



## Rodney K Hoyt

April 30, 1946 - January 26, 2019

Rodney K. Hoyt, 72 of Toledo, Ohio died peacefully Saturday morning January 26th surrounded by his loving family after a long and courageous battle with Lewy Body Parkinson's disease.

The oldest of 11 children, Rodney was born April 30, 1946 to Kenny and Roma Hoyt. Before he could drive, Rodney would hitchhike to the nearest golf course to play 18 holes, and continued to enjoy the game until this past summer.

His love of golf was surpassed only by his love of being a devoted husband to Linda for the past 30 years, and a Father and Papa to his four children and eight grandchildren.

Rodney graduated from the University of Toledo and spent almost his entire career as an educator at Bedford Schools for 37 years teaching Health, Math and Phys Ed. He has thousands of former students who speak highly of him to this day. Rodney was also a local painter, and had hundreds of clients over the years, many of whom became friends.

Rodney was preceded in death by his loving parents, his brothers Rick and Kevin Hoyt, his infant granddaughter Taylor, and his mother and father-in-law Rita and Marion Reed. He is survived by his wife Linda, his children Chad

(Cyndi), Brooke Calatrava (Carlos), Matthew Velker (Ashlie) and Erin Dzierwa. Grandchildren Jessica, Savanna, Cassidy, Ashton, Grant, Mason, Ryan and Jackson. Brothers and sisters Gary (Christine), Kathy Hoyt, Sandra Lawson, Sharon Hindall (Jim), Deborah Ledesma (Raul), Marsha Plocek (Doug), Donna Johnson (Greg), Denise Smith (Tony), Dennis (Bev); brother-in-law Bill Reed (Janet), sister-in-law Annie Bochi (Jim); as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, and his extended family in Australia.

To all those that knew him, Rodney will always be remembered as a friendly chatterbox who could tell stories for hours; a helpful neighbor who always offered to help shovel the driveway; a hard working friend who was never too busy to lend a hand; the best Papa who always made time for games and fun with the kids; and the guy with the best looking lawn on the block.

Because of the fiercely attentive and loving care Linda gave him, Rodney was able to enjoy the peace of his own home; continue with his favorite activities of golf, pool, bowling and boxing; and was continuously surrounded by his children and grandchildren, siblings and friends until the end. Only the best for our Papa.

Special thanks to Matt and Ashlie Velker for the support and care they provided for Rodney and Linda over the past year; as well as the nurses and staff at Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their care and kindness in recent weeks. We would also like to especially thank Coach Cummings and the staff involved with the "Knock out Parkinson's" program at the International Boxing Club of Toledo in conjunction with the UT Medical Center. Over the past two years, Rodney thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent in the ring with all of you. He made many new friends, and looked forward to attending each week.

Friends and family are welcomed at Ansberg West Funeral Home for Visitation Sunday February 3rd from 11am-5pm, with a prayer service at 4pm.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday February 4th at 11:00am at Blessed Sacrament Church: 2240 Castlewood Dr. Toledo, where friends are invited to visit after 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the International Boxing Club of Toledo to support the "Knock out Parkinson's" program for those suffering with Parkinson's in NW Ohio and SE Michigan. 5965 Telegraph Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43612.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
2240 Castlewood Dr  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
2240 Castlewood Dr  
Toledo, OH 43613

# Tribute Wall



“ *This man was a wonderful teacher. He took interest in his students and took time to make sure kids were progressing at their speed and succeeding. I still remember how he helped me be the best I could be. May he Rest In Peace.*

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**Sheraton Kalouria** - March 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *"Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation." -- my Uncle Rodney passed away recently after suffering from a really aggressive form of Parkinson's disease. When someone you love suffers from something so truly awful it is both sad and a great relief to know they are finally in peace. When you think of a person who lived a truly wonderful, rich life full of love, you should think of my Uncle Rodney. He had a huge, beautiful family he was very close with... a career he thrived in as the gym teacher at a local high school... a passion for sports, including boxing and golf... and the most beautiful relationship with his wife. While I wish that our family and no family would have to experience what diseases like Alzheimer's and Dementia bring, it was also incredible to see my family spring into action (as usual) to shower my Uncle with love during a very difficult year. The power of love is the meaning of life and I am certain my Uncle knew that and experienced it daily. <3 - Lindsey, Rodney's Niece*

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**Lindsey De Kouchkovsky** - February 05, 2019 at 12:53 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the Hoyt families !!May you rest in peace Rodney !  
Lora Flemmings Ciotola*

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**Lora Flemmings Ciotola** - February 04, 2019 at 02:50 PM

DM

“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Rodney. We know he will be missed by many. May memories of times with him keep smiles in your hearts. Mary & Dave McClurg*

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**David Lynn McClurg** - February 03, 2019 at 10:52 AM

BM

*So Sorry to hear about your loss . Our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Bob&Brenda Meyers** - February 03, 2019 at 11:13 AM

RW

“ *Had the privilege of knowing Rod during my time at BHS. We played 100's of ping-pong games throughout the years. He was a strong supporter of the wrestling program as well. My senior year I was honored to have Rod walk with me across the mat as he was introduced as a mentor. We kept in touch at Super Fitness through the years until I moved out of town. Truly a remarkable man, one of a kind. So sorry to hear about his passing. Thoughts and prayers to his family. RIP you will be missed by so many.*

