



Rodney B Danielson

December 29, 1944 - December 25, 2020

Rodney B. Danielson, age 75, of Bourbonnais, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020 at Miller Healthcare in Kankakee. He was born December 29, 1944 in Rockford, the son of C.E. Theodore and Estetta E. (Berkland) Danielson.

Rodney worked 34 years for General Mills. He held the position of chemical research engineer, maintenance engineer, project manager and principal engineer. Rodney worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Ossining, New York, and Kankakee since 1972 until his retirement.

Rodney was a graduate of Rockford West High School, Rockford and a 1967 graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He was an avid Chicago White Sox, Chicago Blackhawks, and Minnesota Viking fan.

Rodney is survived by several cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, his twin David and Phillip; and one sister, Suzanne. Per Rodney's request no public services will be held. Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be in Fairview Cemetery, Willmar, Minnesota. Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Willmar, IL

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *One of the best engineers I ever worked with.
Remember "Frugal is a Swedish word for cheap".*

Godspeed, Rod Danielson.....Godspeed.

John V. Sandbothe - May 06, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *And here I am, wondering if the retiree lunch will continue after COVID, and if I may see Rod at the diner whe I visit Kankakee the next time. I guess we'll both have to wait a while until we can chat about those darn computers again...*

I'm very sorry to hear about you loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. He will be missed, I'm sure.

Joachim Richter, Iggelheim, Germany

Joachim Richter - January 30, 2021 at 03:49 PM

BK

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Betty Kendall - January 08, 2021 at 10:38 PM

GS

“ We will miss Rodney's wit and expertise and the enjoyment we experienced when he came to visit. Loved sharing ideas with him.

Gary Swenson - December 30, 2020 at 11:47 PM

NS

“ Family of Rod:

Sorry to hear about Rod, I remember him as a fellow employee of GMI. Prayers.

Natalene Ferrari Schultz

Natalene Ferrari Schultz - December 29, 2020 at 05:00 PM

RF

“ Rodney was a faithful and trusted friend of ours for over 50 years. A friendship that began in Minneapolis and transferred to Kankakee with visits to Madison since our retirement. His computer expertise was remarkable. And I could always be assured that any computer glitch I had was of my own creation. Rod's presence at family holiday dinners was constant over the years. I will miss him. And now, an empty chair at that table . . .

Rita Foltz - December 29, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Rodney B Danielson



Tim and Connie Eaker - December 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM

TE

Rodney was a friend. Smart! Met at provenance fitness. Rodney went every morning. Talked highly Dr.Lynn. Loved reading. Great with computers.

My sympathy to family.

Tim and Connie Eaker - December 28, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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Tim and Connie Eaker - December 28, 2020 at 02:04 PM

RJ

I started working at General Mills Chemical in 1972 when Rod came there from Ossining NY he was a very smart man a good engineer someone who I respected he followed his own path applied very clever nick names to certain people and we would at times share an adult beverage after work at one of his favorite haunts The Homestead Restaurant. I was sad to hear of Rod's passing may rest in peace.

Roger Johnson - December 30, 2020 at 03:09 PM

SS

So sorry to hear of Rod's passing. I didn't realize he was that sick. We used to be the first ones at St. Mary's fitness center every morning after I recovered from my heart surgery in 2012. When St. Mary's closed, we went to Fitness Premier and usually were next to each other on the treadmills and sometimes bikes. I moved to Northwest Indiana in 2016 and had limited contact with Rod. We moved back to Bradley, IL in late June of this year but was unsuccessful in my attempts to reconnect with Rod. He always helped me when I had computer problems. He was a good friend and will be missed.

Stan Snipes - December 30, 2020 at 06:29 PM