



Rodney Wayne Sands

June 7, 1953 - March 5, 2015

Rodney Wayne Sands, age 61, of Huntington, passed at 2:40 p.m. Thursday (March 5, 2015) at his residence.

A celebration of life will be held from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Saturday, (March 14, 2015) at Norwood Golf Course, 5961 West Maple Grove Road, Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Rodney was born June 7, 1953 in Huntington, the son of Walter and Irene (Millington) Sands, Jr. He was a graduate of Huntington High School and a veteran of the United States Army. He married Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Fisher on March 21, 1992 in Huntington.

Rodney was owner/operator of Huntington Floor Covering for 20 years. Prior to that, he worked for Schilling Flooring in Markle and Clark & Mitchell Carpet in Fort Wayne. He was in the flooring business for over 30 years and loved his work. He also loved golf, gardening, jigsaw puzzles and cooking.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years - Betsy Sands of Huntington; two daughters - Jami (Joe) Cassidy of Roanoke and Jana Valerio of Fort Wayne;

one step daughter - Abby (Brontour) Woods of San Francisco, California; three brothers - Ken (Marcia) Sands of Overland Park, Kansas, and Mike (Shannon) Sands and Greg (Michelle) Sands, both of Huntington; eight sisters - Cynthia Myers, Pamela (Steve) Barr, Denda (Alan) Brown, Sandra (Brian) Yoder, Gloria (Mike) Foster, all of Huntington, Barbara (Tom) Pierson of Hartford City, and Samantha (Jack) Barlow and Amy Stansell, both of Huntington; three sisters-in-law - Sondra Fisher and Susan Dieringer, both of Huntington, and Martha Fisher of Ashley; brother-in-law - Mike Fisher of Huntington; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His parents preceded him in death.

Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - March 12, 2015 at 04:46 PM



“ Bob and Ginny Overholser



Bob and Ginny Overholser - March 13, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ Joyce Fryman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands



Joyce Fryman - March 13, 2015 at 08:22 AM

ES

“ *Edna Smith lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Edna Smith - March 12, 2015 at 10:03 PM

SD

“ *You were a great brother-in-law and friend we will miss you. Susie and Dan Dieringer and uncle.*

Susie Dieringer - March 12, 2015 at 09:29 PM

SD

“ *Susie Dieringer lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Susie Dieringer - March 12, 2015 at 09:11 PM

BL

“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - March 12, 2015 at 04:43 PM

DI

“ Rod was a pretty cool guy back in the day when I knew him best, we had some funny times and I've always appreciated him. I'm sorry to all of you who loved him most, hope that you find comfort in your good memories and that he will be fondly remembered forever.
Diane

Diane - March 12, 2015 at 07:28 AM

TD

“ R.I.P Rod you will always be in our hearts and thoughts. We were blessed having someone like you in our lives



Tammy Draper - March 12, 2015 at 07:08 AM

JB

“ I loved talking to you and Betsy after work and watching the two of you dance. Both great dancers. Rest in peace cousin. You are in the company of some of our loved ones in Heaven.



Joni Bruch - March 11, 2015 at 10:51 PM

TJ

“ Tawona Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands



Tawona Johnson - March 11, 2015 at 08:28 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Betsy. When we were kids, I played with Rod and Kenny at Hiers Park.* ”



Phil Cotton - March 11, 2015 at 01:24 PM



“ *Kathy Luther lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands* ”



Kathy Luther - March 11, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ *Deb Bennett lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands* ”



Deb Bennett - March 11, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ *Deborah Felone lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands* ”



Deborah Felone - March 11, 2015 at 12:15 PM

BB

“ I will always remember Rod as a kind, caring man who loved his family very much! My sympathy to all his family and friends!



