



## Mr. Rodney Earl Burdick

August 29, 1939 - April 13, 2016

Rodney Earl Burdick returned to our Heavenly Father on April 13th, 2016. A memorial service will be held in his honor on Saturday, April 16th, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2801 Eldorado Parkway, McKinney, TX 75070. Rodney was born August 29th, 1939, in Richmond, Rhode Island, to Donald and Helen Burdick. He was a man of many talents. He was a mainframe programmer and systems analyst for 30 years with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He was a genealogist, an award-winning quilter, an author, an accountant, a newspaper carrier, a race car driver, a mechanic, a dairy farmer, a bowler, a college professor, a slumlord, a world traveler, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a High Priest of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a husband, a father, a grandfather. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Dorothy of Sanger, TX; his sisters Clessene Heil of Chandler, AZ, and Barbara Kirtland of Lubbock, TX; his children, Earl Burdick of McKinney, TX, Pamela Welch of Frisco, TX, Lot Burdick of McKinney, TX, Rebecca Senkel of Syracuse, UT, Adam Burdick of Grand Prairie, TX, and Sondra Sanders of Vernal, UT; his step-children Dustin Baker of Centurion, South Africa and Amanda Swinburne of Waterfalls, South Africa; his grandchildren Kevin, Amanda, Eddie, Eric, Anastasia, Veronica, Alyssa, Kiara, Haley, Simon, Piper, Asher, Emily, Eden, Mallory, Sheldon Layne, Regan, Allison, Julieann, Wesley, Jessica, and Jordan; and countless in-laws, friends, associates, and extended family. Arrangements under the direction of Denton Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left for the

family at [www.dentonfuneralhome.net](http://www.dentonfuneralhome.net).

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2801 Eldorado Pkwy  
McKinney, TX 75070  
(972) 548-1661

# Tribute Wall

FM

“ I worked with Rodney for 18 years at Aafes. He was a joy to work with and always appeared to be up to something fun. Rodney always had a happy smile and a willing helping hand for everyone. He truly was a caring individual. The video prepared by his Family was definitely a tribute to a wonderful family man. Rest in Peace Rodney.



*Fran McMahan*

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**Fran McMahan** - August 27, 2016 at 03:37 PM

RM

“ Just found this. Worked with Rodney at Aafes from 1990 till he retired in 99. Was a good guy and his code is still running. Pocket protector. 👍

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**robert maier** - August 27, 2016 at 01:41 AM



“ We laid my father's ashes to rest in the First Hopkinton Cemetery in Ashaway Rhode Island yesterday. He is and will be sorely missed. He is now home with his ancestors. May your body rest in peace as your spirit rejoices above.

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**Lot Burdick** - June 22, 2016 at 09:30 AM

  
Pamela  
Welch

“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



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**Pamela Welch** - April 20, 2016 at 10:01 PM

BA

*Thank you for the memories.....*

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**Barbara** - April 21, 2016 at 02:42 PM

SK

*This is a reminder how quickly life is and the blessings we have with in .....Amen..... Rest in peace uncle Rodney*

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**Stephen Earl kirtland** - April 22, 2016 at 06:25 AM

DK

*He was my favorite uncle hands down. I loved talking to him. He never looked down on me even though I got in trouble instead he would point out all the good. I wanted to go see him however I waited too long. Rest in Peace Uncle Rodney.  
Donny Kirtland, nephew*

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**Donald Kirtland** - April 23, 2016 at 10:09 PM

  
Pamela  
Welch

*One of my favorite pictures in this slideshow is the mugshot. Aunt Barbara, I would love to hear your version of the events that led to that! I'm really missing my Dad.*

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**Pamela Welch** - May 01, 2016 at 02:48 PM

BK

“ So many memories of our childhood and youth flood back as we remember my brother Rodney. I remember building stilts and walking around our house hour after hour to see who went the longest without falling off. I remember walking to the swimming hold when we lived on the mountain and swimming until dark. I loved his dry sense of humor and watching people who met him for the first time trying to figure out was he serious or joking. There is so many things that we shared and I will miss him. I am so happy that he and Dorothy came to spend a week with me not to long ago. My youngest son and I was planning on going to visit them when he got back in town. May the Lord wrap his arms around his wife and children and bring them peace knowing he is in a better place and is feeling no more pain or ill health.

*Barbara Kirtland, sister*

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**Barbara Kirtland** - April 19, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Rodney's passing. I met Rodney many years ago when he lived in Grand Prairie. James Ringstaff, his Wife, and Rodney and I carpoled to AAFES. Got to know Rodney pretty well. He was a man of opinions and I always appreciated our morning and afternoon talks. He was a wise counsel and had a very distinct sense of humor! I am sorry I lost touch with him but it wonderful to be reminded of him and all the great things he did for people. Me included. Thanks for the memories Rodney. Rest in peace.

