

KK's Kin Khronicles



Roger Lyman Kult 1931 - present

Roger Kult is a pretty special guy. Well, quite honestly, I'm a little prejudiced in that regard -- since this special guy is my Dad.

▣ Beginnings

Born July 24, 1932 on a farm in Nashville, Illinois, he was the son of Ed and Mary (Lawhorn) Kult. He came into a household which already had a 3 1/2 old sister, Lillian "Nadine", and a 1 1/2 year old brother, Windel.

▣ Bein' a Kid

Being the youngest child of three, Roger was known as the little "squirt". He got into trouble quite a bit, especially by shadowing his older brother. He would much rather go fishing than go to school.

One time, when Windel was about 10 and Roger was about 8, the two decided to try smoking. They had seen their Dad and uncles smoke cigarettes often, and thought they were grown up enough to try it. But since they didn't have any cigarettes, they decided to go into the back yard and gather up some leaves, and roll them up in a cigarette paper and smoke the leaves. They snuck in behind the old wood stove, and lit up. It didn't take long for them to figure out that smoking common tree leaves is not a very smart thing to do!

At a family gathering a while later, Roger was talking to some of his uncles (Virgil and Ben), and they were introducing Roger to a friend. When they said "and this is Roger", he perked up and said "Hey, my name isn't "Roger!" When the uncle said, "Well, if your name isn't Roger, then what is it?", he answered "I'm not "Roger", I'm just "Short"!". Since then, the nickname "Short" has stuck with him to this day.



*The Kult "Kids"
Roger, Windel & Nadine
Circa 1937*

Love & Marriage

When Short was 20 years old, he met a young gal of 19 years named Martha Josephine Case (but everyone called her "Josie"). They met through Josie's best friend, Rosie Haun, who later married Short's brother Windel. Short and Josie must've hit it off famously however, because two weeks after they met, Short put a diamond ring in the glove compartment of his jalopy, and told Josie to look in there while they were on a date. When she opened the box, she saw the ring, and said "you *stinker!!!*". Short proposed to Josie anyway and were later married on August 1, 1952.



*Martha (holding Connie) and
Roger (holding Mary) Kult
Circa 1954*

Family

A short time later, on November 18, 1953, their first daughter, Mary Kay was born. Then 11 months later, another daughter, Connie Sue, joined the family.

Mary and Connie were quite a pair. They were involved in everything together -- good and bad! One afternoon, while Josie had stepped out of the kitchen for just a second, she came back into the kitchen to find 18-month-old Mary pouring a 20-pound bag of flour over 7-month-old Connie's head, all the while Connie was flapping her arms up and down and saying "Wheeeee!!!" with a big grin on her flour-covered face. Scared to death that Connie would inhale too much flour, Josie was aghast at the sight, and rushed to rescue her children from the mess.

Work, work, work...

Short was working on farms in Kingston, Illinois, then moved back to Nashville for a short while, then decided that Kingston was his calling, so they moved back. They bought a little house in the village, which was known by the rod-iron roosters he put on the garage door.



*Connie, Kathy, and Mary
Easter 1967*

Short then decided to follow his ancestor's footsteps (specifically, his great-grandpa Leonard Kult, who was a stone mason), and obtained a job at Doty & Sons in Sycamore, Illinois, where he made and installed concrete steps. He must have really like this job, because he had it for over 17 years!

Six years after Connie was born, Josie became pregnant again with a baby boy. John David was born on April 19, 1960. Unfortunately, John David had a birth defect, and only lived two days. He died on April 21, 1960. He was laid to rest in the Kingston Cemetery, in Kingston, Illinois

A few years later, their third daughter, Kathy Ann, was born on December 17, 1963. Short and Josie let their daughters name their new sister. They decided on "Kathy", after a "Chatty Kathy" doll that they received early for Christmas that year. (Thankfully, the namesake of "Chatty" didn't stick!)

A short time after Kathy was born, the family moved to Genoa Illinois, where they lived for the next 12 years. They then moved back to Kingston, Illinois. Short changed jobs in 1978 to work at the Sycamore Illinois School District as a Custodian for 15 years. They stayed in Kingston until a couple years after they retired.

■ Ahhh!!! And Finally, *Play Time!*

In 2001, Short and Josie moved to Mission Texas, where they are currently enjoying their retirement with their new poodle puppy, "Peanut".



"Peanut"



*Golfin' Roger
2004*

Short has learned to golf, and enjoys golfing with his buddies almost every day.

