



## Roderic "Rod" M. Seeley

March 9, 1941 - February 22, 2024

Roderic "Rod" M. Seeley, age 82, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones, on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the Monroe County Care Center in Albia, IA, under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Rod was born at home in Brazil, IA on March 9, 1941, as the eldest child to Charles and Mildred Seeley. He grew up attending country school through the 8th grade and later attended Des Moines Lincoln High School.

Rod and Billie Sue Cox met at Bible School in 1954 at the age of 13 in Mystic, IA. On June 6th, 1959, they were united in marriage at the Mystic Methodist Church and to this union, was born a son Mark (Becky) Seeley, and two daughters Mindy (Jeff) Beal, and Mechele (David) Baker.

Rod and Billie moved to Albia. In 1959, he began working for Behnkes Famous Fryers first as a delivery truck driver. He was soon appointed as plant manager in charge of all aspects of the plant operations ranging from taking weekly orders from neighborhood stores, to Hy-Vee and to restaurants, to organizing deliveries to stores and restaurants all across the southeast quarter of the state. Billie stayed home being a loving wife and mother for their children until they were school age. In 1977, he started working for Ideal Ready Mix in Albia, initially where Rod went to work as a concrete truck driver and later as the plant manager. Rod retired from Ideal in 2000.

Rod, Billie and their children enjoyed being outdoors, wood working, many camping “adventures”, attending their grandchildren’s and great grandchildren’s various activities, and yearly family vacations all over the country. For many years, Rod and Billie enjoyed spending their winters in Texas.

A very gentle, but hardworking man, Rod rarely had a bad word to say about anything or anyone.

Rod is survived by his wife Billie; son, Mark (Becky) Seeley of Sigourney IA, and daughters, Mindy (Jeff) Beal of Albia, and Mechele (David) Baker of Albia; a sister, Kathy Russ of Carlisle, IA; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mildred Seeley; his younger brother, Kenny Seeley; and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rod’s family present from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A private family burial will be held at Haines Cemetery in Centerville, IA, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Solider Monument in Albia.

# Cemetery Details

## Haines Cemetery

Centerville, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

LV

“ Sorry to hear this.I've known Rod since I was in grad school in Brazil.Worked with him at Ideal for several years.Great guy.Rest in Piece Buddy.

Laurel Varner - February 23, 2024 at 04:05 PM

VF

“ Velma Furlin lit a candle in memory of Roderic "Rod" M. Seeley



Velma Furlin - February 22, 2024 at 11:20 PM

NP

“ Nicole, Roger, & Paula purchased the Blue Carib bean Bouquet for the family of Roderic "Rod" M. Seeley.



Nicole, Roger, & Paula - February 22, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ Remembering all the camping trips when I was younger with Rod and Billie and several others. Between Rod and my dad, one of them was always blasting their 8 track tapes of Charlie Pride, Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty...you name it for the whole group of us. Lots of good memories. Rest in peace Uncle Rod.

Pam Jones - February 22, 2024 at 06:51 PM

BE

“ *Billy Sue and Family.Rod was a good guy.May peace be with you.Ben and Raeann*

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**BenG** - February 22, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JF

“ *Rod was always one of my favorites at our weekly family get to togethers he will be missed ( I think he always called me Jackie ) sorry we can't be there with you all but know you are all in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Jack & Sharon Brice & family** - February 22, 2024 at 06:04 PM

MC

“ *Rod was more like a brother to me than a brother in law. We worked together at Behnkes and Ideal Rwady Mix for over 20+ RIP BROTHER.*

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**MAX COX** - February 22, 2024 at 05:02 PM

GH

“ *It was an honor and a pleasure to know him for so many years.*

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**Gerald Haas** - February 22, 2024 at 04:57 PM