



## Roger Boyd Rodden

November 18, 1950 - November 29, 2023

Roger Boyd Rodden, 73, passed peacefully at his home in Roswell, GA, on November 29, 2023. surrounded by family and loved ones.

Roger led a full and rich life as an entrepreneur, history buff and avid golfer. Born on November 18, 1950, to Eulala (Boyd) and army serviceman Thomas Rodden, Roger grew up with his 4 siblings in Taylorville, IL. His favorite childhood memories were playing in the 1963 Illinois State Championships as a Little League shortstop and summer adventures with cousins in the Ozarks. Roger earned a BS in Business from Eastern Illinois University and was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity. In 1973, he married the love of his life, Nadine (Ludwig) of Hillsboro, IL. During their 50 years together, Roger and Nadine raised two daughters, created beautiful homes, and provided much encouragement and support to one another in their respective entrepreneurial successes. In 1977, Roger and family moved to Cresco, IA, where he served the farming community by managing the Rodden-Johnson John Deere Implement and met some of his dearest lifelong friends. In 1988, they relocated to Roswell, GA, where he started a new business as a vehicle wholesaler, financier, and mentor to others in the industry—a career that he enjoyed for over 35 years.

Surviving family includes his wife Nadine, two daughters, Alison Rodden with spouse Yohan Ferdinando and Erin “Lola” Rodden; two grandchildren, Bodhi and Luca George; and siblings: Tom Rodden, Jr with Mary Donna Rodden, Randy Rodden with Dolores Wood Rodden, army serviceman Doug Rodden

with Valerie Rodden, and Susan Yezbick with Dr James Yezbick.

Funeral services and interment of ashes will be held on January 16 at the Honey Creek Woodlands Preserve in Conyers, GA, followed by a celebration of life at Brookfield Country Club in Roswell, GA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hope for the Warriors. Donations may be made by checks (preferred) payable to Hope for the Warriors and mailed to Nadine or collected at the celebration of life. Online contributions may be made at <https://tinyurl.com/roger-rodden-donation> (Please indicate Roger Rodden as honoree and narodden@bellsouth.net as recipient.)

Roger/Dad/Vernie, we adore you for all the humor, storytelling, nicknames, endless teasing, legendary rounds on the links, competitive nights at jeopardy, and that infectious laugh. Time to “fire it up!” in your cherry red ‘65 GTO. We love you, always.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Roger's family and friends, We extend our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Roger. The Rodden family will always have a place in our hearts for the love and kindness shown to our mother, Martha Aden who worked at Boyd Rodden in Taylorville for many years. The Rodden boys were always gentlemen and Suzi was a sweetheart. May your special memories bring smiles as you journey through this very sad time. Love, Jim and Pam Aden McGowan, Rochester, Il

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**Pamela McGowan** - December 14, 2023 at 09:42 PM

TF

“ Doug, Valerie and family, I am so sorry for your loss.  
Terri France

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**Terri France** - December 11, 2023 at 10:01 PM

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“ Doug and Valarie, very sorry for your loss

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**Steve kocurek** - December 11, 2023 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ The Rodden Family has been a part of our family for many years. DeClercks were always going to the John Deere dealership from our grandfather to father to my brother, myself and although different ownership now nephews still going there. Doug, Valerie and Roger's family our prayers are for your blessings and peace at this time. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Janet DeClerck** - December 11, 2023 at 07:11 PM

GB

“*Doug and Valerie and family. So sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers.*”

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**Gloria Dowdy Budd** - December 11, 2023 at 07:01 PM

MB

“*We sure are going to miss you and will always treasure our last trip to see you in September. I will miss you calling me Oden. You were a great friend to all of us. Love you forever! Dave & Marylee Babbs*”

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**Marylee and Dave Babbs** - December 11, 2023 at 06:06 PM

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*Doug, Valerie, Susie and family - We send our deepest sympathy to each of you as you remember Roger. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Jim and Rita Altman** - December 12, 2023 at 05:19 PM