



Rodney Ray Pitcher

December 31, 1949 - September 9, 2022

Rodney Ray Pitcher returned to his Heavenly Father and into the arms of his oldest son Bradley on September 9, 2022.

Rodney was born on December 31, 1949, to Weldon “Whitey” and L. Merlynn Pitcher of Smithfield, Utah. His mother always told him he was the best New Year’s gift. He liked to tell people that he was the last of the 49ers.

Rodney was raised as the oldest of six children and always loved to be with his siblings. He would do his sisters’ hair growing up, which was great training for the four daughters he would later have. He was a master teaser and never missed an opportunity to do so. He spent a lot of time in the garden or working on the farm. He learned a love of gardening from his father and a love of cooking and flowers from his mother.

Rodney met the love of his life, Carol Rae Golding, at a wedding and was married on February 9, 1973, in the Logan, Utah temple. Together, they welcomed six children into their family, two sons and four daughters. They began their family in Cache Valley and later moved to Provo for a work opportunity. He worked most of his life at Metz Baking Company (SaraLee) as a delivery driver. His favorite job was his last one, where he served in the laundry room at the Provo City Center Temple.

Rodney had many talents and hobbies, which included gardening, dancing, singing, knitting, and theatre arts. His favorite thing to do is share his talents and hobbies with his children and grandchildren, who were at the top of his list of things he loved most.

Rodney was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Over the years, he held many callings. He raised his children with a love of the savior.

Rodney was preceded in death by his son Bradley Duane, his mother and father, brother Bradley, mother and father-in-law, and many other family members. He is survived by his loving wife Carol Pitcher, son Jared Pitcher, daughters CaraDee (Danny) Bird, Autumn (Nathan) Huffaker, Jessica (Robert) Curtis, and Mackenzie (Spencer) Pranger. His fourteen grandchildren Melaya, Cameron, KayLee, Spencer, Jaxon, Jadan, Rylee, Brooklynn, Savanna, Olya, Colton, Logan, Adilynn, and Rodney "Alex." His siblings Susan (Richard) Saltern, LynnAnn (Gary) Mitchell, Kathy Pitcher, Jeff (Kim) Pitcher, and Brenda (Keven) Cook. His in-laws Allen (Rosie) Golding, Stephen (Gayle) Golding, Marion (Cindy) Golding, and Kevin (Calleen) Golding. Along with many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly.

Carol and the family would like to express a special thanks to Rocky Mountain Hospice for the love and care they provided to Rodney in his last days.

A viewing will be held in Provo, Utah, on Friday, September 16, 2022, from 5 - 7 pm at LDS Chapel at 1560 South 1100 West, Provo, Utah 84601.

A viewing will be held in Smithfield, Utah, on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 10 – 11:30 am at 660 West 200 north. In addition, a graveside service will be held at the Smithfield cemetery on September 17 at 1 pm. Attendees are welcome to bring chairs to the service.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **16.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

LDS Church
1560 South 1100 West
Provo, UT 84601

Viewing #2

SEP **17.** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

LDS Church
660 West 200 North
Smithfield, UT 84335

Graveside Service

SEP **17.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Smithfield City Cemetery
300 East Center St.
Smithfield, UT 84335

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Ray Pitcher

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Rodney was such a great person...he was like a second brother to me growing up. He was always there to take his sisters and myself to town...I remember him knitting clothes for my barbies.....he was loved and will be missed....glad I have the memories. Heavenly Father will send you comfort at this time.... Marsha Rich Jensen

Marsha Rich Jensen - September 18, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ So very sorry for your families loss. Rod was such a fun guy. Many fond memories of New Year's Eve gatherings. RIP ❤️

Carol - September 13, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ To Susan, Jeff, Kathy, LynnAnn, Brenda. So many memories have been coming to me if your friendships and growing up in Smithfield. And of your Mom and Dad. Know that you are loved . Heavenly Father will bless you with comfort and understanding. Tell Carol snd their kids that they are in our prayers. Those on the other side are closer than we think❤️❤️

Susan Law - September 13, 2022 at 12:15 PM

CP

“ Carol Pitcher lit a candle in memory of Rodney Ray Pitcher



carol Pitcher - September 13, 2022 at 04:01 AM

SL

To Susan, LynnAnn, Kathy, Jeff, Brenda . So many memories have been coming to me of your friendships and growing up in Smithfield together. And of your Mom and Dad. Please know that we love you and know that Heavenly Father will bless you with comfort and understanding . Take care of each other. Tell Carol and their family they are in my prayers. Those on the other side are closer than we know ❤️

Susan Law - September 13, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DG

Rod was always a role model for me. Someone I always looked up to since I met him over 50 years ago. He made a difference in my life , and I know he has for countless others. There will always be a special place in my heart for Rod.

Don Golding - September 13, 2022 at 06:58 PM

AH

“ Love you so much dad.



Autumn Huffaker - September 12, 2022 at 10:12 PM

JE

“ *Love you dad*

Jessica - September 12, 2022 at 07:48 PM

CG

“ *He was always so sweet to me and acted so happy to see me. I loved his smile and his laugh! The last time I saw him he told me he liked my hair! I love him and will miss him! Cheryl Golding*

Cheryl Golding - September 12, 2022 at 05:52 PM