



Mr. Rodney "Rocky" Coile

October 19, 1947 - January 27, 2024

Rodney "Rocky" Coile, born on October 19, 1947, transitioned from this world on January 27, 2024. Rocky as all knew him by was a true Miami native, distinguished Vietnam veteran, and a pillar of strength in both his community and family.

Rocky's journey in life was marked by incredible achievements, beginning with his selfless service to our nation during the Vietnam War, where he earned the esteemed Purple Heart for his extraordinary valor and sacrifice. His dedication to service continued where he became a respected Union Steward for Local 3102 in 1970. His commitment was evident as he swiftly ascended to the position of Vice President in 1971.

In 1973, Rocky co-founded CWA Local 3122, a testament to his unwavering advocacy for workers' rights. His leadership within the union was exemplary, serving as Vice President and ultimately as President for an impressive nine years. The impact of his tireless efforts extended even further as he held the position of Vice President for the AFL-C.I.O for a decade.

Rocky's influence on the local community was immeasurable. He dedicated ten years as Vice President of the Dade Federation of Labor, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those he served. His philanthropic spirit was evident in his ten-year tenure as a Board Member for the United Way, where he worked diligently to improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Beyond his passion for advocacy and community service, Rocky found solace and joy in nature, particularly in the Florida Everglades. His love for fishing

and hunting was unparalleled, and he spent countless hours exploring the natural beauty of the Everglades.

His love for the great outdoors extended to Wisconsin, where he cherished his property and formed close friendships with his Amish neighbors. Rocky's warm and friendly nature made him a beloved figure wherever he went.

Rocky is survived by his loving daughter, Melissa Piazza, and cherished granddaughter, Giselle Boodaghian. He leaves behind his brother, Robert "Bob" Coile, sister Christine Hartman, nephew Brian Coile, and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends who will forever hold his memory close. He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Coile, and brother, Richard Coile.

In celebrating Rocky's life, let us remember the man who dedicated himself to the service of others, stood unwavering in the face of adversity, and found joy in the simplicity of nature. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his family find solace in the memories of a life well-lived. A funeral service will take place Saturday, March 16 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, with a reception to follow at 4:00 P.M.

Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Reception

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Food and drinks available for everyone to enjoy after the service.

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rodney "Rocky" Coile



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 11:57 AM



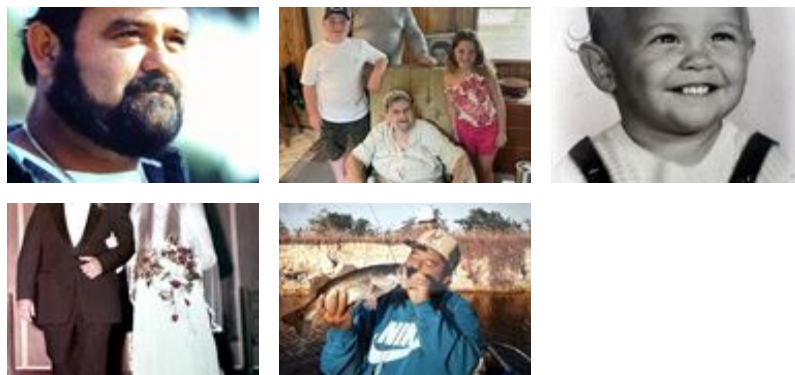
“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marti DePree - May 24, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DK

“ Rest In Peace my dear friend your posts and emails will be missed. I will always remember how I met you on loan to Silver Oaks Test Center from Operator Services this fat man says to me “Are you in the Union?” I gave the answer I used in OS YES The next day he comes in throws a paper down on my desk and says “Sign it Bitc#” and walks away. The person next to me says “He’s the Union President. Sooo I even became a steward. He’s been my friend since 1974. Love ya Rock 💔💔👍

Debbie Aaron Kicinski - February 14, 2024 at 12:27 PM

CS

“ Charlie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney "Rocky" Coile



Charlie Smith - February 07, 2024 at 04:29 PM

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Melissa Coile Piazza - February 07, 2024 at 08:13 AM

TF

So very sorry for your loss. Rocky was a great friend who was there for everyone. I enjoyed our chats on different subjects. Something will happen and I immediately think I need to tell Rocky that one and then remember 😞. He was so proud of you, Melissa.

Terri Ferrara - February 08, 2024 at 09:51 PM

LG

Rocka, Rocka...

That's what I called him. I will miss you. He was the man who gave my daughter and me a place to live temporarily when I got transferred to Miami. He really didn't know me from Adam. I am just one person whose life was changed because of his generosity and caring. He always wanted what was best for everyone.

To Melissa and the whole Coile clan I am sorry for your loss. It's always too soon.

Lesley Wilska Gonzalez - February 10, 2024 at 10:14 AM

JE

Rest in blessed peace

johnny and Lisa Ermine - March 20, 2024 at 09:30 PM

BE

He was a bright light in a dark place. I will give thanks always for helping Erik.

Beth - July 20, 2024 at 01:06 AM