



Rodney Finkel

July 17, 1947 - August 30, 2009

Rodney Conrad Finkel, age 62, of Dayton died Sunday August 30, 2009 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. Rodney was born July 17, 1947 in Portsmouth, VA, to the late Herman and Marie (Need) Finkel. He was also preceded in death by a brother Larry Finkel.

Rodney was a graduate of Baker High School in Florida, then served his country with the U.S. Navy on the aircraft carrier Yorktown and was a member of the helicopter crew recovery team for Apollo 8. He was a carpenter by trade.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary Finkel of Dayton, his daughter Dawn (George) Thacker of Spring City, son Steven (Lisa) Finkel of Pikeville, sister Karen Haworth of FL, brothers Kenneth (Katy) Finkel and Dale (Trisha) Finkel both of FL, grandchildren Tyler and Logan Sneed of Spring City, TN and Trent and Kenzie Finkel of Pikeville, TN

Funeral services for Rodney will be Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Eddie Suttles officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Rhea Memory Gardens.

Please share your memories of Rodney on his on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Tuesday after 4:00 pm.

Previous Events

Service
SEP 1. 7:00 PM.
Chapel

Tribute Wall



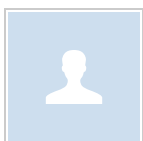
“ Mary, I was so sorry to read about Rodney in the paper. Have not seen you in years but have always wondered about you. My prayers are with you and your family and God will give you the peace you need. If you are ever in the area I would love to see you.
Melba###imported-begin###Melba Messick Kolmetz###imported-end##

September 21, 2009 at 12:35 AM



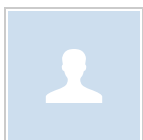
“ I'm so sorry to here about this. I've just find out by the local news paper here in Crestview. Mary, Dawn and Steven my prayers are with you. I've never forgot you guys. The one thing that I always will remember about Rodney, was how he look at Mary and you could see the love for her in his eyes. Love you!###imported-begin###Jeri Johns Tobias###imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 09:09 PM



“ love ya###imported-begin###sabrina finkel ###imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 02:12 AM



“ Steve&Family
We are sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers as you go through this difficult time.###imported-begin###Janet & Janice Hale & Mike Elder###imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ Uncle Rodney, I will always remember the stories you would tell. They always had so much life to them. And of course the funny stories were great too! You always knew how to keep us laughing and when to comfort us. I know that you are now with my daddy and Mena & Papa. It is such a great comfort to know that the 4 of you will all be watching over our family together. Give my daddy a hug for me and tell Mena & Papa hello.

Aunt Mary, you now have a true guardian angel looking after you. I wish I could be there for you. I send all my love to you. If you ever need anything, let me know. I love you with all my heart. Give Uncle Rodney a kiss for me.

Love,

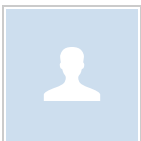
Leslie##imported-begin##Leslie (Finkel) Johnson##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ marry sorry about rodney my prayers are with you & your family. If you need anything or i can do anything just let know.call me if you just need to talk. we love youall##imported-begin##charlotte jones##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 05:59 PM



“ Very few people in this world leave lasting impressions, but Rodney was one of the few people who could and he sure made a lasting impression on me.
It has been years since I last saw Rodney, but I will never forget that great smile and love for life,family and his friends.##imported-begin##James Scarborough##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 04:01 PM



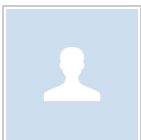
“ Dear Steven. Lisa, & Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your Dad. I know your sorrow and feel your pain. I pray that God will comfort you as only He can during this loss. You all are a special family and my thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days and weeks ahead. Love you all, Cindy###imported-begin##Cindy (Walker) Hankins###imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 03:42 PM



“ Mary, Dawn, & Steven, Rodney was such a blessing and joy to work with, as you all know we all loved him very much here at Dayton Plastics. He will be missed. I was heart broken to hear that he had to leave us for another home in a happier place. No matter how difficult it is to bear the pain of parting, we have his promise that one day we'll be reunited. Rodney talked about his family all the time, and how much he loved you all. Mary (Etta) he told me you made him whole. That is love. If you need anything please call me or the plant. I Love you guys!
One more line, Rodney planted a weeping willow tree out by the parking lot a few months ago, he told me that when he retired, I could look over and see this tree and think of him. We all will!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Angie###imported-begin##Angie Swafford###imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 03:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please know were thinking of you.
GLENN, BOBBI AND LANE KEYLON.###imported-begin##GLENN AND BOBBI KEYLON###imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 02:33 PM



“ Steven, Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. You, Lisa, and your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tony Keeble##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ Marie,Dawn, & Steven,

I am so sadden, as I look at Rodney's picture, It brings back so many very good memories.....He helped me build this ol- shed that is still standing..He would walk down to the house and we would sit in the swing and talk of how he and I were crew chiefs on helicopters...he and I just seem to have all the answers to the world problems back then...just swinging..he talked of Marie and his wonderful children...I feel so blessed and honored to call Rodney my friend...A part of America died, I shall miss him so.....

May God Bless you and your wonderful family....

Ronnie & Glena Roe##imported-begin##Ronnie Roe##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ He was a wonderful man and father and he will be greatly missed. He was someone everyone loved and I will pray that you all find peace during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Tracie Jones Miller##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 10:52 PM



“ Dear Mary, Dawn, Steven and family,
My thoughts are of all of you at this time. I know that Derek, Kristin and their boys are coming there to be with you. Leslie and Scot and their children are unable to attend, but I know Leslie wants so much to be there. Derek and Leslie love all of their Finkel family and are so blessed to have you in their lives. My best to you all...

Terri##imported-begin##Terri Bates##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 10:23 PM



“ My Dear Sweet Sister,Dawn,Steven and family, I cannot be with you physically but in my heart I will be there with you. Rodney & I talked a few times recently & he told me how proud he was of his family & how deeply he loved you Mary.I know there will be a void in your heart but this will be a time for you to fill that void by trusting JESUS relying on HIS strength. I am so very thankful for the support & love you & Rodney imparted to us when mother passed. Please know you are in my thoughts & prayers.Pslam 121 I love you. Your Sis & Tom##imported-begin##Patricia Ann Mercer-Neurohr##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 07:15 PM



“ Mary,Dawn, and Steven I am sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lealan McSpadden##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 05:12 PM



“ *Dawn and Mary,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Mike and Kathy##imported-begin##Mike and Kathy
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August 31, 2009 at 01:07 PM