



## Rodney Abshire

August 18, 1950 - June 3, 2021

Captain Rodney Abshire, born on August 18, 1950 in Lake Arthur, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at the age of 70.

He was a 1968 Graduate of Welsh High School and immediately entered the workforce where he would build an illustrious career in the oil and gas industry. Working his way from a green horn deckhand to an Operations Manager, including obtaining a 1,600-Ton Master License, Rodney remained his wonderful, humble self. He retired from GulfMark in 2015, but never really stopped working.

Rodney married the love of his life, Karla Frederick Abshire, on June 12, 1970. Together they would build a wonderful life including raising two hardworking sons, Allen Ray (Samantha) and Rodney James. Eventually, they would be blessed with two amazing grandchildren, Zachary Allen (girlfriend, Sarah Daniel) and Madison Angelle who became their world. Chef Rodney loved nothing more than cooking a great feast and having a whole bunch of people over to visit with and feed.

He is also survived by his brothers Wilson Abshire (Ellen) and Thomas Abshire (companion Sherry Guidry), his sisters, Martha Breaux (Gilbert "deceased") and Gloria Trahan (Ricky); in-laws, Janet Stein (companion Malcolm), Andrea Lide (Al), and Gilda Mallet (Donald); and numerous godchildren, nieces, and nephews whom he treated like they were his own children.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford Abshire and Diana Abshire; stepfather, Alec Abshire; son, Kevin John; brother, Chester Abshire; and in-laws, Angelus Frederick, Elsie Frederick, Roy Frederick, Charles Frederick, and Greg "Leach" Stein.

Funeral services will be held in Johnson & Brown Funeral Home in Iowa on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 12 p.m. Rev. Roland Vaughn, Celebrant. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery in Welsh under the direction of Johnson & Brown Funeral Home. Visitation will begin on Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

Welsh, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 7.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Johnson & Brown Funeral Home  
505 Hwy 90 East  
PO Box 1387  
Iowa, LA 70647  
office@johnsonandbrownfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.johnsonandbrownfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 7.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Abshire.*



June 06, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rodney Abshire.*



June 06, 2021 at 09:59 AM

TC

“ *Mr. Rodney is a dear friend of my family! He cooked an amazing gumbo for my wedding! His daughter Sam took my wedding pictures! He will always have a special place in my heart! ❤️🙏*

**Terri Lyn Melancon Creel** - June 05, 2021 at 03:03 PM

AA

*We will always be there for y'all family as y'all are for ours!*

**Allen Abshire** - June 12, 2021 at 10:54 PM

MF

“ *Rodney and I worked together for many years. I could call him at any time for advice on any problem that I had. Rodney could solve a problem quickly and you knew it would be done right. He treated Company personel with respect and trusted by everyone. Rodney will be missed and I pray for his family. Rest in peace my brother.*

**Mitchell Falcon** - June 05, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AA

*Thanks for the memories!*

**Allen Abshire** - June 12, 2021 at 10:53 PM



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



June 05, 2021 at 12:02 PM

LR

“ *Rodney and I worked together for many years. We saw good times and tough times together and we made it through them. Rodney was the man you could send to solve a problem quickly and you knew it would be done right. He had a special bond to the the Company personnel and he was deeply respected and trusted by all. Rodney will be missed and I pray for his family and many friends. Rest in peace my friend. Larry Rigdon*

**Larry Rigdon** - June 05, 2021 at 09:35 AM

AA

*Thank you so very much!*

**Allen Abshire** - June 12, 2021 at 10:50 PM

AA

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**Allen Abshire** - June 12, 2021 at 10:50 PM

JC

“ *Earth's loss is heaven's gain. Rodney was a one of a kind, bigger than life kind of man. What a wonderful person---he always knew just what to say and certainly how to say it. May his family take solace in beautiful memories and lots of laughs and may they bring much comfort. Rodney was the Dad everyone wished they had! May he rest in eternal peace.*

*Julie Cormier*

**Julie Cormier** - June 05, 2021 at 07:28 AM

AA

*Thanks for the kind words!*

**Allen Abshire** - June 12, 2021 at 10:51 PM

JT

“ How could anyone have enough space to share the many memories of my friend and co-worker, Rodney, or should I say "Brud". While working right across from him in the Harvey office, I watched many of our vessel people come to him for advice, whether it be personal or otherwise, and his advice nailed it. He always had the answer to their problem. His death is definitely our loss, but heaven's gain, and it won't be long before the angels are lining up to meet him. I am praying for his family as they go through these hard times, because I know he was their rock. God bless you, Rodney, and thanks for the many great years of knowing and working with you.

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**Jennie Taylor** - June 04, 2021 at 10:19 PM

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*Thanks From our family!*

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**Allen Abshire** - June 12, 2021 at 10:52 PM