



Rodney J. Danielson

December 15, 1936 - June 9, 2023

Rodney John Danielson age 86 of Newberry, Florida formerly of Ludington passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023. Rod was born on December 15, 1936 in Ludington, the son of Vern and Martha (Magnuson) Danielson, was raised in Scottville on the family farm alongside his big brother Eugene, and served his country as a member of the United States Army Special Forces. Upon his discharge from service, he returned to Mason County and taught welding and small engine repair at the newly started West Shore Community College where he was a well respected instructor and inspired many students.

Rod had a passion for scuba diving and enjoyed owning his own dive shop where he could share his love of diving as an instructor. He also loved to spend time salmon fishing on the Great Lakes, gardening, and as a great mechanic – enjoyed building and fixing just about anything. He truly was a “Rod of all trades!”

Rod was a man of strong Christian faith who sought ways to serve the Lord and was a current member of Forest Grove Baptist Church in Florida. He was a kind, loving, gentle soul who found great joy in the presence of his family and friends.

Rod will be greatly missed by his wife Shirley Gunter, his son Russell Danielson, his daughter Stephanie Danielson, his three grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren, and a host of wonderful friends made over his lifetime. He was preceded in death by his parents Vern and Martha, and his brother Eugene.

Graveside services with Honor Guard ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 14 at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Cemetery

800 N. Lakeshore Drive
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rodney worked for my dad, the local veterinarian in Mason County, Michigan. (Dr. Dornbos) He became a family friend. I was very young, maybe 4 years old, when I decided I would marry him. Somewhere there is an adorable black and white photo of me standing next to him. He did marry closer to his age group, so I had to move on. I do remember Russ and Stephanie as beautiful kids, and I'm sure they lived up to that image.

Rodney had that twinkle in his eye and those dimples that won many hearts. He was a person of passion for life and I treasure those long ago memories of seeing him smile. Thanks for letting me share!

Sally Dornbos-Grimm

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