



Roderick Manfred Fritsche

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Roderick M. Fritsche, 62, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Hospice House in Cape Coral after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born, March 26, 1949 in East Orange, New Jersey. Rod was raised in Nutley, New Jersey by his parents Horst M. Fritsche (passed in 1983) and Irene M. Fritsche (1909). He married his college sweetheart Judith Ellen Slump (daughter of Ed & Betty Slump of N. Ft. Myers, FL) on Nov. 17th, 1973; they have shared 38 wonderful years together. Rod and his wife Judi moved to Cape Coral in 1980 where they raised their four wonderful children: Son: Eric B. Fritsche of Cape Coral, FL Daughter-in-law: Loretta Fritsche Grandchildren: Elizabeth & Sarah Fritsche Daughters: Laura E. Brollier of Dallas, Texas Son-in-law: Brent Brollier Grandchildren: Ethan & Claire Brollier Katherine L. Fritsche of Cape Coral, FL Amy C. Fritsche & Justin Polk of North Ft., Myers, FL Grandchild: Jaden Polk His brothers: Robert Fritsche and wife Arlene Fritsche of Vermont and Richard Fritsche and his wife Jackie Fritsche of Edison, NJ. Occupation: Communication Technician II for Technical Services of Lee County Sheriff's Office. Degrees: B.A. in Political Science Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) A+ Certified Interests: Family, Church, Computers, Art, Wax-painting, History, avid Dallas Cowboys fan, and owned a family company with his children. His service for the Lord was teaching Sunday school classes for children and teens and ushering in the church; and always sharing his faith with anyone who would listen. The family would like to express their heart felt thanks to Dr. Michael Katin of 21st Century Oncology Inc. of Cape Coral FL and Dr. Michael Strickland of SW Florida Urologic Associates of Cape Coral FL who always gave of their time no matter how busy their schedules were. Words cannot express the ever grateful and compassionate care given to Rod during his last days at



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the Hospice House by the nursing staff and Dr. Dahl. Rod's wishes were to be cremated with his final resting place in Tennessee. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions in Rod's name to Autism Speaks (www.autismspeaks.org/) or Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL. 33909.



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AM

Amy lit a candle in honor of Roderick.



Well dad, it's been a whole decade since you left this world. Some days are easier than others. I could tell you all the things that I have accomplished and tasks that I have done to try and make you proud but I won't cuz those frivolous things don't matter. I will tell you that growing up without you sucks. Mom, Justin and me have raised some good kids and so have Eric Loretta Laura and Brent Katie and Jake. Elizabeth has turned into a fine young lady and is an adult now. Sarah could be a politician and is well versed in the pandemic. Ethan is a deep thinker and well rounded individual, Claire is a crafty one with that spark of joy, Jude has great smile and is a talker. Raven is a go with the flow kind of gal and Logan is the speedster and watches everything that's going on around him. As for my kids, I have met my match with Jaden. You always said I hope you get a kid that is just like you when you get older. Well, I did but he's way smarter. Briella has such a kind heart and is so sweet. They both deserve each other. Everyone here is okay. We are thriving. We would much rather you be down here with us on this journey. Gosh, ten years! It doesn't seem like that long but a week ago it did. Good days and bad. On a lighter note. There are some things you taught me that I have had to relearn the proper way to do. Change my oil, the real name for the attachment with bristles for a vacuum and a few others but you make me smile each and every time I come across um. We all miss you dad and still love you very much.

March 2 at 10:44 PM

AF

Amy Fritsche posted:

Many years have passed since you have left this world. I still think I see you driving the old van around and even the Camry. This has been the worst year of my life. We lost Hurley last year and this year with covid we lost Lowell. I have been in two car accidents and I have lost many good memories from hitting my head. I'm not as smart as I once was. This year has knocked some sense into me. I have learned that spending time with family and making memories is the most important thing. It's one thing to say it but whole different thing to understand and to feel it. I have not posted in years because the last time it didn't allow me and I thought it was shut down. It's Christmas time and I honestly just wanna get through the year. I know that the kids need the spirit of Christmas but really they need the spirit of Jesus and love. I am depressed and I am sad but I will push through. You and mom made a strong girl. I will not falter (however U spell it) I will not give up. I miss you dad. Say hi to Lowell for me and tell him sorry I couldn't save him. I know you welcomed him with open arms. I love you dad.

December 14 at 6:32 AM



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JF

Judi Fritsche posted:

I didn't know that they kept the obituary/ memories on going. I thought they were dropped after a year. Read all the posts from Amy. Cried my heart out. I miss you so much and have great family memories. We had a great marriage. I still talk aloud to you as if you are right by me. Love you!

