



## Rodney G. Wright

June 2, 1967 - February 19, 2024

Rodney G. “Smoke Stack” Wright, 56, of rural Akron, Indiana passed at 7:10 pm, Monday, Feb. 19, 2024 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Indiana.

Rodney was born on June 2, 1967 in Rochester, Indiana to the late Waitzel L. “Gummy” and Adeline (Matzat) Wright. He was a 1985 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School. While living on the farm, he met Carrie Simpson and they became life partners 26 years ago.

He was a truck driver for several companies in the area and finally retired as an owner/operator for over 10 years. Rodney was also a cattle farmer and enjoyed driving his International tractor. He served his community on the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department and enjoyed his time at the Akron Speedway, where he was the flagman. He loved dirt racing and watching Open Wheel racing. He enjoyed mushroom hunting and fishing for crappie. Rodney was everybody’s friend.

Survivors include his life partner Carrie Simpson of Akron; sisters Sharon and husband Jay Heckaman of Silver Lake, Shelly and husband Keith Davison of Arizona, and Brenda and husband Tom Lester of Noblesville; brothers Bruce Hogue and Becky of Akron and Royce and wife Anita Wright of Akron; sister-in-law Janet Wright; and several Nieces and Nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Garry Wright and Larry Wright, and a sister Karen Frolick.

Following his wishes, no service will be held at this time.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ Just found out!!!! Going to miss ya, brother. See you on the other side ❤️🙌

Gilbert gib Lee. - March 07, 2024 at 04:46 PM

DM

“ Denise Murray lit a candle in memory of Rodney G. Wright



Denise Murray - February 28, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DM

“ Carrie, I was so sad to see the news of Rodney's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Denise Swick Murray

Denise Murray - February 28, 2024 at 09:48 AM

JW

“ Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Rodney G. Wright



Judy Walgamuth - February 21, 2024 at 07:53 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Stuart lit a candle in memory of Rodney G. Wright*



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**Tracy Stuart** - February 21, 2024 at 09:16 AM

SH

“ *Our condolences to Carrie and all the Wright family! Will miss that horn blowing when driving by after hay was cut/ baled . With a big smile on his face. When we was small our dads raced horses an all us kids would run around. Rodney will be missed . A friend, A great neighbor, just a wonderful guy with a big heart. Dad said RIP My Friend!*



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**shivelys** - February 21, 2024 at 07:41 AM

KH

“ *I haven't seen Rodney in years, but there was a time I saw him often. I never knew him to have a "bad day". No matter what he was into it was always glass half full. He could tell a story of his adventures and have you rolling on the ground in laughter. He was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. Rodney, I hope you have a front row seat to the Eldora Speedway in the sky! RIP*

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**Kyle Howard** - February 20, 2024 at 11:22 PM

TM

“ *The Moudys lit a candle in memory of Rodney G. Wright*



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**The Moudys** - February 20, 2024 at 09:12 PM

WM

“ *Our sympathy goes out to Carrie and the Wright Family*

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**Wendell, Georgia Moudy** - February 20, 2024 at 09:11 PM