



## Rodney D. Vincent

March 2, 1958 - December 9, 2020

On December 9, 2020, Rodney Vincent of Minneapolis, MN, loving husband and father, passed away. Rodney was born on March 2, 1958 to Eunice and Leroy Vincent. He loved to spend time with his friends and could often be found hanging out with longtime pals Uncle Charlie (Charles Edwards), Uncle Ronnie (Ronald Hall), and Uncle Dennis (Dennis Lucas).

When not working or socializing, Rodney enjoyed spending time on boats, flying remote control airplanes, racing remote control cars, and sneaking in the occasional motorcycle ride when his wife was not watching. Rodney met his partner of 40 years and wife of 26 years, Gwen, while pursuing his education at the University of Minnesota. Some of the fondest memories Gwen recounts are their adventures playing tennis, going for walks, and traveling through Europe. Rodney was the proud father of twin daughters Gabrielle and Rochelle Vincent. Rodney enjoyed a 34-year career at FedEx and will be remembered fondly for his witty personality and jokes. Rodney was looking forward to retiring to Florida and buying a boat. Rodney is survived in life by his wife, Gwendolyn, twin daughters, Rochelle and Gabrielle, mother, Eunice, sisters, Lawana, Shayne, Giselle, Karina, and chosen brothers, Charlie, Ronnie, Dennis along with his loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic an in-person memorial service will take place for family only on Tuesday December the 15th at 2:00pm. However, Estes will be live streaming the funeral service for any family members who decide to view the service at a separate location and anyone else who would like to partake in the service. To say final farewells Estes will hold a public visitation on Sunday December 20th from 2:00pm-3:00pm.

The Private Funeral Service can be streamed at [www.estesfuneralchapel.com](http://www.estesfuneralchapel.com) and click on the picture of the inside of the chapel and it will bring guests into the room. The stream begins 15 minutes before the service begins.

Estes Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services: 2201 Plymouth Ave N,  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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2201 Plymouth Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
(612) 521-6744  
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ I would like to Express My sincerest condolences to Gwen, Gabrielle and Rochelle and to the rest of Rodney's friends and family.. I met Rodney when I was running a lawncare service and I contracted to do His lawn. In a short time We became the best of friends, and spent hours on the phone bebating politics. We had differing opinions but We grew to love and respect each other despite politics. I even got to name His imaginary boat. " The Gwenny Two Mile Out" because Rodney was scared to go more than 2 miles out to Sea.. Rodney knew how to be a good friend and I'm going miss Him!! Goodby My Friend.. Rest in peace until We meet again..

George Brown - December 22, 2020 at 02:52 PM

LB

“ The Bryant/Vincent family of Michael and Linda wish to offer our warn and sincere condolences to the families. Rodney will be dearly missed. Always on our minds and forever in our hearts he will be. Sending hugs and prayers to the family. We love you

Linda Bryant-Vincent and family

Linda Bryant - December 20, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Rodney D. Vincent.



December 16, 2020 at 08:06 AM

KM

“ Ever since I was at FedEx, Rodney always referred to me as “little woman “ I can still hear him calling me little woman 😊. But he’s always been a big brother to me, even though before I got a truck I had to make him pies. I still have a video when he was loading a can and I was teasing him about him actually working hard. He definitely will be missed... his distinctive laugh! Rest In Peace big brother 😊

karen mickens - December 16, 2020 at 05:24 AM

LP

“ Len Perry lit a candle in memory of Rodney D. Vincent



Len Perry - December 15, 2020 at 04:42 PM

SS

“ Rodney, my dear cousin you will be truly missed. That beautiful loving smile that you always greeted me with, plus picking me up and squeezing me tight with a kiss planted on my cheek. To Aunt Lois, Gwen, my cousins God needed him more and has him wrapped in his arms. I pray healing for all of you. Love you Sandra Smith.

Sandra Knight Smith - December 15, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CB

“ I met Rodney before I started working at Fedex by my Sister Jean who also worked at Fedex. When ever I saw Rodney he had something funny to say and he would laugh at his own stories which made you laugh even more. I never seen him have a bad day. He made me have a Bright day. I will laugh again with you Rodney.  
Carole Blakey Beison.

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**Carole Blakey Beison** - December 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM

RK

“ My deepest sympathy to my Aunt Lois, Rodney’s family and his siblings, LaWana, Shayne, Giselle and Karina. He could always be counted on for a laugh, a hug and a smile. I share your pain and pray God brings you comfort.

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**Robin Knight** - December 15, 2020 at 02:39 PM

EE

“ You always looked out for us as kids growing up. From letting us earn extra money by cutting the grass and as I got older allowing me to cut your hair for extra money. It was a blessing having you in my life brother. You will be missed.

