



# Rodney Lytle

April 13, 1963 - October 27, 2020

Rodney Dean Lytle, Galesburg Illinois

The Man. The Myth. The Legend.

Rod went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 8:35 am at St. Mary's Medical Center, Galesburg.

Rod attended Galesburg Schools. He was a Sergeant for the Illinois Department of Corrections (Henry Hill) for 26 years, retiring in 2013. Rod spent his time enjoying Motorcycles most of all, along with fishing, shooting, camping and vacations to his "Happy Place" Navarre Beach, Florida with the love of his life, wife Julie and his son Chris. Rod's world revolved around Julie and Chris and making lots of wonderful memories with them. Rod also had countless friends and family that meant a lot to him.

Although Rod was physically strong, (between his weight lifting and big guns), he was mentally and emotionally strong as well. Rod was the definition of a True Warrior fighting a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer for three years. Rod fought hard every day; he did not lose his battle...he just ran out of time. If love could have saved him, he would have lived forever.

Julie and family wish for anyone family or stranger, when faced with a tough fight or troubling situation to be like Rod and face it #LYTLESTRONG.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life and Memorial Ride will be held at a later date. Family members and friends are always welcome to stop by Rod, Julie and Chris's home to reminisce and visit. Memorials may be made to the Benefit of Chrispatrick Burgin-Lytle for his college fund. Arrangements have been entrusted with Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes and Crematory, Knoxville. Expressions of sympathy may be left to the family at [www.hurd-hendricks.com](http://www.hurd-hendricks.com).

# Comments

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“ We will always love you



**julie lytle** - November 01, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ Mary Jo Duckworth lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lytle



**Mary Jo Duckworth** - October 31, 2020 at 05:26 PM

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“ Craig & Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lytle



**Craig & Brenda Jones** - October 29, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ I will always remember our hours of verbal sparing at the Ward and your laughter when you'd get this Ole Hippie riled up.....I know I was your favorite liberal. Peace and Love,  
My Friend

**Cyndi Shipp-Blake** - October 29, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Ride hard my old friend, and stay on the gas!

**Mike Allen** - October 29, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ A great and dependable Sgt. In IDOC. I want to thank for his service to the people of this state. Rest In Peace Sarge.



**Ted Conkling** - October 29, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ Brian and Bobbie Ledbetter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rodney Lytle.



**Brian and Bobbie Ledbetter** - October 29, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ Rod is now riding high with all the guardian road warriors! Enjoy your Ride, forever in our hearts!



**Larry & Lisa** - October 29, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Vicky Daly Smith lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lytle



**Vicky Daly Smith** - October 29, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ We grow up together in the same neighborhood as kids him Jay & I would play in there basement there mom let me make cookies with her is is so sweet to

**Vicky Daly Smith** - October 29, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ To our Son I. Law,Rod,,we are missing you so much and k ngh ow you are in a better place with no pain, watching over our daughter ,your wife Julie and Chris.We love you ,In laws Mom and dad.

**Charles & Connie McGeehon** - November 02, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ Swede And Terri Oehlert lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lytle



**Swede and Terri Oehlert** - October 29, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Even though we don't really know you we are the people that walk by with the Newfoundland and make Jack and Ozzie bark. May the Lord be with you in this difficult time in your life.

Russell and Robin Koerner

**Robin Koerner** - October 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM