



## Rodney "Rod" Baker

July 23, 1948 - May 7, 2019

Rodney John Baker (70) of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., passed away on Tuesday, May 7th, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. Rod (Hot Rod-known by his friends) was born on July 23, 1948 in Hobart, In. He graduated from Hobart High School in 1967. He then served in the United States Army from 1969-1971, during which he was a tank mechanic in Germany during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked 30 plus years at NIPSCO. He was preceded in death by his loving wife- Jessica (nee Rabatine) Baker; parents- Milton "Bud" and Mary (nee Watson) Mock; and brother- Barney Baker. Rod is survived by his children- Scott (Isabelle) Baker, Mindy (Keith) Sweeney, Valerie (David) Hall and Matthew Baker; grandchildren- Ashlee (Will) Kominakis, Karessa Sweeney, Mia and Isla Hall; and great-grandson- Wyatt Kominakis; brothers, who are also his life-long friends- Paul (Cindy) Mock, Glen (Cindy) Mock, and Dave Mock. He loved being a grandpa, racing, a cold Miller High Life, and walking the A1A. Rod never met a stranger and will be missed by many. Per Rod's request there will be a celebration of his life this summer. Burns Funeral Home, Hobart entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Comments

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“ Love that Guy !!! He is in heaven Golfing with Tiger.

**Marilyn (Tomato) Bennett** - July 16, 2019 at 09:58 AM

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“ Worked with Rod for many years, he was definitely one of a kind. Thinking about his crazy antics will always put a smile on my face. R.I.P. Weird beard. Please let me know when the celebration of life for Rod will be thx

**Randy erwin** - May 15, 2019 at 09:32 PM

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“ I'm so glad Kim and I were able to spend time with Rod in Fla last fall. He will be sorely missed by all. Our prayers are with Rods family, may he Rest in Peace.

Todd Finan

**Todd Finan** - May 15, 2019 at 08:11 AM

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“ I've known Rod since the fourth grade. He was truly a one of a kind all around great guy and will be missed by many. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Rest In Peace my friend.

Lynn ( Fife ) Smith

**LYNN A SMITH** - May 13, 2019 at 09:50 AM