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**Eric English** - December 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MM

“ I love you forever my brother. We had great times growing up together. Rip your brother Million Martin

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**Million martin** - December 15, 2020 at 12:55 PM

TF

*“ We miss Rodney at FedEx, we can only imagine that you miss him so much very more. May love and goodness go out to the Vincent family.*

thiri christiansen from FedEx - December 15, 2020 at 12:17 PM

VL

*“ Rodney was a great friend always had something funny to say, he took his job very seriously.*

*Valerie Lee  
Air General Inc,*



Valerie Lee - December 15, 2020 at 08:14 AM



*“ The Gift of Rodney will be irreplaceable! I give thanks to the most high for placing him in my life for 32 years! All the lessons and guidance from childhood to our last conversation have and will continually mold my existence. I am forever grateful for this last month. We laughed, sang, and I was able to see and experience a whole different side to our relationship! Rest In Peace Rodney! I know for sure we all have gained an angel!*

Rashad Morrison - December 15, 2020 at 07:36 AM



*“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney D. Vincent.*



December 14, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney D. Vincent.*



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December 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney D. Vincent.*



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December 14, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family of my dear cousin Rodney. He was always one of my favorite people with his big smile and huge sense of humor. He will be missed. May God bless you all with warm memories forever. Vanessa Knight*

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**Vanessa Knight** - December 14, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney D. Vincent.*



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December 14, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney D. Vincent.*



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December 14, 2020 at 12:30 AM



“ *Rodney is the friend that will make you smile if you're low, and work your shift if you tired. Doing my time at FedEx you were the best coworker I have ever worked it your time to rest my friend greatly missed*

*Ronald. Searles*

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**Ronald. Searles** - December 13, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Rodney always laughing and pleasant. He had a gift in making any bad day at work somewhat brighter and better. Rest and be at peace my friend. You are missed.*

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**Bryan Lance** - December 13, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ *My thoughts & prayers are with the family & friends of my cousin Rodney. I'll most miss his laugh which could brighten up a room & those around him. Denise Weaver McGee*

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**Denise D McGee** - December 13, 2020 at 01:09 PM

LS

“ A beautiful person always smiled. Didn't know him well. But every time he came to the our station at in Roseville he would come to my desk speak .tell a joke laugh and leave. He was hilarious!We all will miss that smile. Rest in peace Rodney

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**Laurette Spicer** - December 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RO

“ Thoughts for Rodney Vincent this morning. longtime co- worker at Fedex passed away three days ago  
Good man -  
Family man -  
No stranger to hard work -  
Extremely Infectious laugh -  
Small plastic Fedex airplanes in the back window of my Ford contour, I thought it was cool looking BUT you got the biggest LAUGH out of that (1998) I eventually removed them but I always recall how it made you laugh LOL  
NEVER forget you man.  
Rest easy now Bro 🍌  
#MIC #northeastMPLS  
#RAMP

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**Ronald** - December 13, 2020 at 12:27 PM

CK

“ I will always remember my buddy "BIG ROD" Rodney, with laugh and his smile on his face, he had in tears laughing always. Now Buddy take your Rest well done, Rodney you still have me in tears, love you BIG ROD!!!.....Send my deepest condolences to his family love you ladies.

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**Cynthia A. Kinghouse** - December 13, 2020 at 04:30 AM

KH

“ Rodney was always smiling, laughing, singing, etc...What a joy he brought to everyone he knew! I was driving on 494 (off duty from FedEx) one day, and I saw him in his tractor/trailer singing his butt off while driving! I was working in Northfield one day...he saw me by my truck and blew his semi horn and waved to say "HELLO". I worked with him at the ramp when he was picking up hours downloading...what a jewel...You could not be around Rodney without him lifting your spirits up. He was such a blessing to so many people and he probably never knew it. Love you Buddy! You will be missed dearly, my friend. What a loss for all of us that had the pleasure to know him.

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**Krista R Harris** - December 13, 2020 at 12:14 AM

CW

“ Rodney always had a smile on his face and a joke to share. I am truly blessed to have known him. My husband did some work for him on his family's home a long time ago. He came from working on Rodney's home and said to me. " Rodney is good people" truly he was just that. My thoughts and prays are with all his loved ones. His great big laugh will continue to echo through the halls of the FedEx building. 🙏❤️

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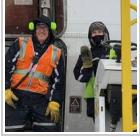
**Christine Walker** - December 12, 2020 at 10:50 PM

GL

“ Rodney was a pleasure to be around he was always smiling and laughing. Rodney and I went to RTD school together. He will be missed.

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**Glenn Lemmerman** - December 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *In my 22 years of knowing Rodney at Fed Ex he always had a smile or laughing at jokes.*

*Dave L.*

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**David Larson** - December 12, 2020 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ *Over his 34 years at FedEx, Rodney met a lot of people. You couldn't meet him & not like him. He always seemed to be in a good mood & told the best jokes & stories. I will miss him & his big laugh! My condolences to the Vincent family.*

*Sue F.*

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**Sue Fredericks** - December 12, 2020 at 10:25 AM