



## Rodney Charles Rotolo

May 17, 1960 - June 29, 2018

Rodney 'Rod' Charles Rotolo entered into eternal life surrounded by his family on Friday, June 29, 2018 at the age of 58 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Son of the late Joseph and Patricia Rotolo. Beloved husband of Deborah 'Debbie' Gonzalez Rotolo. Loving father of Dominique Rotolo Olivier (Ryan), Jarrod Rotolo (Suzanne), Sean Rotolo, Caitlin O'Sullivan Hunter (Nathan), Maureen O'Sullivan Raffray (Jacob) and Kevin O'Sullivan. Grandfather of Reagan, Broc, Olivia, Jolie, Brie, Brooke, Zoe and Finn. Brother of Susan Madeline (Jimmy), Kerry Rotolo (Sue), Joe Rotolo (Kris), Janell Reda (Frank), and Keith Rotolo (Jodi).

Rod was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Stout. After college, Rod began working as a chef in Atlanta, GA and Seattle, WA. For the rest of his life, cooking remained one of his greatest passions; however Rod's passions were endless. He loved his wife, his children and his entire extended family with unparalleled love. Rod was one of the founders and owners of Rotolo Consultants Inc, RCI (previously Jack's Nursery) in Slidell, LA. As a young man still in high school, Rod became fascinated with plants and horticulture. It was this interest that originally led to his family's involvement in Jack's Nursery. Rod's commitment to the growth and success of RCI was evident throughout his career. His passion for excellence, unparalleled work ethic and keen mind helped propel RCI to become one of the leading companies in the country in the landscape industry. His greatest pleasure and satisfaction at RCI came from teaching and imparting his knowledge to his many employees. There was never a project Rod undertook without immersing himself in every detail. His work philosophy: 'Plan your work – Work your plan' served him and the company well throughout his career. He finally achieved his retirement dream and began a 'gentleman's farm'. He was so proud of all that he accomplished on the farm, from his exquisite chicken coop to raising beef cattle. There was nothing Rod couldn't do. Rod was a faithful member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Covington, LA.

Family and friends are invited to St. Benedict Catholic Church, 20370 Smith Rd.,

Covington, LA for visitation Tuesday, July 3, 2018 beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:00 Noon. Gravesite burial will follow at St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, St. Benedict, LA. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Benedict's Church are welcomed. E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).

# Cemetery

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## St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery

75376 River Rd.

Benedict, LA,

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Benedict Catholic Church

20370 Smith Rd., Covington, LA, US, 70435

**JUL** **Funeral Mass** 12:00PM

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St. Benedict Catholic Church

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# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Charles Rotolo.



July 11, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Charles Rotolo.



July 02, 2018 at 05:38 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Charles Rotolo.



July 02, 2018 at 03:25 PM

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“ Chevron AD & OPS Teams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Charles Rotolo.



**Chevron AD & OPS Teams** - July 02, 2018 at 12:13 PM

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“ I will always remember Rod as a true gentleman builder. He really took great care with everyone and everything that he dealt with, and I was lucky to have him leading the building team on a very rewarding project we did together, the Brees Family Football Field at Lusher High School. It was always such a pleasure working with Rod, and he always put me at ease that the project would work out fine, and it did indeed. Here is a photo of us together with Drew and Britney Brees and the administrators of the school.

I recall how happy he was to finally realize his retirement dream of his ranch, and he deserved that more than anyone. My thoughts are with the whole Rotolo family at this difficult time. God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Keith Scarmuzza  
Mathes Brierre Architects



Keith Scarmuzza - July 02, 2018 at 11:25 AM

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“ i have known Rod for many years. Our sons grew up together so there are so many fond memories reaching so far back, from elementary school to high school and beyond. His love for his family was evident in everything he did - it is what I will always remember about him the most, as well as that great big smile. . My heart goes out to his loved ones. No more suffering Rod, be at peace.

Diane Keeler - July 02, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Charles Rotolo.



July 02, 2018 at 10:11 AM

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“ Rod had a wonderful personality and sense of humor. I enjoyed spending time with him on a couple pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota. He loved his family, was great at his job and amazingly could eat a lot and enjoyed good food. I have been blessed to know Rod and his brothers and sisters. I know you are with the lord and are now pain free.

Billy Dabdoub

**Billy Dabdoub** - July 02, 2018 at 08:55 AM

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“ Rod was my brother-in-law. He was an awesome guy!! He had a wicked sense of humor. He loved fine food and fine wine!! He had the best smile and hugs. I will miss him.



**Marcia Monroe** - July 02, 2018 at 07:12 AM

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“ Rod at 6'1" tall was still my "little" brother. He was the 5th of 6 children. He enjoyed creating wonderful meals for family and friends, designing and building projects, researching our family's lineage, hosting large gatherings happy to see everyone enjoying our time together. He was respected by all with whom he worked teaching and mentoring. He was a loving, caring husband, father, grandfather, and brother. We will miss him.



**Susan Rotolo Madeline** - June 30, 2018 at 11:30 PM