December 11 at 5:28 PM

JQ

Jo Ann Quigley posted:

So many years have gone by since I knew Rod at FDU RUTHERFORD. I was a shy freshman and Rod became like a big brother. He was so kind and supportive as he taught me about campus life. He has been a fond memory every now and then. My very favorite person at school 1969-70. I'm sure, after reading about his life, that he is one of God's Guardian Angels! So sorry he left his family so soon. Clearly God had an important job for him! Blessings to all of you. Jo Ann

June 6 at 9:20 PM

AF

Amy Fritsche posted:

Happy birthday dad... missin u..

March 26 at 1:04 PM

AF

Amy Fritsche posted:

Hey it's been 5 years and it still hurts to know your gone. Grandma slump has passed and has now joined you up there along with Uncle Bruce. This sucks Dad. I have 15 days left of nursing school and I honestly do not think I can do it. I don't want to let anyone down so I keep trying. The kids are getting big and your not here to bounce them on you knee. Mom, poor mom. She is my world and my rock. It was hard enough losing you but now mom doesn't have that sparkle to her eye. I love her so much but you can tell how sad she really is. BUT she is SO STRONG. She has a heart of gold and I do not say that because she is my mom. She truly does. Just wanted to say I miss you and will continue think about you. Eric has really stepped up to the plate. Love you dad...

March 3 at 9:02 AM



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Amy posted:

Still think of you often. There are so many things that I come across on a daily basis that I would have called you for your opinion. I have a daughter now (Briella), and Jaden is such a great big brother. He is turning into an awesome young man. We had Briella in the same room you held Jaden in and that meant a lot to me and the rest of the family. Giving you a big hug. Wish I could talk to you one more time.

January 13 at 2:21 PM

AF

Amy Fritsche posted:

So at work today I was peed on and it reminded me of the day that u thought girls peed down and I was very little and we were at the mall and u didn't want me touching the public toilet seat... I know weird but it put a smile on my face. Found out I'm have a baby girl now and I also thought of the day where u said I will have a girl and u will understand one day what I'm going through and the decisions we as ur parents have to make... Thanks dad!

April 15 at 2:44 PM

AM

Amy posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Roderick Manfred Fritsche

November 1 at 12:35 PM

AM

Amy posted:

I was trying to post for your birthday.... 66th. It wouldn't take.... We think of you often.. Jaden has become so big. There are a lot of questions I would have liked to asks you about raising him. And so about computers. Lol. We are still a very close family. We miss you. Justin fixed Mom's sink on your birthday. I mentioned it to him because he didn't know. There are so many times we reference a saying you would always say. I miss you dad. We all do. Happy Belated Birthday!

March 30 at 2:24 PM

AM

Amy posted:

Hey, thinking about you again today. Even though there is so much going on lately, I talk about u daily. You and Mom have made a great impact on my life. I am grateful to have parents like you guys. I love you.

November 22 at 10:04 AM



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Amy Fritsche posted:

Jaden just asked me why I was sad. I told him it was because I missed my daddy. He said to " don't be sad. He's not an earth guy anymore. He's in heaven."

March 26 at 1:08 PM

AM

Amy posted:

It has almost been a year now and we all think of you daily. Mom misses u the most and it has been really rough for her. I pray God gives her a warm embrace surrounding her like a hug. I can't imagine how hard it must be. I love you dad. People are right ... U dont realize how much u appreciate someone until they're gone.

February 28 at 8:22 AM

AF

Amy Fritsche posted:

I love you dad and you will be missed. It will be awkward without you. You were a big part of keeping the conversation and the fun going at the party or dinner table. You were always about family and going to church. Raise the family the way God wants and pray about anything you don't know the answers to. It's hard to know that your gone. You married a strong woman. Each one of the kids has a quality that will help mom get through this time. I am glad you went peacefully and with Mom by your side. I know you are watching over us here on Earth but I know that the conversation at our dinner table won't be as great as the conversation you're having with Jesus at your new table. Enjoy the fruits/ food with your new life. We all love and miss you greatly. Amy , Justin, and your grandson Jaden

March 28 at 8:29 PM

SL

Sharra Leonard posted:

I know you are having the time of your life Rod but you are so missed .

March 17 at 7:18 AM

RL

Robyn And Keith Larson posted:

Judy, Rod was one of the best friends we had. We will miss him greatly. Parties will not seem the same without him. He's sitting on the porch in Heaven rocking away and keeping his eye on us all. My Mom is on that porch also. Love to you and your family.

March 15 at 12:15 PM



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Judith Fritsche posted:

Miss you very much honey.... Taking each day as it comes. I split it up into Quarters. Breakfast to lunch, lunch to dinner, dinner to bedtime, bedtime to breakfast. God is so faithful- he has given me great peace.

March 14 at 4:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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