



Rodney Dean Sell

March 3, 1952 - June 20, 2018

Rodney Dean Sell was born on March 3, 1952 in Red Oak, Iowa, to Calvin and Delsie Sell. He entered Heaven on Wednesday, June 20th, 2018.

Rodney was known to always have a smile on his face. He was hardworking and loved to be around others. His favorite pastime and something he was well known for was attending car shows and owning several Hot Rods throughout his life. His hot rods were always the best looking and the cleanest in town.

In 1979 he married the love of his life, Jeri Gravito. They created a lifetime of memories together and always made each other laugh.

Rodney's proudest moment was when he became a loving father to the love of his life Ashley. They had a bond unlike most father and daughters. They enjoyed going on adventures together and laughing together throughout life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years Jeri, his daughter Ashley, his sister Judy (Stan) Pawlus, sister-in-law Nelda Sell, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his mother and father Calvin and Delsie Sell, and his older brother Gary Sell.

Rodney devoted so much of his time to the community and to helping others.

He was a member of The Knights of Columbus, Cabrillo Club, and St. Aloysius Church. He was a person anyone could call if they needed a helping hand.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, June 27th between 4pm-7pm at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel in Visalia, California. A Service, Rosary and Mass will be held the following day, Thursday, June 28th at 10:30am at St. Aloysius Church in Tulare, California. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

No. Tulare District Cemetery

4572 North J. St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 East Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Rosary

JUN 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
125 E. Pleasant Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

Funeral Mass

JUN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
125 E. Pleasant Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Dean Sell*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - June 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Rudy Cortez lit a candle in memory of Rodney Dean Sell*



Rudy Cortez - June 27, 2018 at 10:04 PM

Gary Gentry

“ *Gary Gentry lit a candle in memory of Rodney Dean Sell*



Gary Gentry - June 27, 2018 at 03:48 PM

FJ

“ *Filter Pro Kem & Javi purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Rodney Dean Sell.*



Filter Pro Kem & Javi - June 27, 2018 at 01:22 PM

JK

“ *Jamie Knox lit a candle in memory of Rodney Dean Sell*



Jamie Knox - June 27, 2018 at 01:10 PM

SB

“ *My dear friend Rodney, I will miss your beautiful smile and personality, heaven has gained the angel we had here on earth. Rest In Paradise.....Suzi Burnias*

Suzi M. Burnias - June 27, 2018 at 12:35 PM

VS

“ *Volt Workforce Solutions purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rodney Dean Sell.*



Volt Workforce Solutions - June 27, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family he will be greatly missed such a good dude we wont ever forget all the good times shared. He was a wonderful guy funny, sweet, polite and really onrey at times but a very loyal man and good friend of ours. he will be truely missed by all. untill we meet again someday Rodney Your friends always,
Mark&Lori Pacheco and Judy Knox, Sabad.

Lori Pacheco - June 25, 2018 at 11:46 PM

CB

“ I have called my buddy Rodney Sell "Hot Rod " for over 30 years . The nick name was appropriate because of his love of cars , especially hot rods ! I have known Rodney since we were teenagers. We always got along really good and enjoyed each others company . He is one of the nicest people that I have ever known , always happy and it showed in his big smile . We had a lot of fun together especially when we were neighbors for around 15 years . Hot Rod was always up for a party . He didn't need a specific reason to "celebrate" , any reason was good enough for him . I never once heard him say a bad word about anyone . That says a lot about his good character because he knew almost everybody in town. I always knew when he was having a good time because when he was happy I would see him rub his left arm with his right hand . I never told him of my observation because it made me feel good every time that I would see him do it. Everyone should have a friend like Hot Rod at least once in their lifetime. I feel blessed to have had him in my life. I'm old enough now that I can tell a friend that I love him , without feeling weird about telling another guy that I love him . The macho BS stops for most guys at some point in their life. Well Hot Rod , I love you and I will never forget the good times that we had together ! I miss him so much already , and I am looking forward to the ultimate " celebration" with him when my time comes to leave this earth. Enjoy life everyone because Hot Rod's sudden death should make us all realize how things can change in an instant ! I hope that God figures out a way to comfort all of his family and friends during this difficult time . Chris Beck

CHRIS BECK - June 25, 2018 at 04:35 PM

MT

“ *Mary Trine-Litke lit a candle in memory of Rodney Dean Sell*



Mary Trine-Litke - June 25, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *Lewis Bowline lit a candle in memory of Rodney Dean Sell*



Lewis Bowline - June 24, 2018 at 12:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Dean Sell.*



June 23, 2018 at 10:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Dean Sell.*



June 22, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Dean Sell.*



June 22, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Dean Sell.*



June 22, 2018 at 02:07 PM