



## Roger Allen Hewitt

April 27, 1931 - January 29, 2019

Roger Hewitt, 87, died January 29, 2019. Roger was born April 27, 1931 in Freeport, Illinois.

He loved music and shared that love with many people through the Over 55 Show Band, which he started in 1988 and directed until 2016. The Show Band raised \$250,000 over the years for music scholarships. He taught Music Appreciation and Humanities and also directed the Polk State College Jazz Band for many years. Roger was a member of American Legion Post 8 and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Olive Hewitt and his brother Keith. He is survived by his wife, Katy, daughters Lisa and Valerie Hewitt; stepdaughter Babette O'Brien (Mike); stepson Dallas Twiford (Diane) and grandchildren Rachel and Shayna Spiwak, Corey, Connor and Jessie O'Brien and Emma and Dallas Twiford Jr. Memorial Service will be at First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland on Thursday, February 7th at 11 am in the chapel. Interment will be Friday, February 8th at 11 am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, online donations can be made in memory of Roger at [foundation.polk.edu/music](http://foundation.polk.edu/music).



# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Allen Hewitt.



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“ My favorite memory of Roger was the first time I met him at a family dinner when he told me about his band. I could see the excitement and joy in his expression as he told me all about it. He has brought a lot of happiness to people around him through the years with his music. It's great that he had you, Katy, by his side through the happy years. He was also blessed to have you care for him during these last few years when he wasn't well.

**Dottie O'Brien** - February 01 at 12:21 PM

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“ Roger was a special, talented man. He meant a great deal to those who knew him. I send my condolences to the entire family.



**Howard J. Buss** - February 01 at 10:32 AM

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“ Rog was one of a kind and a fantastic music teacher, musician, and friend. He will be sorely missed and I will cherish the many memories I was lucky enough to have with him. My sincerest condolences to the family... Much love. Dennis LoCurcio

**Dennis LoCurcio** - February 01 at 10:27 AM

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“ Rog was my right-hand guy as we redeveloped the PCC music area in 1986. He ran ALL the jazz bands - 4 total: the PCC group, Show band, Snowbird band, and the Pro jazz band. He also developed the jazz band library to one of the most complete in Central Florida. But more than that, he was a fine performer, showman, teacher, unique and enjoyable person and one who was loved and appreciated by the kids and faculty. But more than even that, Rog was my confidant and personal friend. Super and endless memories.....Katie, were goin' to miss him !!!

**Dr. Bob Custer** - January 31 at 11:46 AM



“ Loved Mr. Hewitt he will be missed.

**Pamela Smith Parker** - February 01 at 05:46 AM