



Roger was born December 16, 1922 in Ste. Anne, Madawaska Co, New Brunswick as son of John, who died before 1945, and Catherine Sirois. Roger's parents were married on July 27, 1909 in St Basile, New Brunswick. Roger came from a large Roman Catholic family, he had five brothers and six sisters.

At the age of 15 he left school to work on his parents' farm. He spoke English and French.

Roger enlisted in Fredericton, New Brunswick on August 21 1942 and then went overseas to the United Kingdom on March 31 1943. During his military training there he was assigned to the Royal Canadian Artillery in the 4th Field Regt. On July 4, 1944, Roger was sent to the front in France. He took part in the further advance of his regiment through NW Europe. By mid-April 1945 they had advanced to Groningen. On April 17, the day after the liberation of the city of Groningen, Roger died as a result of an accident. According to the official reports from his army files, Roger was standing on the running board of an army vehicle. While passing another army vehicle, he fell in an unclear manner and ended up under one of the vehicles, with a fatal outcome.

Roger was 22 years old at the time and was temporarily buried in Eelderwolde. Almost a year later he was reburied in Holten on February 14, 1946.

On his gravestone: WHO GAVE HIS LIFE GALLANTLY FOR HIS COUNTRY.  
WELL REMEMBERED BY HIS LOVE ONES

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; Defense Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

His mother was awarded the Memorial Bar on June 7, 1945.

