



Rodney E Parrish

September 28, 1943 - February 17, 2020

Rodney “Rod” Eugene Parrish, age 76, of Carbondale, departed this life on President’s Day, February 17, 2020 in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Rod fought a valiant fight against cancer in his last months.

Rod was born September 28, 1943 at St. Andrews Hospital in Murphysboro. He was the first of two sons born to Ira E and Lucille (nee Endres) Parrish also of Carbondale.

He was a graduate of Southern Illinois University’s University High School, Class of 1961.

Rod proudly served his country by enlisting in the US Army and ended his career at the rank of Sergeant E5; he was an expert rifleman, receiving the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, National Defense Services Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device Bar 1960 and the Overseas Service Bar as a Combat Engineer.

In civilian life Rod was known as an exceptional finish carpenter; he and his family built both commercial and residential property throughout Southern Illinois. In November 2017 he received Honorary Membership in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters having completed 50 years of continuous service.

He also retired from Southern Illinois University as a carpenter after 20 years of service. One of his great joys were the 15 years he spent as the owner/operator of Gatsby's II Bar and Billiards where he was kept young with the influences of all the college students that both worked and frequented the bar as customers.

Left to mourn his passing are his sons, Nathan Thompson Parrish of Carbondale and Ryan Scott Parrish (Shelly) of Chicago IL; his special friend, Lora Hurt of DeSoto; brother, Robert "Kent" Parrish (Sally) of Carbondale; one nephew, Mark Parrish of Carbondale; other family members and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial Service will be Friday, February 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Gray officiating. Military rites will be accorded.

Visitation will be from 5:00 pm until the hour of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wright-Way Rescue Shelter 8459 Old Highway 13, Murphysboro, Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

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Tribute Wall



“ Rodney E Parrish

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ So very sad to learn of Rodney's passing. Always loved running into him over the many years we'd known him and seems like we always ended up laughing together with him. With love, Bill and Jane Boyd

Bill and Jane Boyd - February 27, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Please know how sorry I am for your family's loss.

Deb Hudson - February 21, 2020 at 04:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney E Parrish.



February 20, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ With Love & Hugs, Your Coldwell Prime Family! purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rodney E Parrish.



With Love & Hugs, Your Coldwell Prime Family! - February 20, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Rodney E Parrish.



February 20, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Rodney E Parrish.



February 20, 2020 at 10:19 AM



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



February 20, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kellie - February 19, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



LISA HENSON - February 19, 2020 at 05:47 PM

LH

This photo was taken at the Du Quoin State Fair in the beer tent.

LISA HENSON - February 19, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Nathan and Ryan, your dad was always very kind to me. I can remember spending countless hours at your house as a kid, where Mr. Parrish always made me feel at home. My prayers and condolences to you and your family.*

Delmar Algee III - February 19, 2020 at 08:12 AM