



Rodney Long

October 18, 1967 - December 30, 2023

Rodney Long, 56, of Swansea, formerly of Centralia, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023 at HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon surrounded by his family.

Rodney was born October 18, 1967 in Decatur, IL, the son of Robert Long and Barbara "Bobbe" (Brooks) Long. He married Julie Laroe of Ivesdale, IL on November 11, 1995, who survives him.

Rodney and Julie were married 28 years. He was the extremely proud father of two sons: Peyton Andrew Long and James Robert Long of Swansea.

Surviving siblings: Shari (Bill) Schable of Atwood, Shelley (Tom) Myers of Shattuc, and Stacy (Jeremy) Welch of Atwood; brother and sister-in-law:

Janice Laroe (Curt) Fogerson of Bement and John (Megan) Laroe in

Champaign; eight nieces and nephews: Summer (Jeremy) Pearson, Sharlie (Scot) Berry, Ryan (Brooke) Myers, Tyler (Lauren) Myers, Logan Conner,

Colleen Fogerson, Braden Fogerson, and Evan Fogerson. Rodney was also the proud great-uncle of nine great-nieces and nephews.

Rodney was known for loving life and living it to the fullest. He had many cherished friends who were like family to him. He will always be remembered for his quick wit, his sense of humor, his bold laughter, and his caring heart.

Rodney retired from UPS after more than 30 years of service. He loved traveling, Orphan sports, Illini basketball, playing guitar, riding his Harley, but most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends, who are comforted in his death by so many rich and wonderful memories.

Rodney was preceded in death by his mother: Barbara "Bobbe" Long, niece: Shalynn Brooke Conner, and father and mother-in-law: James and Jeanine Laroe.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, January 4, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 5, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Hammond United Methodist Church in Hammond, Illinois with Rev. Leland Legg, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Hammond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wild Bunch Fund and/or Shriners Children's Hospital and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Rodney's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

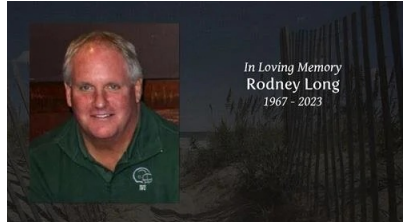
JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Hammond United Methodist Church
203 3rd Street
Hammond, IL 61929

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Long*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 04, 2024 at 04:41 PM

DB

Very nice vidio, Rod was great guy, I have known him for over 45 years, I was very sad to hear the news, so sad, prayers to Long family

Dave Barnett - January 05, 2024 at 05:41 AM

JD

A great video. Great to see the older pictures of him growing up. A few times brought tears. Know him since he was born

Janice Pieper Daily - January 05, 2024 at 06:42 PM

BF

Beautiful!

Bob ford - January 15, 2024 at 09:44 AM

PS

“ *We are sorry for your loss. My husband and I remember Rodney from his UPS deliveries to our house and his UPS deliveries to the Nashville Post Office. We was always friendly and cheerful. We have fond memories of him.*

Paula Sherman - January 09, 2024 at 02:17 PM

TG

“ Our deepest sympathies for Rodney's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dan & Trish Gale, Monticello, IL



Trish Gale - January 05, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MS

“ I want to offer my condolences to Rod's family and friends . I was shocked to hear of his passing. I got to know Rod back in the mid 80s and had the privilege of playing in a couple different bands over a few years. I have so many great memories of good times with Rod. There was never a dull moment when he was around. Although I hadn't seen him in many years, I cherish those memories. I am praying for peace and comfort for his family and friends.



Marc Schrock - January 05, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ Julie, we were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Rod's passing. Please know that you and your boys are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff & Bev Schlau - January 04, 2024 at 10:21 PM

BP

“ Julie, so sorry to hear of your great loss. I know Rod was the love of your life and will be greatly missed by you and the boys. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Barb & Mark Paine

Barb Paine - January 04, 2024 at 08:27 PM

JM

“ Joe, Laura & Peter Kohlmann and Margie purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Rodney Long.



Joe, Laura & Peter Kohlmann and Margie - January 04, 2024 at 10:44 AM

TF

“ The Schaubert Family purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Rodney Long.



The Schaubert Family - January 03, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DC

“ Dawn C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.

Dawn C. - January 03, 2024 at 08:28 PM

FC

“ Florence C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.

Florence C. - January 03, 2024 at 06:24 PM

DC

“ Dena C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.

Dena C. - January 03, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.*



January 03, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *CENTRALIA UPS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.*

CENTRALIA UPS - January 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.*



January 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Brad, Kris, Brett, Brooke & Bria Tuttle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.*

Brad, Kris, Brett, Brooke & Bria Tuttle - January 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.*



January 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Dear Julie
I was distressed to hear about Rod. You lost your best friend and love of your life way too young.
My sympathies are with you, your sons and many friends at the difficult time. Wish I could be with you for his celebration of life. Take care, Julie.
Jim Sanger*

Jim Sanger - January 03, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ *Huron Customer Success & Analyst Teams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Long.*



Huron Customer Success & Analyst Teams - January 03, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Kevin & Melody (King) Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.*

Kevin & Melody (King) Wilson - January 03, 2024 at 12:34 PM

KW

“ Kevin & Melody (King) Wilson purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Rodney Long.



Kevin & Melody (King) Wilson - January 03, 2024 at 12:34 PM

ST

“ SSM Health Senior Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.

SSM Health Senior Leadership Team - January 03, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.



January 03, 2024 at 09:35 AM

MV

“ I enjoyed riding motorcycles with Rod, and talking music, may he rest in peace.

mark vogel - January 03, 2024 at 09:32 AM

DT

“ Julie you have my sincere condolences. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Debbie Tapp

Debbie Tapp - January 03, 2024 at 08:57 AM

K3

“ Kinder Morgan, Stations 206 & 310 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.

Kinder Morgan, Stations 206 & 310 - January 03, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.



January 03, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.



January 03, 2024 at 01:33 AM

JH

“ So very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.



Janet Huffman - January 02, 2024 at 11:18 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.*



January 02, 2024 at 09:48 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Rod was just a little kid when I knew him growing up in Hammond. I know he came from a very good family with lots of love. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Kenny Catron - January 02, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *From The Wise Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.*

From The Wise Company - January 02, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.*



January 02, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Prayers to Julie, Payton and Jamie. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
Tischa, Riley and Austin Daugherty*

tischa Daugherty - January 02, 2024 at 02:51 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences to all of Rodney’s family.
I went to school with Shari and Shelley, Stacey was involved in a study with many of us ladies on Facebook. I remember Rod as a young kid, was always very polite and kind. You are all in my prayers. Lea Guiles (Edwards).



Lea Guiles - January 02, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rodney Long.



January 02, 2024 at 02:04 PM

WL

“ With much love - John and Megan Laroe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Long.

With much love - John and Megan Laroe - January 02, 2024 at 02:04 PM

GB

“ Rod was an amazing friend and has an awesome family. Rods love for Julie and the boys could not go unnoticed. He will be missed by all that knew him and his memory will live on forever. Rip my friend.

Gary Beggs - January 02, 2024 at 01:51 PM

MM

“ I can almost taste the delicious ribs he would spend hours cooking outdoors for all of the Heidgerken extended family get togethers. As Jeanine’s sister, I can express how much I along with the rest of us, will miss his his contagious laughter, jokes and generosity in hosting us for pool parties, and just a few days ago Christmas (December 23). I am so happy that we got to share this wonderful day along with the extended Long family. A precious memory to keep in our hearts



mary martin - January 02, 2024 at 01:43 PM

TJ

“ Rod was a great guy. Shared a lot of laughs with him and remember him letting me ride his new motorcycle. Condolences to the Long family.

Thomas and Donna Joy

Thomas Joy - January 02, 2024 at 01:20 PM