



Rodney Wayne Helber

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Rodney Helber passed away on September 23, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia, daughters Debbie Hays, Mindy White (David), and son Jacob (Jill), brother Tim, sisters Sue Smith and Cheryl Peters. Granddaughters Erin Davis and Kelley Clinch (Chad), grandson Griffin White, great-grandsons Hays and Callan Davis, and Austin and Brooks Clinch. He is also survived by numerous generations of nieces and nephews. Rodney was preceded in death by his parents William Helber and Katherine Blum, Aunt Mimi, and brothers Donald and Douglas.

Rodney was born on August 25, 1935, in Enterprise, Ohio. He attended Logan Senior High School where he played defensive end on Logan's championship football team. After graduation in 1953, Rodney joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS R.B. Anderson. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, Rodney worked as a civilian contractor for the military. In 1965, he began his career at Johnson Space Center. During his 35 years at JSC, Rodney supported the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Apollo Soyuz, Space Shuttle, and Space Station missions.

Throughout his life, Rodney enjoyed hunting, golfing, woodworking, biking, and coaching. His most beloved hobby was watching and rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes as they beat up on Michigan and others.

In Lieu of flowers if you would like to donate to Mighty Oaks Program Helping Veterans link below:

<https://www.mightyoaksprograms.org/>





Events


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Visitation

 **Friday, October 4, 2024**

 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM CT


 **South Park Chapel**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



Celebration of Life

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 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

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South Park Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a



<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/105204/hash:701BF606BFE478CA>.

October 4 at 7:33 AM



Pete Braccio October 6 at 5:47 PM

Pat Helber and the Rodney Helber family. So sorry to hear about the passing of Rodney. Rodney was a pleasure to know and a great guy to work with during our tour in the Manned Spacecraft Center at the Johnson Space Center. Rodney was always cheerful, had a smile, and more than willing to help as in checking out an overhead fire sprinkler head in the SDPC area that decided to give Rodney a shower instead; what an event! What a great guy and friend! Rest In Peace Rodney, in Jesus's name. Pete Braccio



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Helber family.



October 2 at 11:42 PM



Your Nasa Ck2 Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rodney.



October 2 at 11:42 PM



Linda Pawkett posted:

Rodney and Patricia were the best next door neighbors for many years, always willing to help if needed and loved to watch my children and grandchildren grow up. Ronnie and I will certainly miss him, he was a great bicycle riding buddy with Ronnie. Sharon and David both stated what a good man he was and so sorry to hear of his passing. Sending thoughts and prayers, Linda Pawkett, Ronnie Toler

October 2 at 2:07 PM



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Christy Crummett And Family sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Helber family.

October 2 at 6:30 AM



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September 30 at 7:16 AM



Brother Tim & Sisters Cheryl & Sue planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rodney.

September 30 at 7:16 AM



Loren "Buck" Inboden posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. Rodney was a good friend from childhood as well as an LHS classmate and teammate on the 1952 SEOAL championship winning football team. I have no doubt his family will miss him very much, and though I rarely saw him over the years since then, so will I. In his honor, Go Bucks! Loren "Buck" Inboden

September 30 at 6:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Helber family.

September 30 at 5:06 AM





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Ron & Janel Carlisle @ Leander, Tx planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rodney.



September 30 at 5:06 AM



Michael H. sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Helber family.



September 30 at 5:04 AM



The Minnichs, Fitzgeralds, And Caynaks sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Helber family.



September 28 at 7:13 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rodney by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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