



## Rodney Gene Graham

December 11, 1950 - April 21, 2022

Rodney Gene Graham, 71, of Taylor Springs, Illinois, passed away on April 21, 2022 at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, with his significant other Mindy by his bedside.

He was born in December, 1950 in Fayetteville, Arkansas to Ted Gene and Kathryn (Williams) Graham. Rod is survived by one sister, Nancy Natividad and her husband Mike of Bella Vista; many nephews, nieces, and cousins; his long-time significant other Mindy Mathenia; her sons Bryan and Kyle; and her grandchildren Marcus, Tori, and Charlie.

Rod graduated from Springdale High School in 1968. He attended the University of Arkansas and the University of Idaho, and graduated from Boise State University in Nursing. Rod served as a registered nurse for over 30 years, specializing in ICU and cardiology. Although a type 1 diabetic for 57 years, he thoroughly enjoyed sailing, hiking, photography, archery, gardening, reading, and nurturing a wide variety of pets. His photography won many awards. He was a great conversationalist, and will remain forever undefeated at Trivial Pursuit. Rod's family, friends, and coworkers will miss him greatly. Visitation will be Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 12:00PM at the Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. Funeral services will follow at 1:00PM at the Sisco Funeral Chapel, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Rod's name may be sent to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), 11324 Arcade Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212; or the American Heart Association, 108 E. Sunbridge, Fayetteville, AR

72703.

Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Cemetery

1980 E. Friendship Road  
Springdale, AR 72764  
<http://www.friendship-cemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 30.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel  
705 West Meadow  
Springdale, AR 72764  
(479) 751-4577  
[siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com](mailto:siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com)  
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**APR 30.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Gene Graham

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Rod keep that camera rolling when y

*Rod, keep that camera rolling up there. We want to see more pictures. Your family from Illinois will miss you.*

Cindy Nail - April 30, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Gene Graham.



April 28, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ I worked with Rod at MNRC. He was a good man with a great sense of humor. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Kelly Hunt - April 26, 2022 at 10:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Gene Graham.*



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April 26, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Rod for a little while. He was kind and free spirited. We had a conversation about his boat, and the days he spent sailing. That's how I choose to think of him now, on the water, rocking peacefully on to his next adventure.*



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**Michelle Tipsword** - April 26, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *I worked with Rod in ICCU at St. Francis. Enjoyed working with him & he helped me with my photography. My sympathy & prayers to his family.*



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**Deborah Lewis** - April 25, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *I chose the candle to represent Rod's motorcycle. Not as bright but best option. He was an amazing RN for many special people in my life. Mindy, your going to feel such a change but just keep in mind he loved you until his last breath.*



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**Debby and Gary May** - April 25, 2022 at 04:43 PM

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“ *Melinda Mathenia purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rodney Gene Graham.*



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**Melinda Mathenia** - April 25, 2022 at 04:38 PM