



Rodney Young

October 11, 1945 - February 2, 2021

Rodney Young, age 75, of Savanna, Illinois, formerly of Houston, Texas, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa. A visitation will be held 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and a prayer service at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 8, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Assumption Catholic Church, Houston. Burial will take place in Resthaven Cemetery, Houston. Donations can be made to the Dominican Sisters of Houston Sacred Heart Convent, 6501 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77021 in Rodney's memory.

You may watch Rodney's service on Facebook Live by visiting this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/537879193828583>

Rodney was born October 11, 1945, in Houston, Texas, the son of Bonner B. and Pearl Victoria Majefski-Young. He is a 1963 graduate of the St. Pius X High School in Houston and studied at DePaul University, Houston. Rodney and Eli met on December 7, 1985 in Chicago, Illinois. On November 29, 1986, Rodney married the love of his life Eli Burick III in Rockford, Illinois. They celebrated 33 years together until Eli's passing in 2018.

Rodney retired after 20 years as a Sales Manager at Navistar in Chicago and in 2013, Rodney and Eli purchased their dream home, the Captain Cooley House in Savanna, which was built in 1858, Rodney was very passionate about restoring the property. He had such a great sense of humor, and was a kind, loving, generous man to all that knew him. Rodney loved gardening, playing with his dogs Rosie and Dorothy and finding antique treasures. He had a sweet tooth and often could be found picking up brownies, cookies, or cinnamon rolls from one of his favorite cafes. He enjoyed talking with friends, always enriching the conversation. Rodney was a member of the Second Order Dominicans, Assumption Catholic Church in Houston, and was also a member of the Savanna Historical Society.

Rodney is survived by his daughter Rachel (Pat) Burick Clausen of Houston; two grandchildren, Christopher and Sarah Clausen of Houston; two sisters-in-law, Kathy Burick-Sink and

d Jody Burick-Stieg, both of Rockford; Nephew Mike Sink of Rockford, Niece Tisha M. Campbell McCain (Michael), Nephew Matthew B. Bannasch, several nieces, nephews and great nephews, and special long-time friends Tom Hoyum and Elaine Frick.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Law Jones Funeral Home - Savanna
309 Chicago Ave., Savanna, IL, US, 61074

Comments



“ Eric Dahlman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Young



Eric Dahlman - February 11 at 09:35 AM



“ Correction to Funeral service in Houston... Mass will begin at 10:00am.

Tisha McCain - February 09 at 03:36 PM



“ Sorry I had to miss the visitation. Rodney and Eli were wonderful supporters of the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center! I recall meeting them at their home to ask if the Museum might have a tour of their beautiful home when we were having a historical event. They were so gracious, opening their home and were wonderful, informative tour guides. Both of them are missed. Later, I had some interesting conversations with Rodney, always so well informed and pleasant. RIP Friend.....

Jean Ferris - February 08 at 03:22 PM



“ Eli and Rodney sat with me at a Historical Society dinner years ago. When they found out I played tennis with the former owner of their home, they had a thousand questions. I told them houses built out of quarry stone, with a cupola, and on a hill overlooking the river were usually built by paddle wheel captains. This raised their eye brows! With only the one night, I cannot speak to hardly anything Eli and Rodney. I can say they absolutely loved their Savanna home on the hill and enjoyed being Savanna citizens.

Randy Bonjour

Randall Glenn Bonjour - February 07 at 04:25 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I enjoyed Rodney and Eli when I waited on them at some of the restaurants in the area. They were both so kind and fun. God be with them.
Karen Wallace

Karen Wallace - February 07 at 06:48 AM



“ Donna and I will miss you as will all who knew you. A true gentleman, a fair and calm man with a loving heart, unhesitant in giving a helping hand, a true friend and good neighbor.

Chris Gral

Chris Gral - February 07 at 06:10 AM



“ In October 2018, when Eli passed away, Rodney wrote:

“Since the day I first realized I was in love with Eli, not a day has gone by that I have not thanked God for the gift of Eli. I may cry a million tears, I may feel I cannot go on without Eli. If I had I the opportunity to wipe him from my mind and thus the pain of loosing him I would not.

“No pain can ever be as great as the love and happiness he has given me these 33 years.

“Good night My sweet prince.”

On February 2, 2021, Rodney passed away and rejoined Eli.

Rodney and Eli were very different people. Eli was an artist in all he did. Rodney was in a corporate world of numbers. He loved his family and friends and loved to tell stories about them. He appreciated the love and caring of Kathy and Mike Sink.

When Rodney fell in love with Eli, Rodney learned to love art, antiques, history, and restoring their home in Savanna. They both loved doing these things together.

We are sad that Rodney has gone.

We rejoice that Rodney has returned to his sweet prince Eli.

God bless Rodney and Eli.

Love, Tom Hoyum

Sent from my iPhone

Tom Hoyum - February 06 at 10:35 PM