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**Ryan Wasielewski** - February 02, 2019 at 01:20 PM

JP

“ *To the Hoyt Family.*

*We are so sorry to hear of Rodney's passing. He will be missed by all the individuals he encountered.*

*Rod was a colleague of mine during his tenure at Bedford Schools. I knew him as an excellent teacher who related well with his students, inside as well as outside the educational arena.*

*His easy going demeanor exemplified what all teachers possess—exemplary rapport with students, regardless of their social, educational, or athletic prowess.*

*Rod was instrumental in helping my wife Betty and I complete the finishing touches of our home. He was fun to have in our home. Along with his skill and expertise with painting, wall papering, and finishing doors, we will always remember his ideas and work ethic away from the classroom setting.*

*Finally, I suspect there are a number of former students that he inspired to achieve their future goals by providing meaningful dialogue that instilled in them the importance of making the right decisions at an early age.*

*His guidance and caring thoughts will be missed by all those he touched and mentored in the past.*

*Our prayers and thoughts go out to all the Hoyt family during these trying times.*

*Sincerely,  
James and Betty Posta*

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**James Posta** - February 01, 2019 at 04:21 PM

JD

*So sorry for your loss. A friendlier person I have never found. My first memories of Rodney were of watching him do incredible dives from a 35 foot platform at the swimming quarry. A talented golfer who I always found to be in a good mood .*

*Jim Douglas*

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**jim douglas** - February 02, 2019 at 09:13 AM

PO

*“ What a wonderful friend Rod was to all of us in Linda's "weird boys" group! He welcomed all of us like we had been friends for life! He was one of the strongest, most compassionate and generous person I have ever met! His devotion to Linda and hers to him were the stuff of legend! Safe Home to you Rod! To Linda all my love and prayers! OB*

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**pat obrien** - February 01, 2019 at 01:26 PM

SC

*“ He was such a sweet man who obviously loved his job of teaching all of us little shitheads. He kept his cool most of the time and made it fun to learn about our body and health. May he R.I.P and prayers to his family.  
~Sarah Calgie*



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**Sarah Calgie** - January 30, 2019 at 10:24 AM

KR

*Rod was my teacher who later married one of my favorite cousins Linda many years ago. Great conversationalist and wonderful husband and father and Papa. He will be missed. And I love that he 📦 boxed. Who knew and how amazing!*

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**kristyn reed-salow** - January 30, 2019 at 12:34 PM

Josh  
Fillmore

“ *Such a good guy*

Josh Fillmore - January 29, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ *Had him for lifetime fitness. He was so great. So sorry to hear this*

Lindsay Marie - January 29, 2019 at 10:03 PM

PR

“ *Patricia Rhoades lit a candle in memory of  
Rodney K Hoyt*



patricia Rhoades - January 29, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *Teri Lynn lit a candle in memory of Rodney K  
Hoyt*



Teri Lynn - January 29, 2019 at 08:57 PM



*Had you as my health teacher in 1986, the best!! Rest In Heaven*

Teri Lynn - January 29, 2019 at 08:58 PM

LD

“ I had the great pleasure of having Mr Hoyt as my Health teacher at BJHS. I'll always remember his smile and kind heart. May God give his family comfort and peace in the difficult days to come.

*Lisa Wheeler Dodson  
Bedford Class of 1982*

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**Lisa Wheeler Dobson** - January 29, 2019 at 05:22 PM

 Mike Lampkowski

“ Played a lot of golf with Rod, and also had the privilege of working with him for years at the High School. Always in a good mood, always had a smile and ALWAYS had a story to tell. Missed working with him when he retired, and now will miss him forever. Now every day is a good day for golf, hit 'em straight Rod!

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**Mike Lampkowski** - January 29, 2019 at 05:06 PM

JD

“ I remember Mr Hoyt well both as a teacher and a former neighbor. He always had a smile.. My thoughts and prayers for the family.

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**Julie Greene Dierker** - January 29, 2019 at 11:59 AM

LD

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. My heart goes out to you. Linda, i wish I could give you a big hug and tell you how sorry I am. Rodney was an extra special man.... He took on a new family like he was made for you. Well, I believe he was! What a beautiful gift. I know you will all miss him so much... Please know you are in my heart as you go forward. Much love and peace, Laurie Dittmar

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**Laurie Dittmar** - January 29, 2019 at 11:05 AM

Pat  
Brenner

“ *Pat Brenner lit a candle in memory of Rodney  
K Hoyt*



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**Pat Brenner** - January 29, 2019 at 11:02 AM

Pat  
Brenner

*My prayers for all of Rodney's family, for Peace and Strength...RIP  
cousin....fond memories..*

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**Pat Brenner** - January 29, 2019 at 11:05 AM

TS

*I have nothing but good memories about a great guy and friend!*

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**Tim Starner** - January 29, 2019 at 01:09 PM

LH

*To the entire Hoyt Family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of  
Rodney. You are all in my heart and prayers. Lucy Hyter (Bain)*

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**Lucy Bain Hyter** - January 31, 2019 at 03:26 PM