



Mr. Rodney Hooks

June 15, 1958 - March 21, 2014

Rodney's Journey:

Rodney Hooks was known by many names ... Pops, Rod, Mr. Cool, Dad, Son, Bro ... but the name that best describes him is FIGHTER. Despite every obstacle that life threw his way, Rodney fought through it, usually with a smile on his face or a joke to tell. Rodney lived his life without fear, and this fearless, fighting spirit is the legacy he leaves behind to his children and everyone he's encountered.

Rodney was born to Doris and Robert Hooks (who preceded him in death) in Detroit, MI on June 15, 1958. It is no coincidence that this day was also Father's Day. Rodney was not only an amazing father to his children, but he assumed a father-like role to many children. In fact, many can recall Rodney taking them to their first concert or wrestling match! Rodney and his younger brother Robert were known to be the life of any party, and they were also known for their insane practical jokes!

Rodney graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1976, and later attended Detroit Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a degree in Architecture. Rodney was a talented Architectural Engineer, retiring from Chrysler after complications with Multiple Sclerosis.

In addition to possessing a fighting spirit, Rodney was a fighter literally! Rodney earned a Black Belt in Karate, and was a professional kick-boxer for

many years. Some of his notable titles include 1st place battle of ATL, Grand Champion at Lots of Nickels, and 1st place at AAU Taekwondo. Rodney earned over 100 trophies during his kick-boxing career. Even after retiring from kick-boxing, Rodney maintained a very active lifestyle, running over 10 miles daily. The exercise was a necessity because Rodney was known for his giant appetite (inherited by his son, Brandon!) and the "frying pan sized" pancakes he would make for his children's breakfast! He was also known for his larger than life personality. Rodney had a passion for life, and an out of this world sense of humor. His children often reminded him of how corny his jokes were, but loved each one nonetheless.

Rodney was blessed to meet his soul mate, Debra Hooks, in high school, and they later blessed their union in holy matrimony. Rodney and Debra shared a special bond, and Rodney loved her with his entire being.

Rodney was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, but he never allowed MS to stop him from living a rich life. In order to promote a healthy lifestyle, Rodney juiced regularly, and eventually traded in his running shoes for swimming trunks. He was an amazing swimmer, and would spend nearly every day swimming at the local YMCA or community center. Rodney was the victim of a tragic hit and run accident in 1998, but once again perseverance and strength allowed him to endure. With God's grace, an amazing wife by his side, and attentive care givers, Rodney endured the unimaginable for 15 years before God called him home on March 21, 2014.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Mar. **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **29**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Saturday, Mar. **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Rodney Hooks*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I will truly miss you Rodney.*

David Wesson - April 02, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ *May the Joy of The Lord be your strength to the a Hooks family. We will lift you up here prayer, know God will carry you through. Rodney was a very nice person and impeccable smile!!!!*

Daniels Family - March 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jimmystaples sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rodney Hooks*



jimmystaples - March 28, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sandra Staples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Hooks*



sandra staples - March 27, 2014 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Rodney Hooks.*



March 25, 2014 at 12:46 PM



“ *Brian T Gilmore & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Hooks*



Brian T Gilmore & Family - March 24, 2014 at 12:36 PM