



## Richard H. Rodefer

October 28, 1938 - August 18, 2018

Richard "Rik" Howard Rodefer

Of Franklin Park, passed away on 18 August 2018. He was preceded in death by both his parents, Dorothy Shackelford and Howard Hayden Rodefer; and his younger brother, Stephen. He leaves behind a wife, Lindsay Scott; sister, Judy; three children Joshua (Paige) of Thomasville, GA, Susan of Doha, Qatar, and Alexis of Pittsburgh; four grandchildren, Nathaniel, Jacob, Samuel and Ella; two cats Ozzie and Izzie; and several chickens. He was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist church and the Teutonia Männerchor.

Rik grew up in Bellaire, OH and graduated from Bellaire High School. Rik attended both Dartmouth and Bethany College, where he was captain of the swim team. After graduation, he married, joined the Peace Corps and went to serve in the Philippines as a teacher and educator. Upon returning to the U.S., Rik joined the family business at the Rodefer-Gleason Glass Factory in Bellaire before retiring from Weirton Steel.

Rik was a lifelong participant in democratic politics and a Browns fan who oddly chose to live in Steeler country. He was renowned for playing a mean game of hearts and drumming on tables with his fingers. Among his many skills were his excellent singing voice, truly beautiful cursive penmanship, the ability to fit a full family and lots of luggage into a small car for a family

vacation, and a penchant to belly-flop repeatedly into swimming pools, much to the delight of all small children in the vicinity.

Visitation will be at Unitarian Universalist Church at 2359 West Ingomar Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 on Saturday August 25, 2018 from 1-3 pm. There will be a short celebration of Rik's life at 3 pm with a reception afterwards. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests donations be directed towards the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org), the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania [www.aswp.org](http://www.aswp.org), or your preferred Democratic candidate this fall.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church  
2359 West Ingomar Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

## Celebration of Life

AUG **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard H. Rodefer*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Richard H. Rodefer*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Cherished memories of growing up with Judy, Rik and Steve on Overlook Court in the 40s and 50s before our move to Texas. His death will saddens us.*



**Carol Cowen Girgis** - August 27, 2018 at 05:49 AM

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“ Our families were very close and I spent a lot of time with Rik's parents Dorothy and Howard. I only talked to Rik once when he was at Weirton Steel, and I did visit his sister Judy in Atlanta, 50 years ago. I am so sorry for his passing.

*Phil Cowen  
White Lake, MI*



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**Philip Cowen** - August 25, 2018 at 08:01 PM