



Rodney L. "Rod" Stewart

August 8, 1928 - October 11, 2018

Rodney L. "Rod" Stewart, 90, Kearney, died Thursday, October 11, 2018 at his home. Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m., October 16, 2018 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral chapel with Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Military rites will be provided by the United States Naval Funeral Honors Team, Kearney American Legion Post #52, and the Kearney V.F.W. Post #759. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to family to be designated later.

Rod was born August 8, 1928 to Melvin and Martha (Capron) Stewart in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He graduated from High School in Albuquerque. He enlisted in the Navy in 1951 and served during the Korean and Vietnam wars, retiring as a Captain in 1981.

Rod Stewart was a multi-faceted man who loved life. He played as hard as he worked, cried as easily as he laughed. His great booming voice entered a room before he did. He loved to make people laugh and spent his life doing so, weaving humor into every aspect of his life, even his Naval career. The Navy was both his career and his great passion, which enabled him to live all over the world. When he retired after 30 years, he turned that passion to his family, his church, various civic organizations, including Kiwanis, Sister Cities and the Navy League. He loved to sing and was a member of NewMexiChords in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the 1733 Chorus in

Kearney.

Rod is survived by his wife, Gale Stewart of Kearney; children, David Stewart of Albuquerque, NM Gayle Anderson and husband Rick of Albuquerque, NM, Kimberly Anderson and husband Kevin of Eaton, CO, Wayne Pickle and wife Juli of Kearney, Sami Stratton and husband Joe of Kearney; sister-in-law, Frances Haussemann of Las Cruces, NM; numerous grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Rod was preceded in death by his first wife Beverly (Park) Stewart, daughter Vickie Davis, grandchildren, Lizzie Stratton and Sylvan Pickle.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney L. "Rod" Stewart

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Rod was a practitioner on my panel. He was so kind, and his sense of humor put me instantly at ease.

Vicky - October 16, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Rod was a joy to be around and I'll always appreciate the times we spent together. So much love to Gail and the family.

Katherine Economou - October 16, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ I like unique people... so I loved Rod. I only had the pleasure of knowing him for the last couple of years, but within 30 seconds of meeting him, I knew he was a genuine person of the highest order. God bless him.

Mike Kelley - October 16, 2018 at 07:25 AM



“ Brother Rod, Thank you for the wonderful memories and your kindness of thought. You were all ready missed in the Kiwanis Club and Tips Club we shared. May God Bless you as you have us over these many years. Rest in peace my friend!

Jack Ferguson - October 15, 2018 at 03:07 PM

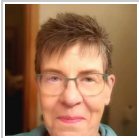
DN

“ I first met Rod in Albuquerque around 1984 (or 5)
Over the years we became good friends. Rod lived life to the fullest.
I am honored, and blessed, that we shared our friendship over 30
plus years
I will miss him deeply.

As Four star general Matthew B. Ridgeway said as he viewed Pres.
Dwight Eisenhower as he lay in state after his passing: BE THOU
AT REST ...A JOB WELL DONE.

The same can be said for Rod.

david norton - October 15, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ I will never forget Rod. He was truly one of a kind. The world is
sadder because he's no longer in it. And the Universe is laughing.

CC Coltrain - October 14, 2018 at 07:31 PM

DM

“ I will remember Rod most for his great sense of humor. He virtually
made me laugh out loud on many occasions. I remember him fondly
and my thoughts will be with you on Tuesday!!
Dianne Moody

Dianne Moody - October 14, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JS

“ We will always remember his booming voice and sense of humor!
May he Rest In Peace. Sending ❤️ And 🙏 To Gale and the family.

Jo Stasi - October 14, 2018 at 06:56 AM

WU

“ After Lizzie died, some of Rod's Tips Club buddies raised a few thousand dollars for a hospital plaque to honor her fight for life (she was introduced to the club prior to her death and won our hearts). Rod was so excited about our efforts that he seldom saw one of us without voicing (loudly) his appreciation. It would make my day.

Wayne Unze - October 13, 2018 at 11:54 PM

CB

“ To all Rod's friends and also those who snuck in when he wasn't looking!" Rod was truly one who made a difference in the lives of everyone he encountered. The world is a better place for his presence among us. He will truly be missed. Chris Baum

Chris Baum - October 13, 2018 at 04:04 PM

WE

“ I remember how proud Rod was of your church services in Rio Communities.
Sending love and lots of peace.
Wendy Kittleson

Wendy - October 13, 2018 at 12:47 PM

FL

“ Fran Lynch lit a candle in memory of Rodney L. "Rod" Stewart



Fran Lynch - October 13, 2018 at 10:05 AM