

## *Ode to the Old Lake Bunch*

We often sit and wonder where the old lake bunch has gone...

The drop-in meals for twenty, thirty kids upon the lawn...  
What ere happened to WacketBall, and skiing marathons...

The fireworks show in Rozark's Cove, why, we could go on and on.  
It seems that in September, everyone disappears...

Instead of sunset cocktails, it's school for the Little Dears.  
So, tho it is December and our tans are now all gone...

Let's gather 'round the fireplace and sing some Christmas songs.  
We'll eat and drink, be merry and probably reminisce...

So bundle up and come on over, you guys are really missed.

— Carol Roark



## *In Appreciation*

All of Don's family wants to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food, and acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

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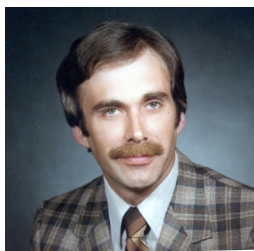


*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF  
**DONALD C. ROARK**

JULY 2, 1943 - MAY 31, 2020

# REMEMBERING

# Don

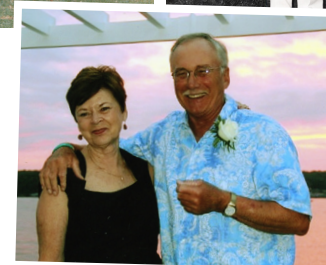
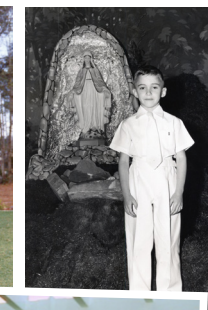


Donald C. Roark, age 76, of Jefferson City, Mo. passed away Sunday, May 31, 2020 at Rock Island Village Assisted Living in Eldon, Mo.

Don was born on July 2, 1943 in Jefferson City, Mo. the son of Aubrey and Elizabeth (Hager) Roark. He was married on December 18, 1970 in Jefferson City, Mo. to Carol Ann Luper who survives.

A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, Donald was a 1961 graduate of Helias High School. He went on to attend the University of Missouri and Lincoln University before entering the armed services. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a paramedic at Whiteman Air Force Base where he did everything from tending soldiers to delivering babies.

Don began a lifelong career in real estate at Gordon Co. Realtors before becoming a co-broker at Roark & Lynch, then ultimately striking out on his own with Roark Realtors. He served as the president of the Jefferson City Board of Realtors for three terms and received the "Broker of the Year" honor. After his retirement, Don served as the Cole County Public Administrator from 1996 until 1999.



Don was a member of Meadow Lake Acres Country Club. Golf was life. He loved spending time with his buddies and his family on any golf course, anytime, anywhere. He was proud to make a hole-in-one on two occasions, and he was especially proud to teach the sport he loved to his children and grandchildren and couldn't have been prouder of their successes in the sport. In addition to golf, he enjoyed driving his tractor on their land in Moniteau County, jovially considering himself a 'gentleman farmer', and he loved volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

If there was one other place where he felt more at home than on a golf course, it was at the Lake of the Ozarks. His family has had a home at the Lake since 1959 where some of his favorite memories were made with family and friends. He was an expert water skier and performed in the Ski Show in the 1960's. Fishing, fireworks with friends and endless hours of pulling his kids skiing, Don cherished the role of being a loving husband, father and grandpa. His family will remember his fun-loving heart, and his friends will remember his sense of humor. Don loved life, and the family would like to thank all who made it memorable for him.

Survivors include: his loving wife of almost 50 years, Carol Roark; two daughters, Anastasia Foster (husband Chris) of Santa Monica, Ca. and Alexandra Skornia (husband Kent) of Kirkwood, Mo.; one son, Craig Roark of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Dianne Roark of Jefferson City, Mo.; one brother, Dale Roark (wife Marsha) of Jefferson City, Mo.; five grandchildren, Madeline Roark, Blake Skornia, Mason Skornia, Caroline Skornia and Ford Foster; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cecil Luper and Helen (Aegerter) Luper.