



Rodney Darling Jr

December 25, 1938 - October 27, 2019

Our beloved husband and father, Rodney McLean Darling Jr. of Sarasota,FL formerly from Braintree,MA passed peacefully at home at age 80. He was surrounded by his loving wife and children as earned his wings after a long battle with ALS.

Son of the late Rodney McLean Darling Sr.and Effie Darling both from Braintree, he is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 22 years,Maria Darling of Sarasota,FL,daughters Deborah Jean Darling Daytona Beach Shores, FL, Denise Darling Rendell Wilbur by the Sea FL,predeceased son Rodney McLean Darling III of Bridgewater MA,daughter Shiomarry Soriano Venice FL son Shane Soriano Ft Bragg NC. His beloved cousins Eunice Goodhue and Jean Gorham of Ma. as well as 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and his cat, Winnie whom he adored.

Rodney served in the US Army as an aviation crew chief then went on to construction and development in Cape Cod and the Islands in MA. He settled in Hawaii for 30 years, married Maria and moved to Sarasota,Fl.

He was passionate about exercise and living a healthy lifestyle. he was a man of great faith and studied many religions, lived for a brief time in Unity Villiage in Missouri, attended Unity Churches around the world and studied at Harvard School of Divinity. He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

He will be sadly missed but forever in our hearts and "The wind beneath our wings"

A celebration of life gathering will be held at Park East Club clubhouse on 10/31/2019 from 9-11 AM at the clubhouse 8333 S. Tamiami rail, Sarasota

As he wished, his cremated remains will be laid to rest with his parents and grandparents at a future date at Mt.Wallaston cemetery in Quincy, MA

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Association at als.org

Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences to all who loved Rod, or whose lives were touched by his in some way. He was a true and good friend and neighbor to my husband Paul and myself for a number of years in Sarasota. The three of us had answers for many of our world's problems, all you needed to do was ask. He philosophized with us and we talked about everything under the sun. We often agreed to disagree but not very often. He will be missed very much, but he did leave us with his sweet wife, Maria, who is always a joy. With Love, Betty Daly

Betty A Daly - November 04, 2019 at 02:11 PM



Beautiful ❤️

Denise Rendell - November 06, 2019 at 07:44 AM

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*Dear Maria, Denise and Debbie: My heart goes out to all of you for your loss. Rod was a wonderful man and a dear friend. He will truly be missed by many people, especially the three of you and Winny! Take one day at a time, pray and cherish the memories as I know he would want you to.
God Bless,
Anna*

Anna Miller - November 06, 2019 at 01:17 PM

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When someone dies that I know, I ask myself whether or not I will miss them. I will miss Rod.

Steve Kennedy

Stephen Kennedy - November 10, 2019 at 12:02 PM