



Rodney Stuart Graf

November 5, 1949 - November 20, 2024

Rodney Stuart Graf was born on November 5, 1949 in Omaha, Nebraska to Carol “Dutch” and Marjorie (Bohlen) Graf. He grew up in Waterloo, graduated from Waterloo High School in 1968 and went on to attend Wayne State College. Growing up, Rod was active in sports, playing football and basketball, running for track, and throwing shot put.

On February 1, 1986 Rodney and Penny Nath were united in marriage at Rod’s family home in Waterloo. Rod and Penny raised three children together, Jennifer, Brandon, and Todd. Rod’s marriage to Penny, the birth of his children, and becoming a grandparent were the proudest moments in his life.

For many years, Rod worked as a truck driver for Robinson Seed Company. Even when Rod wasn’t working, he liked to keep busy; sometimes this was with his own interests, but often it was in the form of helping others. Rod was selfless, and everyone knew they could depend on him, and he was well known and appreciated for mowing other peoples’ yards. Rod didn’t like to see people being lazy or wasteful in any way.

Every day, Rod took a trip to Walmart, and he also made good use of his Sam’s membership. He enjoyed gardening, and while he wasn’t a huge fan of flowers, he did appreciate the sight of sweet corn growing. He watched a lot of country westerns with Gunsmoke being his favorite, and enjoyed Gone with

the Wind and The Wizard of Oz. He also liked cheering for the Huskers. He was a music lover who listened to all types of music, especially enjoying classic rock and country. Rod had a big, sweet tooth enjoying all candies and desserts, and liked to go to Runza for a hamburger and Coke.

Rod had a good sense of humor and was often heard asking, "What's on Your Shirt?" or saying, "Pull My Finger!" There were some traditions that Rod was sure to follow every year; he always sent his children a Valentine's gift, and every Christmas he watched A Christmas Story. When his children were little, he would hum "Over the Rainbow" to them as they fell asleep. Rod was a good man and provider to his family; he was sentimental, authentic, and inviting. He always took care of others and did it with a smile on his face. He was incredibly loving and truly enjoyed any time he was able to spend with his family.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, Carol & Marjorie Graf and brother, John Graf. He is survived by his wife, Penny Graf; children: Jennifer (Tim) Hmay, Brandon Graf, and Todd Graf (Amira Rojas); grandchildren, Brooklyn Hmay and Quinn Hmay; and siblings: Janet Greer, Stan Graf, and Denise (Jack) Lasiter.

VISITATION: 5-8 PM Tuesday, November 26th at Reichmuth Funeral Home.
MEMORIAL SERVICE: 11 AM Wednesday, November 27th at Reichmuth Funeral Home. INURNMENT: Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rodney Stuart Graf*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - November 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SB

*We are so sorry to hear of Rod's passing! I was in his HS graduating class. Rod was such a kind easy going guy! Our condolences!
Marty & Sandy (Robinson) Blount*

Sandra Blount - November 28, 2024 at 10:19 AM

JV

I will miss his great sense of humor and laugh. Had a lot of great memories many years ago but will stay with me forever. May God rest your heart

Joni Vencil - November 28, 2024 at 04:24 PM

NG

“ *Good Lovin: <https://youtu.be/WB1erm6yMw4?si=ziFlek65AUvLecP9>*

Nora Greer - November 27, 2024 at 12:27 AM

NG

“ Uncle Rod, Thanks for being an amazing uncle to me! I cherish our memories of bike rides, fishing, canoe trips, amusement parks, singing, and laughing. Every time I hear the song “Good Lovin” I think of you.



Nora Greer - November 27, 2024 at 12:23 AM

FF

“ From the Ueckert family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rodney Stuart Graf.



From the Ueckert family - November 26, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Stuart Graf.



November 23, 2024 at 01:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Stuart Graf.

November 23, 2024 at 01:27 AM

TG

“ Rod, it's been a pleasure being your friend since we were kids, young men and since we became the old men. I could tell all kinds of stories of the things we did when we were young men, but most people would think it came out of a movie! But we lived it and lived through it, You and Luke and Uke have one on me! RIP until we meet again. Pals forever

Tom Geiser - November 22, 2024 at 10:46 PM

RS

I am so sorry to hear about Rod's passing. We both worked for the Robinson family and he was a faithful employee and a just plain great guy. I extend my sympathy to all of his family.

Rolen Sell - November 25, 2024 at 09:50 AM

CU

May you have eternal happiness Rod. You made life better for those who knew and worked with you. God Bless. Colonel Bill Clark.

Colonel (ret) Bill Clark USAF. - November 27, 2024 at 09:41 AM

DC

Rod was the kindest, most gentle man. Always a smile and never a negative word about anyone. You are going to be missed by all.

Debra Chard - November 27, 2024 at 02:10 PM

FR

“ From The Richard's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Stuart Graf.

From The Richard's - November 22, 2024 at 09:38 PM

FR

“ From The Richard’s purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rodney Stuart Graf.



From The Richard’s - November 22, 2024 at 09:38 PM

EG

“ Thanks for being my Uncle! In many ways, I attempt to emulate you Rodney! Enjoyed jumping on you on Grandma’s couch when I was little. Will be fun to see you and Uncle John, Grandma, and Grandpa when I reach heaven. When I get there, we can laugh a lil more about Homer sleeping with his cigar in his mouth. Thanks for trusting me!

Edward Greer - November 22, 2024 at 08:57 PM

JA

“ I love you, Rod. Can the Wagon Train go on without you? I’ll keep track of the offensive line for you! Janet

Janet - November 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JA

“ Janet lit a candle in memory of Rodney Stuart Graf



Janet - November 22, 2024 at 08:16 PM

LS

“ Rest in peace, and may you find all the joys Heaven has to offer. Prayers for the family and friends still on Earth, for living without you leaves a void in their hearts. May they rejoice in the memories and love you left them with.



Lacey Smollen - November 22, 2024 at 04:52 PM

SN

“ Rod,
You were always such a bright happy soul! Your warmth and kindness to me over the years is something I still treasure. The world is dimmer without you. Thank you for always remembering the little things. Rest peacefully you absolute king.

Sarah Norwood - November 22, 2024 at 04:52 PM