderful cause and look forward to raising funds for them throughout this next Fraternal year. In our hearts, we truly believe these kids deserve to see the love that the Fraternal Order of Eagles has to give. Our GOAL is to increase the camping experiences and opportunities for these children and their families. We are excited to raise awareness of what this camp does for children in dire medical positions.

If you haven't already booked a date for a state charity event, please contact Lisa Miller 563-542-2915 to get on the calendar. We are looking forward to all the travels throughout the state and hope the make a difference helping Second Star Children's Camp.

State Aerie and Auxiliary Charity Chairman
Jim Zumbach and Lisa Miller

MINK CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

Hosted by Nebraska

THEME: Lights - Camera - Action! Red Carpet affari to be had.

Come dressed as your favorite actor or actress.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW

[Booking link: FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES MINK CONFERENCE 2024](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2025 INTERNATIONAL GRAND CONVENTION in GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN