



## Rodney Lee Ballhagen

April 29, 1965 - June 29, 2023

Rodney Lee Ballhagen, 58, of Allison was born April 29, 1965 in Cedar Falls, Iowa to Jerry and June (Heichel) Ballhagen. Rod took the checkered flag on June 29, 2023. Public visitation will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Allison. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 3, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greene, followed by a graveside service at the Allison Cemetery.

Rod graduated from New Hartford High School in 1983 and was united in marriage to Carol Jean (Codner) on June 5, 1993 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Two loving sons, Michael Lee and Jerod Lee were born to this union.

Outside of family, boating (especially on Clear Lake every Fourth of July) and deer hunting, Rod lived for racing. Racing was his passion. A passion shared by Carol, Michael and Jerod who, as a family, traveled the Midwest and beyond pursuing the next win.

Rod would tell you that he didn't race just for the sake of racing, but for the chance to connect with his 'racing family.' Through racing, he taught his sons that hard work and dedication is the only way to perfect your craft. A lesson they took to victory lane on multiple occasions and apply off the track to this

day. Rod took pride in and was an integral part of the construction of the half-mile dirt track at the Butler County Fairgrounds. Rod was an active member of the community and could be found with Carol on supper dates, little league games and giving all of his nieces and nephews and others he loved a hard time, especially the "ornery" ones.

Rod was the most genuine, sincere and kind man to anyone lucky enough to stand inside of his circle. He stood strong in his beliefs and served as a mentor to many including several of his nieces and nephews, who often stated that Uncle Rod would be the first person they would call if they had a need or faced a challenge.

Above all, he was a protector. Rod never failed to take care of those he loved. While we know his presence (and shenanigans) will continue through us, Rod will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Rod's memory lives on through his wife, Carol Ballhagen, sons; Michael (Abby) Ballhagen and Jerod (Brittney) Ballhagen, granddaughters; Amelia Ballhagen and Elsie Ballhagen, father; Jerry Ballhagen, brother; Brent Ballhagen, sister; Mindy (Bron) Umthum, mother-in-law; Dorothy Codner, brothers-in-law; John (Shelly) Codner and Craig (Stephanie) Codner, sister-in-law; Kristie (TJ) Kramer, numerous nieces and nephews, and honorary son Cole Liekweg, as well as the many members of his racing family.

He was preceded in death by his mother June and his father-in-law Mike Codner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Ballhagen family.

# Cemetery Details

## Allison Cemetery

IA-14  
Allison, IA 50602

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Allison - Woodley Funeral Home  
308 Birch Street  
Allison, IA 50602  
(319) 267-2507

## Service

JUL 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Mary's Church  
105 N Main St  
Greene, IA 50636-7750  
(641) 823-4146

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ Carol, my thoughts and memories are with you and your family in this difficult time. My prayers are with you. Virginia sickles

virginia sickles - July 02, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF SUCH A GREAT LOSS IN YOUR FAMILY....MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU..🚩🚩

CHAD VAN DYKE - July 02, 2023 at 08:13 AM

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CHAD VAN DYKE - July 02, 2023 at 08:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



July 01, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



July 01, 2023 at 05:22 PM

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“ Prayers to the Codner/Ballhagen family. Clint and Christine (Anthony) Fishel

christine fishel - July 01, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.

July 01, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



July 01, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



July 01, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



July 01, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.

July 01, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



July 01, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



June 30, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



June 30, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.

June 30, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



June 30, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



June 30, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.



June 30, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.*



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June 30, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Ballhagen.*



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June 30, 2023 at 05:06 PM