



Rodney Black

May 31, 1943 - January 25, 2024

Rodney Vito Black, Jr., 80, of Milford, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Accura Healthcare Spirit Lake surrounded by his loving family.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the North Lawn Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the name of Rodney Black. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Rod was born May 31, 1943, to Rodney and Irene (Amanzio) Black in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He lost his mother at a young age but had a loving stepmother Margaret Black. He attended Fort Dodge Schools and graduated from Fort Dodge High School in 1962. After high school he attended and graduated from Mankato State University along with enlisting in the National Guard. On December 16, 1966 he was united in marriage to Theresa VanWesten. To this union two daughters were born, Susan and Patricia. The marriage was later dissolved. On March 29, 2004, Rod married Jane Rehse in Spirit Lake.

Rod was a successful restaurateur having owned several restaurants and enjoyed working in the hospitality industry. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, was an avid fisherman, hunter and lifelong follower of Fort

Dodge and Hawkeye wrestling.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Susan (Marlon) Thomas, and Patricia (Marty) Espenson; five grandsons, Jackson, Brody, Ryley, Kyle and Brady; and three great grandchildren, Hadley, Jaxtyn and Kasyn; his wife, Jane and siblings, Sandy Knudson, Jim Black, and Jennie King. He is preceded in death by his parents.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
1325 G Street NW, Suite 540
Washington DC, 20005

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

North Lawn Cemetery
2201 N 15th St
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ C&B Operations - Jackson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rodney Black.



C&B Operations - Jackson - January 30, 2024 at 10:39 AM

RH

“ Rod and I had lots of good times hunting and golfing. My sympathy to the Black Family! Rich Hoffman

Richard Hoffman - January 29, 2024 at 10:12 AM

DS

“ Dean And Susan Schoning lit a candle in memory of Rodney Black



Dean and Susan Schoning - January 28, 2024 at 07:53 PM

JW

“ Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter lit a candle in memory of Rodney Black



Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter - January 28, 2024 at 02:27 PM

DK

“ *Diana Kies lit a candle in memory of Rodney Black*



Diana Kies - January 27, 2024 at 08:13 PM

KB

“ *Kris Berning lit a candle in memory of Rodney Black*



Kris Berning - January 27, 2024 at 06:58 PM

VM

“ *Vicki & Weems Farrer, Stephanie Meadows purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Black.*



Vicki & Weems Farrer, Stephanie Meadows - January 27, 2024 at 10:32 AM