



## Roger Birch

November 9, 1964 - February 21, 2019

Roger Birch, 54, of Cabery passed away on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on November 9, 1964 in Fairbury, the son of Benton and Mabel Clemons Birch. Roger married Jill Grotevant on July 8, 1982.

Roger was a hardworking farmer in the Cabery area. He enjoyed growing his crops and taking care of the land. He strived for perfection in everything he did. He was a seed dealer since 1984 as well as the Rogers Township Supervisor for 23 years.

Roger lived to farm, but also enjoyed traveling – especially to Florida in the winter. He enjoyed going to the National Farm Machinery shows in Louisville. He liked to play cards, go out to eat and have a few beers with his friends and family, but most importantly he loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Roger was a caring and giving person and was always quick to help when someone needed it. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Jill Birch of Cabery; one son Jake Birch (Kim Burns) of Buckingham; one daughter Ashley (Justin) Fritz of Reddick; and two grandchildren Liam Fritz and Adalyn Fritz.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 from 4-8pm at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 11am, with additional visitation one hour prior, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Mount Hope Cemetery in

Cabery. Memorials may be made to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

Cabery, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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## Funeral Service

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FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Kankakee, IL 60901

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Birch*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Jill and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Roger was quite a character and will surely be missed by everyone.*

*Paul & Carol Mau*

**carol mau** - February 28, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Jill, my deepest sympathies. I was stunned when I heard he was sick.*

*After so many years of riding the bus and attending school together, how does one pick just one memory to share?*

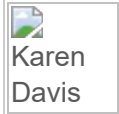
**Roland Hughes** - February 27, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ *Karen Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger Birch*



**Karen Davis** - February 26, 2019 at 01:54 PM



Karen  
Davis

*My heart breaks for Jill and your family ❤️ I am so sorry 😞 if there is anything at all I can do for you jill please let me know 💜 I love you and you are in my thoughts and prayers💜 he will be so dearly missed 😞 his smile and laugh was contagious 💜 xoxoxo*

**Karen Davis** - February 26, 2019 at 01:59 PM

GL

“ *Jill, we are so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and your family, and sending prayers. We have fond memories of Roger, and will remember all the good times we shared.*

**Glenda K Loeschen** - February 25, 2019 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss, Jill - you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Duane & Connie Hitchens*

**Duane Hitchens** - February 25, 2019 at 05:54 PM

SW

“ *So very sorry Jill. Our deepest sympathy to you & your family.  
Sharon & Paul Mogged*

**Sharon Weller-Mogged** - February 25, 2019 at 05:37 PM

LE

“ *Jill and Family,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of Roger. My heart goes out to you and your family.  
Leslie & Carey Wiesner*

**leslie** - February 25, 2019 at 03:00 PM

AB

“ *Jill and family,  
So sorry to hear this! My heart goes out to you and your family.  
Sending prayers and hugs your way!  
Alison and family*

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**Alison Burchardt** - February 25, 2019 at 12:13 PM

DM

“ *Our sincerest sympathies to the Birch family.*

*Dennis & Julie McDugle*

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**Dennis McDugle** - February 25, 2019 at 09:49 AM

JE

“ *This is just such sad news to hear! My deepest heartfelt  
condolences to Jill and the rest of the family!*

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**Jenna** - February 24, 2019 at 10:43 PM

JL

“ *I'm so sorry Jill, prayers of love and strength to you and your family*

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**Jennifer Leenders** - February 24, 2019 at 09:29 PM

LM

“ *Jill and family sending condolences. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Laura Drendel Miller*

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**Laura Drendel Miller** - February 24, 2019 at 08:34 PM