



## Rodney L. Bridges

January 11, 1970 - June 1, 2022

Steep Falls – Rodney L. Bridges, loving grandson, brother and kindhearted uncle, passed away Wednesday, June 1 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rodney is survived by his sister Dawn - Marie (Bridges) Hilton and husband Terry; two nephews, Zackery and Daniel; niece, Dianne, and twin great - nieces, Octavia and Skye, all of Steep Falls, ME; his grandmother Thelma Hersey of Berwick, ME and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased in death by several very special people, including his mother Dianne (Doucette) Bridges and his infant son, Alex Bridges.

Rodney was born on January 11, 1970 in Portland, Maine. Having lost his own mother as a young boy, Rodney was mothered by and lived with his devoted grandmother, Thelma, from the age of 8 years old.

He attended Gorham schools, lettered in cross country, and graduated in 1988.

For the past 12 years, Rodney was employed by Drillen True Value Hardware in South Portland, ME. There, he built lifelong friendships and truly thought of the Drillens as his family. He looked up to Barney Drillen and would make reference to him as “the father he never had”.

Rodney was a man of many different expressions which made him special and truly one - of - a - kind. He was never afraid to try something new and whatever it was he would go to the extreme. He always used to say, “Go big or go home!” He lived as stated in his high school yearbook quote: “Live life to its fullest today for tomorrow may be too late”.

Rodney was quick to make you laugh and will be best remembered by his witty comebacks that, even if, directed at you, couldn't stop you from laughing at yourself.

Rodney had a great interest in fantasy cards, games, and intricate models. He absolutely

loved getting together with friends to play. He also enjoyed cooking and never followed a recipe. He would make it up as he went along, adding what he thought would taste good and it always did. He especially liked cooking for his sister, brother - in - law, and his niece and nephews. Rodney was a great gardener and like everything else that he did, was very good at it! His greatest joy was not the bounty collected but the joy of nurturing and watching his plants grow and flourish.

Rodney was very artistic and would make drawings of ideas he would have of something he wanted to create someday. Just another way he found to express himself and yes, he excelled at this too! Rodney also had a deep, reflective side. He wrote many poems based on his reflections on life and the winding path it can take presenting challenges, grief and pain. In the end, his poetry would always have a positive message and give hope and strength.

Anyone that knew Rodney could not help but know how dearly he loved his cats, Alex and Franny. They were his everything!

Rodney will be dearly missed.

Visiting hours will be held 10AM -12PM , Saturday, June 18 at Dolby, Blais & Segee, 76 State Street, Gorham, ME . In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to help care for Franny and Alex. Envelopes will be available at the visitation.

# Previous Events

## Visiting Hours

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dolby, Blais & Segee - Gorham Chapel  
76 State Street  
Gorham, ME 04038  
info@dolbyblaissegee.com  
<https://www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com/>

## Burial

JUN 18. 12:15 PM (ET)

Eastern Cemetery  
Main St.  
Gorham, ME

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ I am so very sorry for Rodney’s family. He was a wonderful man, kind and generous. He was my best friend and husband for 10 years. And though we went out separate ways we still loved each other. He’s went thru some hard times in his life and I pray that he’s now free of pain and in the loving arms of our lord and savior. Rest In Peace my sweet Rodney. My condolences to his family

Theresa - June 21 at 09:39 PM

TF

“ THE DRILLEN FAMILY purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rodney L. Bridges.



THE DRILLEN FAMILY - June 16 at 05:29 PM

SG

“ Rod was a such a wonderful person with a beautiful soul, miss him so much 😭. He was very special friend to me and my family. We always enjoyed spending time with him, he was always there for me through thick and thin. My doggies loved him, They are tough customers too when it comes to loving others! He had such a generous loving spirit and his kitties & family were his world! We love you always Rod ❤️ My sincerest condolences to his family, He was taken away from us too young and it is heartbreaking. Here is a fond memory from a couple of summers ago when my family had rented a camp on the lake, I remember my dad took this picture. I loved wearing his favorite hat! We had a fun day at camp and he spent the night we all played games it was a great time! I am treasuring all my memories 🙏❤️ Healing comfort and prayers to all who are feeling a loss.



Sarah Goode - June 16 at 12:06 PM

VC

“ Valerie Currier purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Rodney L. Bridges.



Valerie Currier - June 14 at 05:17 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rodney L. Bridges.



June 13 at 01:17 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney L. Bridges.



June 07 at 04:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney L. Bridges.



June 07 at 01:07 PM

TL

“ Rodney will be missed by all! Even though I did not see him much when I did he always made me laugh. My kids remember when he lived in south Portland he would have them over and build forts and play games with them! Rodney liked coming to visit uncle rog and they would laugh for hours! I love you cuz and will miss you. Dawn Marie I'm so sorry, I love you

Tina Linscott - June 07 at 12:13 PM

KO

*Rodney will be missed. We were as close as we could be with living far apart. I have pictures with him when we were younger he always put a smile on my face. He will be missed. Love you Rodney may you rest easy. Love you Dawn Marie I am so sorry for the loss.*

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**kelly oriley** - June 07 at 01:01 PM

BB

*Thelma, Dawn Marie and Family, I'm SO Sorry for your Loss! I'm devastated by this but am comforted at the thought of HIM being in the arms of his Mom, Diane. She was a Wonderful Lady!*

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**Bruce Baldwin** - August 01 at 08:03 AM