



## Charles "Kyle" Rodeman

January 18, 2025

Charles "Kyle" Rodeman, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother passed away peacefully on January 18, 2025, on his 81st birthday. Kyle was born on January 18, 1944, in McCracken, Kansas. He is survived by his devoted wife and constant companion of 57 years, Patty Rodeman, their son Chris Rodeman, daughter-in-law Suzie Rodeman, and grandsons Kyle and Ryan Rodeman, his sister Reva Lloyd, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Charles, mother Katharen, and sister Carla Purer.

Kyle's early years in Ness City, KS were marked by a joyful and active spirit. As a teenager, he became the lifeguard at the local pool, a position that would change his life forever. It was there that he met Patty, the love of his life.

Kyle earned dual degrees in Psychology and Exceptional Education at Fort Hays State University, where he made lasting memories and lifelong friends. He was an active member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity.

After graduating in 1967, he married Patty and they started their life together in Springfield IL where he began his lengthy career with the American Red Cross. Over his 35 year tenure, he held 9 positions across 4 states including Assistant Executive Director of the Milwaukee Chapter and the Executive Director of the Salt Lake, Syracuse, and Rochester Chapters. He led the

Rochester Chapter for 20 years where his leadership in disaster relief efforts had a profound impact on countless lives. Notably, he played a critical role in the disaster relief responses to the Rochester Ice Storm of '91, the 9/11 attacks, and Hurricane Hugo in Puerto Rico. In addition to coordinating emergency assistance, Kyle was recognized for his commitment to the Rochester Community by establishing Red Cross partnerships with the United Way, Visiting Nurse Services and the Rochester City Fire Department to jointly provide essential and innovative community programs. After retiring in 2004, he assumed the role of President of the Red Cross Retirement Association where he dedicated himself to ensuring retirement benefits for fellow Red Cross retirees.

Kyle and Patty relocated to Surprise, Arizona, where they embraced a full life with many friends playing golf, hosting and attending parties, playing billiards and driving his beloved 1969 red Corvette.

Kyle was a devoted family man. His love for Patty was evident in everything he did and their marriage was a shining example of their love and partnership. He was a proud father to Chris, always encouraging and supporting him in all his endeavors. Kyle, Patty and Chris made many memories skiing, playing tennis and spending summer vacations on Martha's Vineyard. Highlights of their lives included special memories with their dogs TG, Willie, Rocky & Freckles. As a grandfather, Kyle cherished every moment spent with Kyle and Ryan. When the boys were young, he was always ready at the drop of a hat to babysit. After moving to Arizona, he and Patty returned to Rochester every summer to spend time with the boys. He instilled in them their love of golf and ensured they were always on time for countless practices including football, baseball, and lacrosse with helmets and cleats on and ready to go.

Kyle's life was enriched by the countless friendships he formed over the years. From his golf groups to his colleagues at the Red Cross and neighbors in

various communities, Kyle's storytelling and engaging personality endeared him to many. These friends, like his family, held a special place in his heart

A funeral mass to celebrate Kyle's life will be held in Ness City Kansas on June 6th, 2025. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Kyle will be deeply missed, but his memory will be cherished forever. His life was a testament to the power of love, the importance of family, and the impact one person can have on the world. Rest in peace, dear Kyle, and thank you for the beautiful legacy you have left behind.

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Patty, Chris and family: It was a pleasure and a privilege to work with Kyle. I admired his dedication and commitment to the organization and his support to us all. And yes, that smile!*

*My sincere condolences to the family.*

*Sharon Bartell*

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**Sharon Bartell** - March 08, 2025 at 02:51 PM

EA

“ *I will remember Kyle from the years I spent with the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter. He was a strong leader, as the CEO. Regards, Ed 'Pete'Amos*

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**EJ 'Pete' Amos** - March 06, 2025 at 05:25 PM

BM

“ *Patty, Chris and the entire family, There was nothing better than that quirky Kyle smile I worked for him. I knew I was on track, taking a risk and going out on a limb and that Kyle would have my back. He embraced me as his Emergency Services Director, helped me fit into the culture of the Red Cross and supported me on my move to "national." I completed almost 25years and retired after COVID in 2021. Today Kyle is still sending me that quirky smile because I am now the President of the old Retirement Association which is the new Alumni Association. You made a difference in my life Kyle just like you did for so many in the American Red Crossers. Thank you! Becky McCorry PS. You and Bob Bender behave now and keep watch over all of us my friend!*

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**Becky McCorry** - March 04, 2025 at 01:54 PM

SK

“ Dear Patty and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Kyle's passing. I was fortunate to benefit from Kyle's leadership, working at the Rochester Red Cross during his tenure there. Kyle recruited many knowledgeable volunteers to support our chapter. As a result of Kyle's leadership he was highly respected by chapters across the country and at National Headquarters. My deepest condolences to the Rodeman family.  
Sincerely, Sheryl Karch

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**Sheryl Karch** - March 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

NG

“ Oh, I'm so very sad to hear about Kyle. I worked for him at the Rochester Red Cross and have so many wonderful memories and fantastic Kyle Rodeman stories. I can hear him asking me what my next career steps were in that subtle, laid-back Kansas drawl of his, and it was only my first few weeks on the job! I thought he was firing me! He had a profound impact on me, and I always looked up to him. As a pillar of the Red Cross for so many years, he mentored me and countless others. He made us all better and the world better too! My deepest condolences to Patty and his family. Rest in peace, Kyle.

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**Neal Gorman** - March 03, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JL

“ Very saddened to hear of the passing of Kyle. I worked with him for many years at the Red Cross through numerous roles in NYS. He was a class act and exemplified what the role of a chapter executive was. He was a role model for many young aspiring Red Cross executives at that time and I was always grateful for his advice. My deepest condolences to the Rodeman family in this time of loss.

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**James Love** - March 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM

LH

“ Dear Patty and Family,  
I'm so sad to hear of Kyle's passing. Please  
accept my deepest sympathy. I am so grateful  
I had the opportunity to work with him at our  
Rochester Chapter.  
Sincerely,  
Liz Hill



Liz Hill - March 01, 2025 at 01:23 PM

MD

“ Dear Patty, my condolences to you and your family. I remember  
how devoted you were to each other. I'm not sure if you remember  
me, we played golf together many years ago.

Mary Dooley - March 01, 2025 at 11:42 AM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eleanor Whitte - January 28, 2025 at 03:32 PM

AS

“ Ashley B. (Admin Team Member At Simply) lit  
a candle in memory of Charles "Kyle"  
Rodeman



Ashley B. (Admin Team member at Simply) - January 27, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Simply Cremation & Funeral Arrangements** - January 23, 2025 at 03:30 PM