



Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr.

April 17, 1947 - February 27, 2022

Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr. passed away with his family by his side on February 27, 2022, at the age of 74. Rod was born on April 17, 1947, in Durant, Oklahoma to the late Roddie Melton and Bertie Mae (Cravey) McLaren Sr.

Rod attended Southeast High School in Oklahoma City. He dropped out to join the United States Marine Corp. He proudly served his country that he deeply loved, from 1967-1968 during the Vietnam Conflict as a Corporal in Alpha Co. 1st Battalion 1st Marine. He fought in Con Thien twice, Hue City during tet of 68 and Ke Sahan. He earned his GED while in the Marine Corp and after his Honorable Discharge he graduated from Rose State College and Central State College with his bachelor's degree in accounting. He married his high school sweetheart Sherry Lee Manney on March 30, 1979, in Oklahoma City and they were blessed with two daughters, Crystal and Monica. He owned and operated the McLaren Agency as an insurance agent for many years and received several awards for selling insurance and was a real estate broker, owned rent houses and operated McLaren Family Farms as a cattle rancher. He was a member of St. John Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason as was his father, I.O.O.F. and was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He enjoyed traveling, hunting, and fishing, going to the lake and boating. Rod was an amazing cook, a scotch connoisseur, and a member of the Clan MacLaren.

Rod is preceded in death by his parents; sisters Betty Bradley and Ruth Ellen Rude; uncle "Slick" Daniel; aunt Natalie Daniel; cousin Harold Daniel and best friends Fred Garrison and Mel Cook.

Loved ones left to continue his amazing legacy are his wife of 43 years Sherry McLaren of the home; daughters Crystal Lee McLaren and husband Dan Bonnell of Cosmopolis, WA and Buena Vista, Mexico and Dr. Monica Mae Woodall and husband Lee of Calera, OK; granddaughter Meagan Kovash and husband Duncan and their children Presley, Parker and Gabriel of Calera, OK; granddaughter Michaela Hise and husband Cameron of Wheeling, IL; beloved dog Motley and cats Sunshine and Sealee; brother in law Weldon Manney and partner Glenda Majors of Colorado; cousin Curtis Daniel and wife Juanita of

Durant; numerous nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

Services to celebrate Rod's life will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Rev. James Blagg and Rev Jacob Toews will officiate. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6-8 PM. Honorary pallbearers will be Lee Woodall, Trey Daniel, Joe Bradley, Joseph Al-Khateib, Ricky McCarty, Dan Bonnell, Danny Manney, Jeremy Manney and Frank Hayes. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Rod's name to the Masons or St. John Episcopal Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/669CFN9JT762ZSLZ>

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Chapel Service

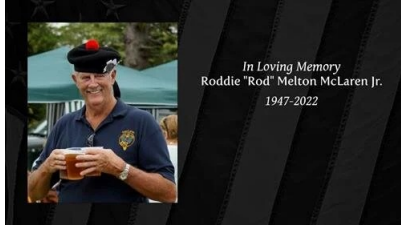
MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr.*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - March 03, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ *Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr.*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Sherry and family, i heard this morning of Rod's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Rod and I had so many good memories full of laughs and fun stories. I looked forward to seeing the both of you on our company trips each year. NEVER a dull moment when we were together. Rod was always looking for his next "adventure", he certainly took me on a few. I will miss our catch up phone calls and I will miss Rod. RIP my friend.*

Larry Stoa - April 19, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sherry, The Daily Oklahoman has notified Roger and I about Rod's death. Rod came into our life shortly after we moved from Ogden Utah and enjoyed his friendship as our insurance agent and friend from that day in 1982. Like many, We always looked forward to your Christmas cards. Our prayers are with you and family!*

Roger and Julie Stephens - March 04, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *ACOFB Board & Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr..*



ACOFB Board & Staff - March 04, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr..*



March 04, 2022 at 09:00 AM

KP

“ *Sherry,
This is Ken Plumlee. I was so very sorry to hear about Roddie's passing. I often thought about him and have shared many stories of our childhood with my wife. Of all my friends, Roddie was always my Dad's favorite. I think it was because they were very much alike. I always drive through the old neighborhood when I am in OKC and remember all the wonderful neighbors we had. We live in San Antonio and cant make the funeral but will be thinking about you and the family.*

Ken Plumlee - March 03, 2022 at 03:38 PM

HF

“ *Hardy Farms purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr..*



Hardy Farms - March 03, 2022 at 11:07 AM

MI

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mik - March 02, 2022 at 06:49 AM

MR

“ *We miss you with all our heart and all our soul. Rest in peace, a life full of wonderful moments and people will be, what everyone remembers reminiscing about you. So sorry for your loss Sherry. Prayers for family!*

Mik & Helga Ruetger - March 02, 2022 at 06:43 AM



Crystal Bonnell

He had so much fun when you were here. So glad you were able to make wonderful memories together. Thank you for the kind words... Crystal

Crystal Bonnell - March 03, 2022 at 12:31 AM

RW

“ *So sorry for your loss Sherry. .Prayers for family for strength and comfort To get through all this sorrow.*

Richard & EJ Woodard - March 01, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DW

“ *David & Kimberly Woodall purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr..*



David & Kimberly Woodall - March 01, 2022 at 10:23 AM

RY

“ *I'm very sorry to learn of Roddie's death. We went to grade school together at Lafayette in Oklahoma City and to junior high and high school together at Southeast, OKC. In looking at the attached picture, I see the same smile he always had. I especially remember him in 5th grade, Mrs. Clark's class. I won't say he was the class clown, but he always kept us laughing. I can see that sly smile from those days right now.*

Sherry was a fellow classmate and later was our band queen at Southeast. She lived on 47th Street and I lived on 46th Street, both near Lafayette. I have fond memories of our days as children and teens.

God bless the memory of Roddie. Sherry, I'm thinking of you today and remembering you in my prayers.

*Roy B. Young
Class of 1965*

Roy B. Young - March 01, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr..*



February 28, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Sure gonna miss answering the phone and hearing “this is daddy” Always made me smile.*

Temple Carnes - February 28, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roddie "Rod" Melton McLaren Jr..*



February 28, 2022 at 06:27 PM