Brenda Britt - March 11, 2015 at 11:32 AM

Lois Hildebrand

“ So sorry for your loss Pam. Prayers to you and your family. 😞



Lois Hildebrand - March 11, 2015 at 11:28 AM

Rebecca Myers

“ Rebecca Myers lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands



Rebecca Myers - March 11, 2015 at 11:17 AM

DG

“ Tim, Donna, Brandon & Derek Gooley



Donna Gooley - March 10, 2015 at 07:00 PM

JM

“ *Judy (Brown) Merkler lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Judy (Brown) Merkler - March 09, 2015 at 03:25 PM

DJ

“ *Dan And Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Dan And Peggy Johnson - March 09, 2015 at 12:34 PM

DH

“ *Deb Householder lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Deb Householder - March 09, 2015 at 06:58 AM

BC

“ *Billie Jo Coolman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Billie Jo Coolman - March 08, 2015 at 04:50 PM

BC

“ *Billie Jo Coolman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Billie Jo Coolman - March 08, 2015 at 04:11 PM

Joie Jodrey

“ *American Legion Riders Chapter 7 and the Indiana Patriot Guard will stand a Flag Line for our Military Brother on March 14 Saturday from 2 to 6 at Nortwoods Golf Course Club House. All are welcome to stand in our flagline to show honor and respect*



Joie Jodrey - March 07, 2015 at 09:46 PM

JS

“ *I will miss you forever daddy!! I'll always carry a part of you with me and I'll never forget your words of wisdom!! I was blessed to have 36 years of wonderful memories and I know how much you loved me! You always have been a man of your word and stood up for what you believe in!! you were a fabulous husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend!!! This life won't be the same without you here on earth but I know we will meet again in heaven!!! until then keep watching over us all and golf til your hearts content! Always and forever, your baby girl!!!*

Jana Sands-Valerio - March 07, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ *Betsy, our hearts go out to you and the family today. Thoughts and prayers will be with you. We truly loved Rod as he was a great man. He will be terribly missed. May he fly high!!*



Pam Reeder Schmalzried - March 07, 2015 at 04:26 PM

SB

“ *Steve Barr lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Steve Barr - March 07, 2015 at 02:31 PM

GJ

“ *Gilbert K. Ricker Jr. lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Gilbert K. Ricker Jr. - March 07, 2015 at 01:36 PM

 Angie Sands

“ *Angie Sands lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Angie Sands - March 07, 2015 at 09:36 AM

DS

“ *Dean B Garrett Sr lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Dean B Garrett Sr - March 07, 2015 at 09:15 AM

EB

“ *Elfie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Elfie Bailey - March 07, 2015 at 07:39 AM

 Denny Ross

“ *Denny Ross lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Denny Ross - March 07, 2015 at 07:36 AM

SG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*



Sarah and Tom Gearhart - March 07, 2015 at 05:45 AM

LO

“ *Laura & Mike Ormsby lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Laura & Mike Ormsby - March 07, 2015 at 03:06 AM



“ *Paula West lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Paula West - March 07, 2015 at 12:59 AM

KR

“ *Kristy Rawles lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Kristy Rawles - March 06, 2015 at 10:51 PM

SG

“ *Sally Gamble lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



sally gamble - March 06, 2015 at 04:20 PM

SG

Betsy, I am so sorry to hear about Rod, Prayers coming to you and your Family. Love to all.

sally gamble - March 06, 2015 at 10:21 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Nancy Mccoart - March 06, 2015 at 04:05 PM

BW

“ *One of my fondest memories of Rod was how he would bend down to talk to our daughter, who was only 3 at the time, because he was so much taller than her. That was Rod, a gentle giant. Rest in peace.*

Beverly Wilson - March 06, 2015 at 11:04 AM

SH

“ *Sarah Heister lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Sarah Heister - March 06, 2015 at 07:13 AM

BE

“ *Share a memory of Rodney Wayne Sands or send condolences to the family.*



Brenda Emley - March 06, 2015 at 06:56 AM

BC

“ *BILL CHAPIN lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



BILL CHAPIN - March 06, 2015 at 06:52 AM

SF

“ *Sondra Fisher And Family lit a candle in memory of Rodney Wayne Sands*



Sondra Fisher and Family - March 05, 2015 at 08:36 PM

SF

love and prayers for the family ,you will be missed Rod R.I.P.

Sondra Fisher and Family - March 05, 2015 at 08:38 PM

SG

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

Sarah and Tom Gearhart - March 07, 2015 at 05:43 AM



So sorry to hear of Rod's passing.

Deb Householder - March 09, 2015 at 06:59 AM