



Rodney Alan Yeakel

March 4, 2026

Rodney Alan Yeakel passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026, in Surprise, Arizona.

Rodney was born on December 28, 1946, in Hecktown, Lower Nazareth Township, Pennsylvania, to Stanley and Evelyn (Fehr) Yeakel. He grew up in Nazareth alongside his siblings and remained proud of his roots and the close-knit community where he was raised.

In his early years, Rodney served his country in the United States Coast Guard. He had a lifelong love of racing and spent much of his youth involved in the racing community in Nazareth. Throughout his life, Rodney also found great peace in nature. He cherished time spent at his beloved cabin in the Pocono Mountains, where he enjoyed the beauty and solitude of the outdoors.

In 2014, Rodney moved west to Arizona to be closer to his son and grandchildren. He embraced life in the desert and made the most of his years there, spending many weekends exploring local concerts and community events.

Rodney is survived by his son, Cody Yeakel (Mallorie); his sister, Alice Friend (Harry Unangst); his brother, Jack Yeakel (Terrel Armstrong); and his grandchildren, Carter, Evan, and Avery. He is also survived by many beloved

extended family members and friends.

Rodney will be remembered for his faith in God, his independent spirit, and his love of the outdoors.

Memorial services to be arranged at a later date in Rodney's hometown.

To honor Rod's memory and love of racing, donations can be sent to Youth Racers of America. <https://youthracersofamerica.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Cody and family, I'm deeply sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Rodney was a sweet and kind man! I worked with him at Advance Auto Parts and have talked to him every holiday since he moved to Arizona. He will be deeply missed and forever in my heart!

Patti Kummer - March 16 at 01:00 PM

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“ Ashley At Simply Cremation lit a candle in memory of Rodney Alan Yeakel



Ashley at Simply Cremation - March 12 at 05:04 PM