



## Rodney Richard Smith

March 27, 1969 - September 1, 2025

Rodney Richard Smith, 56, of Carolina Beach, NC, passed away on September 1, 2025, at Novant New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Rodney was born on March 27, 1969, in New Hanover County to the late Clifford H. Smith III and Betty Parnell Smith.

Known to many as “Rockin’ Rod,” Rodney was truly a jack of all trades, with a particular talent for mechanical and electrical work. He had a great sense of humor and was well-known for his jokes—often brought to life with his signature sound effects. Rodney never met a stranger and was rarely seen without a smile on his face.

In recent years, Rodney cherished spending time with his family and friends. He was humble, kind- hearted, and always up for “hanging out” and “shooting the breeze.” His friendships meant the world to him, and he made everyone around him feel welcome and appreciated.

Rodney is survived by Britton Watson of Wilmington, Amy S. Canady of Nakina, and Clifford H. Smith of Carolina Beach.

A celebration of life will be held a later date. Details regarding the time, date, and location will be shared once they are finalized.

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ I have known Rodney a very longtime! We had many fun times in Carolina Beach ! Such a Beautiful Soul always full of Humor and Laughter and always smiling! Sadden to hear this and Prayers for the Family! Always a honor to be in Rodney's Presence! God Bless you my Friend you will be missed what a Blessing to know you! I will remember you my Friend! Carolina Beach Kids!!

Patrick Bigley - September 23, 2025 at 05:00 PM

LL

“ I was Rodney's neighbor as a child on St Joseph St, Carolina beach. He was a kind and fun kid to play with and always made me laugh. It was nice to see that he was still up to fun as he got older. My prayers go to his loved ones.  
Lisa Ludwig

Lisa Ludwig - September 16, 2025 at 10:42 PM

LJ

“ Y'all are in my prayers. Love y'all! 🙏❤️

Lori Johnson - September 12, 2025 at 11:13 PM

WS

“ My wife, Gail, and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Amy, and Cliff, and your families . Rodney was always a pleasure to talk with during family get togethers and we will miss his presence in this life and look forward to seeing him in the next.

Sincerely,

Wm H Salling, DDS ( Little Billy to my twin cousins, Cliffie and Jimmy)

William Salling - September 12, 2025 at 11:59 AM

MF

“ I'm going to miss you brother. We had a lot of great times together throughout our lives.

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**Mickey Furr** - September 12, 2025 at 11:21 AM

BL

“ Prayers and condolences to Amy and Cliff  
Had some great times with Rodney at Carolina Beach he'll be truly missed

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**Brian Lane** - September 11, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RR

“ Amy and Cliffy I am so sorry for your loss. Rodney was so much fun as a kid, always ready for an adventure. My favorite memory was him riding Daisy, in true Rodney fashion going as fast as a pony could go. Daisy and Rodney were just a blur going the street. I would laugh and say there goes Rodney. He will be missed by all.  
Roxsann

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**Roxsann Rusher** - September 11, 2025 at 03:00 PM

KS

“ I will always remember the times we laughed until our sides hurt and the countless times you fixed my cars and home issues without a second thought. That was just your nature- kind, generous, and always willing to lend a helping hand! Your friendship was a gift and your humor and smile will stay with me. My heartfelt condolences go out to Amy and Cliffy during this difficult time. May the memories of Rodney's love and laughter bring you comfort.

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**Kimberly Southern** - September 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KB

“ *My condolences to you Amy and Cliff. My thoughts and prayers are with you both.*  
*Kim Woods*

Kimberly Bennett - September 10, 2025 at 09:44 PM

KW

“ *Kevin will so miss hanging out with his best bud every day*

Kevin tart. And Karen willems - September 10, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MP

“ *Rodney was always a good friend with a smile on his face. Sending hugs and prayers to you, Amy and Cliffie.*

Michelle Peterson - September 10, 2025 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ *I know that I've already signed the guest book I didn't go back and read it before I submitted it because of the tears in my eyes so sorry for the misspelling of words. 🙏*

june Hollerbush ( Foster) - September 10, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JF

“ *Rodney Smith, every time I ran into him anywhere he said hey June, come and give me a hug big smile on his face so happy I don't think I ever seen Rodney, without a smile on his face. I will never forget Rodney, and silly ways. Rest time my friend I'm sure when Jesus, saw you walking through his golden gates he said come on in son get home now. My condolences go out to cliffy,Amy and the rest of his family and friends 🙏❤️*

June Hollerbush ( Foster) - September 10, 2025 at 03:41 PM

PE

“ *I'm so sorry for y'all, Amy and Cliffie..*

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**Pam Ellis** - September 10, 2025 at 03:11 PM

RT

“ *Godspeed Rodney we are truly blessed to have crossed your path.  
Best beach times ever!!*

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**Robert Turner** - September 10, 2025 at 03:10 PM