



Roderick L. "Rod" Downie

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Rod L. Downie, a resident of St. Tammany Parish for 21 years, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at his home in Abita Springs. Rod was an employee of Gulf Oil and Chevron for 25 years. In his retirement, he volunteered at the Northlake Nature Center and was a Master Gardener. One of Rod's true loves was the outdoors. He had a passion for trees, nature, and the environment. He enjoyed gardening, hiking, fishing, boating, and the Covington Farmer's Market. Rod is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ginger Downie, his two sons, Scott Downie and Michael Downie, and his three grandchildren, Alyssa Downie, Ryan Downie, and Elizabeth Downie. Rod was a loving and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Tribute Wall

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MK

Michael Gordon Knight posted:

Rod Downie is gone. I'm so very saddened to hear this. I remember him quite fondly, to say the least. During the Ramsay years, Rod was a frequent participant in our afternoon tackle football games. It was here that I earned my only macho, sports-related, nickname. Of things athletic, I was burdened with neither speed, agility, nor quick thinking, however, I soon discovered I had a pretty good granny gear. This helped me to run over, if not thru, most tacklers, including the class bully. How sweet it was. For one brief, shining moment, thanks to Roderick Laird Downie, I was "Tank". And, on the all too rare occasions our paths would cross, I'd be "Tank" again. Thanks, Rod, I hope you get this. Bydand, Michael Knight

April 12 at 3:21 PM

BS

Bo Sudderth posted:

Ginger I'm so sorry to hear about Rod. I well remember meeting him at your wedding. That was a great time in our lives. Bo Sudderth

July 13 at 11:20 AM

DH

Deborah Lindemann Haldane posted:

My deepest sympathy. My dad Tom Lindemann took us on family vacation to visit Rod and Ginger when I was a kid. Rod and my dad attended college together. Fond memories of the visit. Then Rod and Ginger were kind enough to open their home to me again during my college days so my girlfriend and I could experience Mardi Gras. Rod and the whole family made our trip memorable. Still remember the pet lizard. My mom and I send our prayers and love and wish we could be there.

June 6 at 2:59 PM

RW

Rhett Williams posted:

Ginger, so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Rod and I became good friends when we started out in Leeville in 1968. Regards Rhett & Judy Williams.

June 3 at 9:33 AM



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Robert Chambers posted:

To the family and friends of Roderick Downie, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to you for the loss of your beloved Roderick. May your days ahead be softened by memories of Roderick at their best. Unfortunately all of us suffer the pain that death brings. Even Jesus was brought to tears when his friend Lazarus died. (John 11:35). But just as he raised his dear friend from the dead, he has promised to do the same for all he wants. We too can have that hope of seeing our dead loved ones again by turning to the God who gave his Son for us. (John 3:16) He has promise to bring death and sadness to an end forever. Please read Rev 21:3-4

June 2 at 3:15 AM



Rue Mcneill posted:

My favorite memory was when Rod explained how to identify a young oak tree. Looking at a very young seedling, his response was this: " It's still young, and doesn't know what he wants to be when he grows up". I was fascinated by his take on many aspects of nature: Always fun just to walk int he woods and see it through his eyes!

May 31 at 5:17 AM



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SC

Stacie Court posted:

Uncle Rod always made me feel welcome, and I have always loved him for that. I remember him with great fondness, and am glad his struggles are over. Love, Stacie

May 28 at 7:11 AM

DA

Debbie Altman June 6 at 9:09 AM

My sympathies for your loss. Rod hired me at Gulf in Midland, Texas and he was one of the best bosses I ever had. I know he will be greatly missed.

MB

Michael Beard June 2 at 2:36 PM

I have such fond memories of Rod in Midland, Texas. He was one of the best supervisors I ever had. I always looked forward to the stories of Scott's and Michael's latest adventures. He loved his family very much. I know that he will be missed. May God comfort your family in this time of loss.

RR

Rosemary Replogle May 30 at 12:04 PM

Ginger, I am so sorry to hear of Rod's death. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Rosemary Replogle

JK

Jay Kott May 28 at 8:30 AM

Condolences to the Downie Family. Rod was many things to many people. He was a tremendous inspirator and a hard worker. He asked for the the same from others. He was an enthusiastic teacher and leader. Thank you for teaching. Jay Kott



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roderick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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