



Rodney Enberg

April 24, 1948 - October 29, 2025

The funeral service celebrating the life of Rodney Enberg will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, at the Staples Alliance Church. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will resume on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Facebook Page or YouTube Page.

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Rod, 77, passed away unexpectedly on October 29, 2025, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, MN.

Rodney "Rod" Craig Enberg was born to Donald and Helen (Houwman) Enberg on April, 24, 1948, in Aitkin, MN, where he also attended school. He served his country in the U.S. Army as part of the 82nd Airborne, beginning in 1967 until his honorable discharge in 1969.

Rod married Denise Cartie and they were blessed with three children Paul, Shae, and Jaron.

He received his watch-making degree and owned and operated Enberg Jewelry in Aitkin. A few years later he worked on the Trans Alaska pipeline as a fabricator until 1982. He started logging and operating the sawmill that he

built, continuing to build his logging business near Motley. He then married Lynn Tholl. Selling timber, wood shavings, and mulch, he eventually turned the business into one of the most successful logging businesses in Minnesota. He listened to private landowners and worked with State forestry policy makers. He received recognition several times, notably in 2022, when the MN Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) presented him with the MN Logger of the year award. Rod was an avid outdoorsman, spending his free time hunting and fishing. He also loved singing and enjoyed theatre. He was a member of the American Legion, MN Loggers Education Board, and was a former Timber Producers Association President.

Rod was a joy to be around with his witty sense of humor. Using his creative gifts, he pursued many interests. He was generous and encouraging, always ready to take on the world with a can-do spirit. He had unbelievable perseverance and grit. Rod loved to work, and if there was anything he didn't do well it was sitting around.

Preceding Rod in death were his parents, Donald and Helen; and former wife, Lynn Enberg (2020).

Surviving Rod are his children Paul (April) Enberg of Verndale, Shae (Jim) Gaulke of Hillman, and Jaron (Heather) Enberg of Littleton, Co; stepsons, Mark (Cecilia) Tholl, Jason (Melissa) Tholl and Justin Tholl, nine grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren; siblings, Gary (Jackie) Enberg of Aitkin; nephews Joe Enberg and Chris Enberg; special friend Denise Baumgart; along with a multitude of neighbors, friends and customers.

Honorary casket bearers will be Eva Gaulke, Micha Enberg, Eli Enberg and Luke Enberg.

Serving as casket bearers will be Trevor Enberg, Tanner Enberg, Colton

Gaulke and Hayden Gaulke.

Cemetery Details

MN State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Hwy 15
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church - Staples
1512 8th Street Northeast
Staples, MN 56479

Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church - Staples
1512 8th Street Northeast
Staples, MN 56479

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Enberg*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 05, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DS

“ *I just learned Rod passed away.
I have been purchasing mulch and firewood from Rod for 15 years..
I have never met a more considerate man in my life...Always fair
always the best product.
I will miss our conversations..
Dan Sawatzky*

Dan Sawatzky - April 01 at 03:17 PM

CP

“ *So sorry to hear about Rod passing - He was a good customer and we became friends because he was always in good nature in our dealings.
He was a great example of a thoughtful and understanding man which made working with him so beneficial. I always thought about Rod coming and going different places while passing the shop on Hwy 64. He will be missed by all. God's Peace to Rod's family, business crew and close friends.
Charlie Patnode - Steel Sales Rep*

Charlie Patnode - November 12, 2025 at 01:41 PM

SF

“ *Sprau Cattle Compang & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Enberg.*



Sprau Cattle Compang & Family - November 07, 2025 at 07:33 PM

MR

“ *Marissa R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.*

Marissa R. - November 07, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Enberg.*



November 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ *MN Timber Producers Assn. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rodney Enberg.*



MN Timber Producers Assn. - November 06, 2025 at 02:08 PM

RA

“ Rhonda A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Rhonda A. - November 05, 2025 at 02:48 PM

LL

“ Linda L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Linda L. - November 05, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 05, 2025 at 11:56 AM

DH

“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts & prayers to your entire family 🙏❤️

Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - November 04, 2025 at 09:15 PM

TM

“ Titan Machinery purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Titan Machinery - November 04, 2025 at 03:22 PM

TM

“ Titan Machinery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Titan Machinery - November 04, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rodney Enberg.



November 04, 2025 at 01:53 PM

CC

“ Cam Hardwig & NTE crew purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Cam Hardwig & NTE crew - November 04, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AF

“ APT - American Peat Technology Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

APT - American Peat Technology Family - November 04, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Enberg.



November 04, 2025 at 12:36 PM

HT

“ Heartland Tire purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Heartland Tire - November 04, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CR

“ Choice Insurance (Jay E. & Senada R.) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Choice Insurance (Jay E. & Senada R.) - November 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CR

“ Choice Insurance (Jay E. & Senada R.) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Choice Insurance (Jay E. & Senada R.) - November 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Enberg.



