

Roddy “Rod” Charles Mallon – Rolfe was born on December 5, 1942, in Minneapolis, Minnesota the son of Robert and Lois Mallon. Rod was baptized at Pilgrim Heights Community Church in Minneapolis. He lived in Minneapolis until he was about 8 years old. Rod’s mother married John Rolfe on 12/26/1950, then his family moved to Alexandria and was later adopted by John. Rod was confirmed at the First Congregational Church in Alexandria and graduated from Alexandria High School in 1961.

Roddy met the love of his life Marvelle Schulz and on May 16, 1964 the couple was married at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Leaf Valley Township. In February of 1964 he enlisted in the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War. Rod was Honorably Discharged on February 28, 1970.

The Rolfe’s raised their family in Alexandria where Rod worked for MN Dot as a Surveyor. He also worked for the MN Dot in Bemidji and Thief River Falls. When the kids were young Randy enjoyed going fishing with his dad and Sheri and Rod would play softball and she would help with the field training of their black lab.

Rod and Marvelle enjoyed traveling and traveled to 49 of the 50 States. They also enjoyed going on their wonderful cruise to Alaska.

He was very active in his church as elder, treasurer, and chairman. Rod was very involved in the VFW and served as Commander from 1977-1978. He also volunteered to drive Veterans to their appointments at the VA Clinic in St. Cloud and Minneapolis. He enjoyed every month getting together at Travelers Inn with his high school friends for coffee.

One of his proudest moments was on Memorial Day 2018 when he received the Medal of Honor in memory of his grandfather, George Mallon. George was one of General Pershing 100 heroes. George was the first person buried at Fort Snelling and the main street is named after him.

Roddy died on Thurs, July 9, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Marvelle; children: Sheri (Terry) Whittier & Randy (Mary Beth) Rolfe; grandchildren: Max (Kaylin), Cole (Desney), Greta Rolfe, Jacob Whittier; step grandchildren: Melissa & Tiffany Whittier; great grandson, Juniper Rolfe; brothers: James & Scott; sister-in-laws, Paula Rolfe; Delrose Peterson and Marcine Nightengale. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Bruce & Clark.

## Remembering The Life Of



Roddy “Rod” Rolfe

1942- 2020

## **Footprints In The Sand**

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

## *In Loving Memory of* **Roddy "Rod" Rolfe**

December 5, 1942 † July 9, 2020

### **Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
2:00 PM

### **Officiating**

Pastor Scott Brown

### **Musical Selections By**

Kristi Wussow

### **Burial**

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

### *Arrangements*

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota