



Rodney Darrel Holden

April 11, 1953 - July 10, 2024

Rodney “Rod” Holden age 71 of Purcell, passed away on July 10, 2024 in Midwest City. Rodney Darrel Holden was born on April 11, 1953 in Knox City, Texas to C.B. Holden and Golda Montez Holden (Woods). Rod’s family eventually made their home in Ardmore, OK where he attended school and graduated with the Tiger class of 1971. While in school he was involved in numerous activities and organizations like band, drama, DeMolay, and Future Teachers of America. After high school, Rod studied at OCC, Arkansas Polytechnic College, and earned his Associates Degree in Computer Science and Business from Rose State College. He spent many years as a photographer and a photo lab technician. In 1992 he earned his Powerplant Certification and license and worked as a training engineer and land surveyor for electric power transmission lines and substations. Rod also worked for KOCB Channel 34 TV as an assistant director of promotions where he screened and edited movies and shows for the air, worked on ads, and special promotions. Rod worked at Thunder Valley in Noble, serving as a National Certified Racemaster and Tech Inspector for the track. In his later years, Rod and his mother ‘Mickey’ played Santa and Mrs. Claus. Together they offered picture opportunities for children all around the community and spread holiday cheer to those in need. Rod was passionate about conservative politics and was involved with the Oklahoma GOP and served on numerous committees and delegation over the years. Known to his church family as John Nicholas Nektarios, he was a devout member of the Holy

Ascension Orthodox Church in Norman and a man of great faith.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents C.B. Holden and Golda "Mickey" Holden.

He is survived by his children, Crystal Milo and husband Brennen of Davidson, Amber Logsdon and husband Jason of Newalla, and Alicia Clark and husband Brandon McDaniel of Midwest City. His Brother Brent Holden and wife Jaquita of Slaughterville, and his beloved grandchildren Gentry, Geremiah, Landon, Braxton, Elijah, Gabriel, Memphis, Oxton, Waylon, Brooklyn, Trinity, Ryan, Corbyn, Megan, and Greyson.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00am Monday July 15, 2024 at Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Norman, OK with burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, OK.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Ascension Orthodox Church
3350 12th Ave. NE
Norman, OK 73071

Viewing will be Friday from 9-5pm and Sunday from 1-5pm at Wilson-Little Funeral Home, Purcell

Tribute Wall

JB

“ We only knew you as Santa but we always knew you were the REAL Santa, because you had the same giving heart and you represented Christian love . We will miss you very much! From Joyce Brown, David Yost and all your friends at Stonemill

Joyce Brown - July 26, 2024 at 11:50 AM

PS

“ What a race.. I met you at Thunder Valley Raceway Park many years ago. You and Nana Mickey. You will and always have held special places in our families hearts. You fought that battle as long as you could, and when you reached that finish line God called you home. You now rest in God's house.. I know your arrival and welcome party was the best. We will miss you so much, Just a little note your Santa bears will be out every year and will remain throughout the years to come. Hug Nana for me and my Daddy and everyone up there. REST NOW...your race is finished here. 🏁🏁 And your new one has begun. Love always Pennie Suttles

Pennie Suttles - July 14, 2024 at 12:50 PM

BM

“ Hey Rod it's MOM2. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH AND MISS YOU ALREADY. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART AND PRAYERS. GOD NEW IT WAS TIME AND I'M GLAD THAT I WAS THERE BY YOURSIDE..LOVE YOU NOW AND FOREVER. BRENDA MOM XOXO..

Brenda Martin - July 14, 2024 at 12:48 PM

AL

“ Rod you will forever be in our ❤️ you didn't know a stranger 😊 fly high



Amber logsdon - July 11, 2024 at 10:35 PM