



# Celebrating the Life of Rodney Lee Muilenburg

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## WHO WAS BORN

February 25, 1953  
Hartley, Iowa

## AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

May 14, 2024  
Milbank, South Dakota

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, June 7, 2024 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Mundwiler Funeral Home  
Milbank, South Dakota

## HONORARY URN BEARERS

Rodney's Beloved  
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

## CLERGY

Daniel Lopez

## INURNMENT

Milbank City Cemetery  
Milbank, South Dakota

## APPRECIATION

Rodney's family is grateful for your attendance at this Celebration of his life. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join the family for inurnment at Milbank City Cemetery.

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

## *Footprints In The Sand*

*One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome  
times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you  
and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you*

Rodney Lee Muilenburg was born on February 25, 1953, to Cornelius and LaRue (Hayes) Muilenburg in Hartley, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed into the Methodist faith. He attended Primghar High School and graduated from there in 1971. After his education he worked at a meat packing plant in Cherokee, Iowa for three years. In the mid-seventies, Rod moved to Minnesota and was later married to his first wife. Though that marriage was brief, to this union three children were born: Javin, Sara, and Timothy. Rodney would later meet the love of his life and was united in marriage to Rona Lunderville on October 4, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Rodney's work took him to various parts of the Midwest over the years before settling in Milbank, South Dakota. He worked in the dairy industry for 49 years, primarily for AMPI, before retiring in January 2023. Before his health declined, he loved spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed cooking and grilling in the summertime. Above all he loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish Rodney's life is his wife, Rona Muilenburg of Milbank, SD; six children: Nikki (John) Niesen of Clinton, MN; Brandy Haukos of Morris, MN; Sara (Kevin Johnson) Muilenburg of Milbank, SD; Tim (Jessi) Muilenburg of Aberdeen, SD; Shawn (Angie) Jordan of Middletown, PA; Samantha Ebnet of Clinton, MN; two sisters: Jerilyn Camp of Tuscan, AZ; and Jill McPherson of Grimes, IA; brother-in-law Robert VanderPol of Sioux Falls, SD; four sisters-in-law: Marge Liebe of Milbank, SD; Karen (Steve) Vauderey of Milbank, SD; Phyllis (Lyle) Schultz of Milbank, SD; and Nyla (Greg) Daggett of Fairfield, CA; 20 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Cornelius and LaRue (Hayes) Muilenburg; son Javin Muilenburg; sister Kay VanderPol; niece, Michelle (Shelly) Ahrens; five brothers-in-law: Bill Lunderville, Chuck Lunderville, Duane Liebe, Norvin Beachem, Dennis Mattson, sisters-in-law: Shirley Beachem, Mary Johnson, and Sandra Mattson.

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