



Rodney R. Ratcliff

January 8, 1944 - October 24, 2024

Rodney R Ratcliff, 80, of Marengo, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Northwestern Hospital in Huntley.

Rodney was born January 8, 1944, in Belvidere, Illinois to Rudy and Mable (McKee) Ratcliff. He is survived by his sister Darlene (Ratcliff) and Joseph Frink of Plainfield, and his brothers John Ratcliff of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and Roger Ratcliff and Donna Young of Canon City, Colorado. Nieces and Nephews: Brian Frink, Jodie Frink, Jamie Dorsey, Liam Frink, Jonathan Frink, Peggy Markworth, Rebecca Ratcliff, Jackson Ratcliff, Jennifer Ratcliff, David Ratcliff, Jason Ratcliff, and Jessica Ratcliff and numerous great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Rodney also leaves behind his pet cat, Beatrice.

Preceding Rodney in death are his parents, sister-in-law, MaryAnne Ratcliff, and good friend, Karen Diamond.

Rodney was born and raised in Marengo, Illinois. He went to Morningside College and received a bachelor of science degree. Rodney went to New York City after serving in the army and was a social worker. After his father died, Rodney moved back to Marengo to help take care of his mother, working various jobs. Rodney was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Marengo. He loved his family and his faith family.

he family of Rodney Ratcliff would like to thank everyone who helped provide loving care to him during his time of need.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Marengo.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at First Presbyterian Church, 203 W. Washington St, Marengo, from 10:00 to 11:00 with services following. Inurnment of ashes with Military Honors will follow in the Marengo City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Marengo City Cemetery

101 N East Street
Marengo, IL 60152

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
203 West Washington Street
Marengo, IL 60152

Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rodney was my best friend
We were Vista volunteers in East Harlem. After both of us were in the Army we worked for social services in Harlem and were roommates in Vista in East Harlem and later in Manhattan.
I had not seen Rodney in many years but we spoke often at least monthly.
Rodney was a kind man and a good friend. He even let me borrow his car to visit friends in Montreal with my fiance. About 40 years ago we visited him and his Mom in Marengo. He took great pride in his services to his church. I will always miss our talks together.

Christopher Stone - November 23, 2024 at 10:11 AM

PW

“ I grew up with Rodney as the Ratcliff's next-door neighbor on N. Ann St. in Marengo. I have priceless memories of camping trips with him and Rich Rahn on the Kishwaukee River, hours playing Monopoly, summer visits to the Ratcliff's cottage in Twin Lakes and unsuccessfully trying to get Rodney's dog, Toby, to pull us on a sled. The years saw us grow apart, but Rodney will always be a big part of my life. Rest in peace, old friend.

Phil Wesson

Phil Wesson - November 07, 2024 at 11:10 AM

JD

Phil, That was beautiful. Thank you for sharing. Jamie Dorsey.

jamie Dorsey - November 23, 2024 at 06:25 AM