



Ronald K. Rodewald

March 17, 1948 - May 1, 2012

Ronald K. Rodewald departed us peacefully on May 1st 2012. He is a beloved husband, brother, father, and friend.

Ron was born to Tobe and Leona Rodewald on March 17th, 1948, in Rockwell City, Iowa. He was a bright child who excelled in the classroom and provided tremendous help around the family farm.

He graduated from Spencer High School in 1966 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University in 1970.

Ron devoted his professional career to the electric power industry. He worked for the Bureau of Reclamation after graduating from college and then embarked on a distinguished 32 year career with the Bonneville Power Administration. He then joined GCPHA and remained with them until he passed.

Ron treasured his family. He married Karen Louise Markwardt on June 7th, 1970. They enjoyed the kind of marriage that everyone hopes their children will have. Their love of each other and life together was their greatest joy.

They had two children, their son, Brad, and their daughter, Kelley.

Ron is survived by his dear wife, Karen, sister, Shirley, son, Brad, and daughter, Kelley. He frequently visited Yellowstone National Park. Should you wish to make a memorial in his honor, please see below for information to make a donation to the park he so enjoyed.

Yellowstone Park Foundation, 222 E. Main St., Suite 301, Bozeman, MT 59715 or online at www.ypf.org (be sure to say in memory of Ronald

Rodewald).

Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to hear about the loss and my thoughts goes to the whole family.##imported-begin##Peh Yan Soo##imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 02:08 PM



“ Ron was the best manager I have ever worked with. I will miss him just does not cover how I feel. I will remember Ron with high regard. Ron had my respect from the first time I met him. I am glad and honored to have known him even if for only a short while God's speed Ron. May you ride the grassy hills and plains of Heaven for all time.##imported-begin##Kim Wareham##imported-end##

May 18, 2012 at 09:05 PM



“ Ron, one step ahead of the rest of us! May you soar with the angels in heaven.##imported-begin##Jim & Colleen Normandeau##imported-end##

May 16, 2012 at 09:04 PM



“ At a time such as this, words cannot express our feelings. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joel WJ Soo##imported-end##

May 16, 2012 at 04:05 AM



“ Sorry to hear about the loss. I'm sure he will always be in each of our hearts and memory.##imported-begin##Keng Soo##imported-end##

May 16, 2012 at 01:08 AM



“ Karen, our condolences and heartfelt wishes for your continued strength go out to you at this difficult time. We shall hang on to the fond memories of many enjoyable visits with you both. Please stay in touch and look us up when you are in town.##imported-begin##Jere and Jodi Weyrauch##imported-end##

May 15, 2012 at 01:51 PM



“ Our family is filled with sorrow and rejoicing in our memories of Ron. Our hearts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Mike and Anita (Rodewald) Peterson##imported-end##

May 15, 2012 at 01:47 PM



“ He will be missed. RKA##imported-begin##Dennis Britton##imported-end##

May 14, 2012 at 09:37 PM



“ The board of directors and staff of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District extend our deepest condolences to the Rodewald family. We all appreciated Ron's intellect, vision, expertise, and wit. He had a keen understanding of the workings of the power industry that was invaluable to the South District. He will be missed.##imported-begin##South Columbia Basin Irrigation District##imported-end##

May 14, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I sat in the next cube from him for a few years (at BPA) before I retired in 2005. He was always cheerful and shared a great many stories of the family he loved so much. It was a joy to have known him.##imported-begin##Lola Mann##imported-end##

May 14, 2012 at 11:25 AM



“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Ron's death. Ron touched many people with his knowledge, his willingness to help everyone, his wit and his smile, all will be fondly remembered. I will miss my dear friend. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss, and our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Kathy and Charlie Craig##imported-begin##Kathy Craig##imported-end##

May 13, 2012 at 03:33 PM



“ May you some how find peace with your loss. Too young to go, we are terribly sad.##imported-begin##Loran T. Rodewald##imported-end##

May 12, 2012 at 06:07 PM



“ I didn't know Ron that well but he was always kind to me and always said hello when he saw me. I will truly miss him and the kindness he showed me.

My thoughts are with his family.##imported-begin##Beverly Diehl##imported-end##

May 11, 2012 at 10:32 AM



“ My condolences for the sudden loss of Ron a friend. I understand somewhat your pain and loss. I lost my wife 10 months ago. I regarded Ron as a good friend of mine. I met him through GCPHA I am a director of SCBID.##imported-begin##JJ Danz##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Ron's passing. I worked with him at BPA - I remember how his eyes lit up when he talked about his family. He loved you all so much. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Karen Waugh##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 11:49 PM



“ I knew Ron from a purely business perspective. I found him to be a professional. Always honest, straight forward, and eager to work out the arrangement that produced the best results for all those involved.

I was saddened to learn of his unexpected departure. I know that those working with him and for him will miss him. I know I will.

-Jim##imported-begin##Jim Curley##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 08:20 PM



“ My thoughts and prayer are with all of you during this difficult time. Ron was such a joy to know. As we worked on issues affecting the Columbia Basin Project and the hydro-power system he became a friend and someone who I could depend on to give me information and advice I needed to have to make sound decisions. He will be missed.

Warm Regards to all of you,

Alice Parker##imported-begin##Alice Parker##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 12:00 PM



“ Karen, I am so sorry for your loss! Ron was an outstanding man to work for. His time with us was much too short! I agree with others...he was a soft-spoken gentleman in every sense of the word who always had time for those around him. His impact on our company will be felt in a positive way for many years to come.##imported-begin##Dave Lindhag##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 11:36 AM



“ Ron had a wonderful engineering mind and great interpersonal skills. But most of all he was a gentleman who loved Karen deeply. He always treated everyone with respect and although his achievements in BPA were many, he never sought or required accolades for them. May God bless and bring peace to Karen and her family.##imported-begin##Rick Itami##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 11:12 AM



“ We are deeply saddened to see you go so soon Ron. You will be sorely missed here at work. God bless your family and our prayers are with them. May the North Dam project forge ahead!##imported-begin##B Knesek##imported-end##

May 06, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ Great guy to work for

We will miss him.##imported-begin##James J Depew##imported-end##

May 05, 2012 at 03:24 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. An incredible loss to all who were lucky enough to have known him and to the many others who benefitted from his expertise.##imported-begin##Ross Pies##imported-end##

May 04, 2012 at 03:39 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ron always had a smile on his face and was a pleasure to talk to. He will be missed by all those that he touched throughout his work travels!!
###imported-begin###Paula Chapel###imported-end##

May 04, 2012 at 12:41 PM



“ Ron, I will miss your stories, guidance, and friendship. Thank you for all that you did to make our workplace a great place to be.

My deepest condolences to Karen, Kelley, Brad, and the rest of the family.

*"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know that they are happy."
###imported-begin###Betty Craig###imported-end##*

May 04, 2012 at 12:36 PM



“ You will be missed greatly Ron. Thanks for sharing a part of yourself everyday at work. Enjoyed hearing each and every story.
Isaiah 54:10: "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.
###imported-begin###Stacey B.###imported-end##

May 04, 2012 at 12:26 PM



“ INTO GOD'S LOVING ARMS, WE COMMEND YOUR SPIRIT.##imported-begin##Shirley and Mike Pfister##imported-end##

May 04, 2012 at 01:19 AM



“ Ron we love you so much. Thank you for all the love and wonderful memories. You live on with each one of us. We love you!##imported-begin##Karen, Shirley and Mike, Brad and Jackie, Kelley and Jeremy##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 07:43 PM