November 03, 2025 at 10:06 PM

DF

“ Don Lynnette Wiest & family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Don Lynnette Wiest & family - November 03, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Enberg.



November 03, 2025 at 12:37 PM

CS

“ Carolyn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Carolyn S. - November 03, 2025 at 12:37 PM

LM

“ Loren & Kathy Morey purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Loren & Kathy Morey - November 03, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Enberg.



November 03, 2025 at 12:12 PM

MC

“ Mala Mills & YTS Companies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Mala Mills & YTS Companies - November 03, 2025 at 12:12 PM

MC

“ Mala Mills & YTS Companies purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Mala Mills & YTS Companies - November 03, 2025 at 12:12 PM

TT

“ The Orion ITL Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rodney Enberg.



The Orion ITL Team - November 03, 2025 at 09:27 AM

TT

“ The Orion ITL Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

The Orion ITL Team - November 03, 2025 at 09:27 AM

KA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul, April, Trevor, Tanner and families during this difficult time. Jonny Tuinstra & Karla Richardson



Karla - November 02, 2025 at 03:57 PM

HK

“ Rod was my dad's neighbor and my singing partner! He had a wonderful voice and a wonderful heart. He'll be missed ❤️

Hannah Krebs - November 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM

RN

“ Randy & Ann Noska planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Enberg.

Randy & Ann Noska - November 01, 2025 at 09:36 AM

RN

“ Randy & Ann Noska purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Randy & Ann Noska - November 01, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LT

“ Memories of the deer camp...Rod was very good all around person! RIP Rod after a little catch up with Bill Collins & Chuck Miller. You left your mark on this world!

Les Thorstenson - November 01, 2025 at 07:53 AM

TP

“ I met Rod when he was hired by my forester to revamp my land from a pine plantation to a deer habitat. Rod and his crew understood my wants and needs and performed the work beautifully. I spent some time with Rod as he operated a huge new "mulching machine" to take out stumps and transform the logged area into a big food plot. We spent the day together....and I gained a new friend. Rod was a rare breed....and understood the needs of a landowner.....rather than just take a profit from cutting timber. I appreciate him and his crew....and Rod and I later became Facebook friends.....tho we have not see each other in years....we are kindred in spirit. He is a tribute to his profession....and I remember him as my freind...a good man in my book. RIP Rod!

Tom Peterson - October 31, 2025 at 11:33 PM

SR

“ So sorry for your loss



Steve and Kathy Richter - October 31, 2025 at 07:38 PM

PD

“ Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Rodney Enberg



Patty Desrocher - October 31, 2025 at 06:39 PM

TL

“ Rod was always so nice to me and my Tanley from the first day we met him. We bought a lot from him in Oxbow Estates back 4 years ago to build our new home. Rod was always there to help us out with our projects and yard work. He even stopped by for our summer parties too. I liked him from the first day I met him. Rod reminded me of my own father, and he always took time to talk me and my wife. We will miss Mr. Enberg , you were one of a kind. The Lego family.

Tony P. Lego - October 31, 2025 at 05:43 PM

MF

“ Mike Sullivan and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney Enberg.



Mike Sullivan and family - October 31, 2025 at 03:58 PM

PK

“ Rod and I were inducted in the Army on the same day. Miles apart, but did Basic Training, and Jump School together. Were sent to Vietnam at the same time. We were just starting to catch up with each other in the last couple of years. Sorry I wasn't more pro active on that. RIP Rod!

Pete Kirchert - October 31, 2025 at 03:31 PM

WS

“ So very sorry to hear of this, our hearts ache with n for each of his wonderful family. Rod was a great neighbor to our family. Such a talented man who always took the time to visit n had that big smile with a sparkle in his eyes! So grateful by God's gift of Salvation we can be reunited in heaven, thank you Jesus. Our sincere sympathy, prayers and hugs to his wonderful family..we love you each so dearly ❤️



Wayne and Sheila Stave - October 31, 2025 at 12:32 PM

WB

My deepest condolences to Rod's family & close friends . He was a true friend, a fun classmate, & a wonderful singer & entertainer. We will all miss his warm & caring friendship. Sing to the heavens Rod❤️.

Wendie Bunnell - October 31, 2025 at 03:48 PM

CM

Rod was a very pleasant man whom I always enjoyed visiting with. I am especially grateful for the way he welcomed Lynn's son into his family. He was a good man and will be missed. Rest in peace, Rod.
Connie Mattke

Connie Mattke - October 31, 2025 at 07:23 PM

NS

My love and sympathy to Rod's family. We always enjoyed our times together as neighbors as well as frequent visits following his moving to Motley. We know he is home and his spirit is with you ❤️

Naomi Stone - October 31, 2025 at 09:55 PM