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**Donna Ahman** - April 16, 2016 at 11:11 AM

JR

“ Thank You Rodney for being my Friend and allowing me to know your Family (PEARLS).  
You were one of the most Honorable Men I have known.

GOD rest your Soul

James Ringstaff and Family

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James Ringstaff - April 16, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ I knew Rodney for many, many years. Rodney Burdick was a true friend. We did a lot of things together including stirring trouble up for the AAFES management when we thought there was something going on that was not right. One of these events led to both Rodney, Charlie Cohn and me getting promoted to grade 13 all at the same time. :-). So glad I had Rodney as a friend, especially in time like those as he gave me the courage and confidence to stand with him and fight for what we thought was just. I'm sure AAFES management missed both of us when we finally retired. Rodney and I had many similar interests. We even went together and bought an old duplex off of the City of Dallas demolition list and proceeded to rehab it in what little spare time we had after a days work at AAFES. Earl finally ended up with the property and rented it out for a few years. Another thing we did was to force AAFES into selling it's surplus computers at a open bid auction... We along with James Ringstaff were the high bidders. The three of us then proceeded to haul all the junk off and build ourselves desktop PCs out of it for the three of us and some left over for our own families. Those were the fun time! I'll always remember my dear friend Rodney. May God be with all of you and comfort you. I know you will miss him, we will too. Don and Judi Young

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Don Young - April 16, 2016 at 01:53 AM

LM

“ We knew Rodney when we lived in Dallas and my husband was bishop of Dallas 2nd Ward. He and his first wife, Jill were some of our best friends. We did a lot together and will always remember him as a kind, gentle man. Our hearts go out to you and your family. We know he will be missed. Knowing what we know about the gospel of Jesus Christ is a comfort at this time, I know. Rest in peace, dear friend!

*Lee & Barbara McCann*

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**Lee & Barbara McCann** - April 15, 2016 at 09:11 PM

CG

“ My condolences to the entire Burdick family. I had the pleasure of knowing Rodney while at AAFES. A true gentleman. May he rest in peace and rise in glory ...

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**Chris Gehringer** - April 15, 2016 at 07:18 PM

LM

“ All day long the silly song "The Cat Came Back" has been running through my mind. I have been picturing Rodney around the campfire at one of our family reunions singing that song with his children.

*I have also thought today about how Rodney was a blessing to me and to my parents when I was very young and hospitalized because of a cat bite to my hand. There was talk of amputating my hand because of the infection. Rodney helped to pay the bill for me to have surgery to try to save my hand instead of amputating it. That was a very big blessing to me in my life that I will forever be grateful for.*

*Rodney was not one that enjoyed physical contact such as a hug, but he did show love in other ways such as acts of service. He helped to compile a book to show respect and honor to my father.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Burdick family at this time. We are sorry for your loss, but know that Rodney is in a better place now, and is free from all the problems that his body has given him the past few years. Know that we love you.*

*Lottie Montgomery*

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**Lottie Montgomery** - April 15, 2016 at 12:46 AM

DC

“ So sorry to learn of Rodney's passing. I had the pleasure to work with him at AAFES. He was a hard worker and a joy to be around. God bless Rodney and his family--  
*It is my belief he is in the most wonderful new place imaginable*

*Love  
Dan & Mary Cawthon*

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**dan cawthon** - April 14, 2016 at 11:37 PM

JH

“ To Dorothy and all of Rodney's family, We send our sympathies and love. It was a special honor to know such an honorable man with so many talents. Because of his great enthusiasm and zest for life, we know you will miss the sweet gift he was to you all. Al & Judy Hardin, Lubbock, Texas

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**J Hardin** - April 14, 2016 at 11:29 PM

JM

“ My love and prayers to Earl, Lot and their families. May your families draw closer at this time. You are to of the best gifts your father could have ever had.

Love,  
Julie Matteson

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**Julie Matteson** - April 14, 2016 at 11:16 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Rodney Earl Burdick.



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April 14, 2016 at 10:38 PM

NA

“ My memories of Rodney Earl Burdick will always be summed in this way, "He was one of a kind." Rest in peace, Rod.

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**Nanceene Burk Ainsworth** - April 14, 2016 at 08:45 PM

CH

“ I will always the fun times we had growing up I am very proud of the job he did with his children I am sorry I can not be with you however I just had major surgery and just got out of the hospital my prayers are with you

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**clessene heil** - April 14, 2016 at 07:26 PM

LL

“ Love Don and Lauralee Lester purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Rodney Earl Burdick.



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**Love Don and Lauralee Lester** - April 14, 2016 at 05:58 PM