



## Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin

August 31, 1976 - March 2, 2025

Rodney Walter Franklin was born August 31, 1976 to Oteria Wafford and Walter Franklin in Forrest City, Arkansas. He was the first born of four children. He was affectionately known as "Pokey".

Rodney confessed a hope in Christ at an early age. Rodney is a Forrest City High School graduate. Following graduation, he attended East Arkansas Community College. He moved to Little Rock, Arkansas briefly. He later relocated to Horn Lake, Mississippi. There, he became a manager at McDonald's while continuing his education.

Rodney was preceded in death by his brother, Clinton Franklin and his stepfather, Hal Wafford. Rodney stepped out of death into eternity on March 2, 2025.

He leaves to cherish his memories his mother, Oteria Wafford; his father, Walter Franklin of Widener, Arkansas; brothers, Earl Franklin of Widener, Arkansas, Jeremy Bailey of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Walter Franklin of Jonesboro; Arkansas, and Dennis (Precious) Carter of Widener, Arkansas; two sisters, Desiree Franklin of Conway, Arkansas and Christina McKinney of Memphis, Tennessee. He also leaves his grandmother and grandfather, Lillian and Marvin Williams of Widener, Arkansas; two aunts, Shirley Sanders of Jonesboro, Arkansas and Janice Curtis of Widener, Arkansas; two uncles,

Sylvester (Pearlean) Curtis of Stockton, California and Robert (Letha) Sykes of Jonesboro, Arkansas; special cousins, Janiyah Curtis, Miecia Baker Hurd, Chassie Davis, Belinda Willis, Rotunda Willis, and numerous other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Scott Bond Cemetery

3254 Highway 70 East  
Madison , AR 72359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Widener Grove M.B. Church  
300 East Main Street  
Widener , AR 72335

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin



Angela Crippen - March 14, 2025 at 04:04 PM

JC

“ I remember walking in my first job which was McDonald's, and Rodney was one of the first managers i clicked with. He was so sweet and caring, he always was there for me, and i just loved when he worked. Rest in peace Rodney ☐☐ will forever miss you

Jada Carpenter - March 14, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family and friends Pokey was the sweetest friend you can ever ask for and I will always cherish the time Pokey and me and his aunt Janice shared in Madison Arkansas together he will truly be missed by so many Rip Pokey I will always love you like a Brother 🥹🥹

Tracey Browneyes - March 13, 2025 at 09:43 PM

IM

“ Irene Hardrick Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin



Irene Hardrick Moore - March 13, 2025 at 03:12 PM

VA

“ You all have my heart felt condolences and continuous Prayers doing this difficult time. So sorry for the loss of your son,..

Vanessa Alexander - March 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

TH

“ I remember when I first met Rodney, when I was hired at McDonald's we instantly clicked and he was a great listener and I could call him anytime. He was my angel on earth. I got to know what a real big brother was. To his mom, your son was great and Thank you for raising him to be great. Love you Rodney. I will never forget you. 💔💔💔

Trineka Hardrick - March 13, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Melony Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin



Melony Brown - March 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM

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“ We love and missing you dearly! You will always remain in our hearts.  
Shamora & Branden Curtis

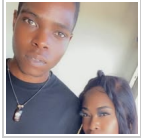


Travonda Todd - March 13, 2025 at 12:16 AM

JT

“ *Condolences to The Family*

**Jerry Thomas** - March 12, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Lesley Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin*



**Lesley Ann** - March 12, 2025 at 09:46 PM

DJ

“ *Dorothy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin*



**Dorothy Johnson** - March 12, 2025 at 09:37 PM

KL

“ *Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin*



**Katherine Lyons** - March 12, 2025 at 09:35 PM

AR

“ I will always love you Rodney Franklin



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**Alonda Robinson** - March 12, 2025 at 09:17 PM

DA

“ Della Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin



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**Della Allen** - March 12, 2025 at 07:08 PM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rodney Walter "Pokey" Franklin



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - March 05, 2025 at 07:17 PM