



## Rodney G. Funk

February 15, 1942 - June 21, 2025

Rodney Gale Funk, 83, of Roanoke, passed away at 12:53 pm Saturday, June 21, 2025, at his residence.

Rodney was born the day after Valentine's Day in 1942 to Charlotte and James Funk in Corydon, IN. His family moved to Huntington in 1944 where Rodney grew up on a farm and graduated from Roanoke High School in 1959. He married the love of his life, Sandra "Sandy" Geist, on April 29, 1989, in Bluffton, IN; together they shared 36 wonderful years.

Rodney served in the US Navy from 1960-1964 and received the Cuban Expeditionary Medal for his involvement in the Cuban Blockade. He was on guard duty during JFK's inauguration. He also played tenor sax in the Navy Band. Rodney attained the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class. When he returned to civilian life, he played professional tenor sax with The Tiki's ~ a rhythm and blues band ~ in Florida for four years. He came back to IN and earned a degree in Business Marketing from IPFW in 1971. He held various sales positions and in 1986 earned his Realtors License. He got his Brokers License and worked in real estate until he retired in 2018. In the course of his real estate career, he served two terms as President of the Board of Realtors in Huntington County and was selected by his peers as Huntington County's Realtor® of the Year in 2002.

Rodney joined the VFW in 1988 and is a Life Member of Post #2689 in Huntington, IN. He has gone through the chairs at Post, District and State level. He is a member of 40 & 8, a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the American Legion. Rodney was very active in his local post where he is a two time Past Commander and a 30 year member of the Honor Guard. His first term was cut short by a devastating fire which destroyed the post. After a six month rebuilding project, the post reopened as his term came to an end. In his second term, the Huntington Post achieved 100% membership.

Rodney was 5th District Commander for 2006-2007. At the District level he has served as Inspector, Membership Chairman, Youth Activities Chairman, Safety Chairman and Trustee.

In 2007, Rodney was appointed National Aide-de-Camp. As Central Area Membership Chairman in 2007-2008, the Central Area finished in first place. He also served as Community Activities Chairman for the State in 2008-2009, raising a total of \$7,000,000 plus in money, goods and services donated to charities and worthy individuals.

Rodney was elected Indiana's State Surgeon for 2009-2010. Advancing through the chairs, he was installed as Indiana's State Commander for 2012-2013. On June 15, 2013, IN Governor Michael Pence awarded Rodney the esteemed rank and title of Sagamore of the Wabash. Rodney was very instrumental in establishing the Veterans Court with Mayor Brooks Fetters and fundraising for the monuments that are now displayed at Memorial Park. He enjoyed restoring old cars.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Funk of Roanoke, IN; daughter, Tiffany J. (James) Bull of Clinton, IA; two grandchildren, Amelia Fayth Bull of Clinton, IA, Wilson Gale Bull of Clinton, IA. He is preceded in death by his

father, James Oscar Funk, mother, Elizabeth Charlotte Funk, and grandmother, Crystal Denbo.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. VFW Post 2689 will conduct the Past Commanders Ceremony starting at 3:00 pm on Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Pleasant Chapel Cemetery in Roanoke. Military Honors will be rendered by the VFW Post 2689 Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials to the Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Rodney Gale Funk.

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# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Chapel Cemetery

824 E. 1100 N.  
Roanoke, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 25.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Service

**JUN 26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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35 West Park Drive  
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## Burial

JUN 26 (ET)

Pleasant Chapel Cemetery  
824 E. 1100 N.  
Roanoke, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Rodney Funk.



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - June 25, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ David L Funk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney G. Funk.

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**David L Funk** - June 25, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ Eric, Carrie, & Kaya Billman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney G. Funk.



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**Eric, Carrie, & Kaya Billman** - June 25, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ Jim Bull planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney G. Funk.

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**Jim Bull** - June 25, 2025 at 09:24 AM

JB

“ *Jim Bull purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney G. Funk.*



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**Jim Bull** - June 25, 2025 at 09:24 AM

HB

“ *From Harold and Chere Bartlett:  
Sandy. I only met you once, but wanted to let you know how sorry we were to hear of Rodney's passing. I regret that we cannot get to either service times, but we will be lifting you up in our prayers. May God's comfort and peace be evident around you as you mourn his loss.*

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**Harold & Chere Bartlett** - June 24, 2025 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ *Sandy, I don't know you well, but I do appreciate seeing you at Presbytery when we are both there. I am saddened to hear of the death of your husband, and my prayers are with you and the family as you go through this trying time. Remember that the Love of God goes with you as you go through the remainder of life. Love through our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Sue Steiner, Elder Commissioner from Faith Presbyterian Church, Kokomo, IN.*

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**Sue Steiner** - June 24, 2025 at 11:22 AM

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“ *Fair Winds & Gentle Seas. Thank you for your Service to our Country.*

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**Colonel Howard E Wilkes MI USA (Ret)** - June 24, 2025 at 09:31 AM

RD

“ Randy Denton lit a candle in memory of Rodney Funk



Randy Denton - June 23, 2025 at 05:12 AM

RN

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Tim & Renee and Andy Ness



Renee Ness - June 22, 2025 at 11:12 PM

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Renee Ness - June 22, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney G. Funk.



June 22, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney G. Funk.

June 22, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ My sympathy to family. My parents were friends with Rodney's family when they moved. Rodney was a grade ahead of me in high school. I remember helping them move. Neil Yant

Neil Yant - June 22, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Sandy, Dick and I send our deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family, we also will be praying that God will wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you in the coming days. We send our love to all of you.  
Dick and Judy Clutter

Judy Clutter - June 22, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to you Sandy. I know how much he thought of you and his family. My thought and prayers are with you. Karen Hunnicutt

Karen Hunnicutt - June 22, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Chuck and Sue, Mike, and Stan Denbo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney G. Funk.

Chuck and Sue, Mike, and Stan Denbo - June 22, 2025 at 08:39 PM

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“ Chuck and Sue, Mike, and Stan Denbo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney G. Funk.



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**Chuck and Sue, Mike, and Stan Denbo** - June 22, 2025 at 08:39 PM

BO

“ Sandy, I am so sorry you have to go through this. It is difficult to realize they are gone. I am also going through this adjustment as my Bill passed on May 2. Fortunately we married good men, and I am finding peace knowing he is in heaven with our Lord. You may find it's the little things you really miss in the next few days! We will both be looking for our new normal, but it will always be different! We grieve because we had so many wonderful memories! Blessings my friend!💕🙏💕. Barb Overdeer

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**Barb Overdeer** - June 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

SG

“ Steve Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of Rodney Funk



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**Steve Billie Garwood** - June 22, 2025 at 05:23 PM