



Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett

February 15, 1945 - June 6, 2021

Rodney John "Rod" Bartlett, a master of one-liners who loved to make people laugh, died June 6, 2021 at his residence in Charlotte surrounded by his family. Rodney was born February 15, 1945 in London, England to Victor and May (Bates) Bartlett. His family moved to the United States when he was 9 years old. To this day one of the things he was most proud of was becoming a US citizen.

A hard worker himself, Rod always encouraged his family to do the best they can and instilled good work ethic. He was a journeyman tool and die maker, and retired as a CNC machinist. In his spare time he enjoyed shooting pool, hunting, fishing and golfing all over Michigan. His pride and joy was always his wife and kids, putting his family number one in his life and openly showing his big heart with grandkids and great-grandkids. The light of Rod's life, he loved to tease his children and grandkids, and as they got older they learned to tease right back.

Rod is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janet; children, Laura (Keith) Wieber, Mark (Lisa) Bartlett, and John (Kathleen) Bartlett; grandchildren, Cameron, Sydney, Breanne (fiancé Adam), Bryce (Ciara), Karlie, Alexa, Ryan, Sean, and Kyle; great-grandchildren, Evelynn, and Edynn; sister, Rita Bartlett; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, mother, and sister, Gloria Talarczyk.

Friends are encouraged to support Rodney's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The memorial will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Rod's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Sparrow Home Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 10, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 09, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *I have great memories of my cousin ROD. He was the biggest prankster to both immediate family and others. I remember all the pranks he played on me whether in person or on the phone. Also him calling me twit and getting my mum drunk. Rest In Peace ROD.*

Hazel Matthews - June 10, 2021 at 09:09 PM

RC

“ *Such a lovely service with tears and laughter. Rod was one of the funniest people I have ever met and one of the best holidays we had as a family was staying at Rod & Jan’s as well as my Auntie Hazel’s for July 4th celebrations. So many great memories. I am sure Rod paid for the guy to mow the lawn and the train driver to honk his horn!!*

Love to you all Rob & Helen Cochrane xxx

Robert Cochrane - June 10, 2021 at 06:12 PM

LF

“ *Thinking of you all today, you are all in our thoughts at this very tough time. Much love
Laura, Stuart, Erin & Jack xxxx*



Laura Fairbrother - June 10, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.*



June 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 09, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Jan , you and Rod. And all our kids spent many times together laughing, ❤️ too many to post but we still talk about them. Rod was truly a great guy, and our prayers are with you and your family at this time. I'll bet he's got heaven laughing now . We love you , Tom and Lori

Tom and Lori Bruner - June 09, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ Love - Rita, Kim, Rob, Mason & Kylie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



Love - Rita, Kim, Rob, Mason & Kylie - June 09, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



June 09, 2021 at 07:07 AM



“ I remember he taught me how to use my zero turn lawn mower. Too bad he didn't show my brother how to use it instead of my back porch 😞

sandy - June 08, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ Rod was competitive but only in fun. However he always wanted to be the first one to see the first robin every year although sometimes I questioned his honesty about it 😊

sandy - June 08, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ Diane L Tebbe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



Diane L Tebbe - June 08, 2021 at 03:04 PM

LL

“ Lisa L purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



Lisa L - June 08, 2021 at 02:59 PM

TK

“ Tony and Ken purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



Tony and Ken - June 08, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



June 08, 2021 at 07:24 AM

SH

“ I remember spending plenty of time at the Bartlett house playing pool and the Friday at 5 celebrations. Rod was always laughing and cutting up, he taught me how to shoot pool. Most importantly he welcomed my family into his my 2 older kids called him Bumpa Bartlett. I will never forget the first time my son spoke those words to him Rod looked at me and said what did he say, I told him Brandon called you Bumpa that's how he says grandpa. And with a true Rod like laugh he said alright. My sincere condolences to the Bartlett family May you all find peace in the memories you will cherish for a lifetime of a truly good man.

Scott Hogle - June 07, 2021 at 09:23 PM

TC

“ Many fond memories of the Barlett's when I was younger. I always remember a warm welcome and plenty of teasing. It was lovely to see Rod, Jan and Rita on my last trip to USA. My love to Jan and all the family. Thinking of you at this very sad time.
Love Thérèse x

Therese Cochrane - June 07, 2021 at 06:50 PM

KC

I will never forget the holidays Brian and I spent with Rod ,Jan and their family. The catch a snipe trick ,just to name one of Rods pranks. Thinking of you all. Love Kayx

Kay Cochrane - June 08, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney 'Rod' John Bartlett.



June 07, 2021 at 06:26 PM