



Rodney Bogan

January 7, 1964 - December 26, 2024

Rodney Bogan, beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend was born on January 7, 1964 to the union of Terry and Esther Randle Bogan in Chicago, IL. He was the youngest of the “Bogan Twins” Stuart and Rodney.

They attended Kennedy Upper Grade Center in Kankakee, IL. After graduating from Westview High School in 1982, the “Bogan Twins” attended Millikin University in Decatur, IL together. After college, Rodney followed his brother’s footsteps and entered the armed forces in 1985. During his four year tour in the United States Army, he achieved the rank of SPC and was a finance specialist before being honorably discharged in 1989. After his years of service to his country, Rodney began working at General Foods and the U.S. Post Office as a mail carrier for 15 years.

Some of his athletic history and accolades include:

- Little League team coached by the late, great James “Bubba” Cox and Clyde Pankey
- Playing shortstop in middle school and high school
- Class “AA” 1978 Sectional Basketball Champs (Kennedy Upper Grade Center)
- Made the second All City team as a sophomore (Westview High School)
- Made the All City team twice (junior and senior year) and the All-Conference

Team (Westview High School)

- A part of the fabulous four “Running Kayhawks” (Eligha Brooks, Donzell Buckhanon, and the “Bogan Twins”) who won the following tournaments: Kankakee Holiday, All City, the Regional Tournament championships, and the SICA South Conference title (they were only the second SICA team to ever make it through a season without a loss)

His top tier athleticism established him as one of the greatest athletes to come out of Kankakee. One thing about it: there was nothing that anybody could do with those “Bogan Twins”! The bond between these identical twins has not ended, it’s been transformed from the physical to the spiritual.

Rodney had two loves of his life: Kayla Zhan’e Bogan on August 7, 1997 and Makiya Marie Bogan on December 4, 2000. Rodney was blessed to have one grandson, Legend Shakur Brown. His daughters were his entire world and Legend was his number one guy. If you knew him, you knew he talked about Kayla, Makiya, and Legend incessantly, especially Legend, who he nicknamed “21.”

He will be remembered most for stepping, especially with his baby girl Makiya, being a “top chef” at the Randle Family gatherings, frying fish, always helping and seeing to the needs of others, especially his family, telling jokes, being a huge Chicago Bears fan, talking and texting with his village of friends every day, hanging out with his grandson Legend, and being a great athlete. In honor of Rodney, Kankakee High School has retired his Westview High School #21 jersey.

Rodney leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life, his mother, Esther Randle Bogan of Kankakee, IL; two daughters, Kayla and Makiya Bogan of Richton Park, IL; one grandson, Legend Brown; twin brother, Stuart Bogan; one nephew he lovingly helped raise, Julian Bogan both of Kankakee, IL; uncles, Richard (Voneva) Randle of Battle Creek, MI, Kenneth (Michelle)

Randle, Pastor Carl A. (Bobbie) Randle, Sr. and Howard (Gail) Stewart all of Kankakee, IL; aunts, Vanessa Morgan of Chicago, IL, Renee Stewart, Rachel Stewart, Polly (Joe) Mendez all of Kankakee, IL and Virginia Robinson of Peoria, IL; godbrothers, Warren Roberts of Chicago, IL and Todd Byrd of Homewood, IL; godsisters, Angie Roberts-Watkins of Chicago, IL and JoAnna Armstrong of Bourbonnais, IL; special friends, Cedric Terrell, Al Dickens, Joe Girot, Bert Dear, Jr., Richard Baker, Steve Wells, Anthony Lawrence, Vincent Martin, Carrie Smith, Shirley Sykes, Shalone Graves, Coretta Jackson Garner, Judy Staples, Arleatha King-Harris, Alisha Tucker, Gail Lawrence, his daughters' mother Debra Conley, and a host of cousins, friends, and extended family.

Rodney traded his earthly vessel for a heavenly body on Thursday, December 26, 2024. Waiting to greet him Home were his father; maternal grandparents, Sallie and Ernest Randle, Sr., paternal grandmother, Coloniase Morgan; Godparents, Roy and Annabelle Roberts; uncles, Ronald, William, Herbert and Jerome Morgan, Ernest Randle, Jr., Arthur Randle and Terry Stewart; aunts, Beatrice Randle-Contrell, Maybell Randle Brown, Josie Marie Randle, Ernestine "Pepper" Randle Key, Julie Stewart and Peggy Williams. "The Fulton 12," his great uncles, Ezell, Jr., Harris, Robert, Peter, Thomas and Charlie Will Fulton; his great aunts, Lucy Williams, Maerena Fulton, Beulah Griffin, Frances Jackson and Ronnie Williams.

Once you become a friend of The Randle Family, you become family.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
717 N. Wildwood
Kankakee, IL

Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ As his 8th grade basketball coach, Rod carried our team on his shoulders! He made a huge impression on me and everyone that knew him! He had a rare gift of athletic talent and personal warmth.
Coach Jack Eckert

Jack Eckert - June 21, 2025 at 01:17 PM

JB

“ James Banks lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



James Banks - January 22, 2025 at 07:25 PM

EC

“ Elayne Coffie lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Elayne Coffie - January 08, 2025 at 07:50 AM

CJ

“ Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Catherine Jackson - January 07, 2025 at 03:09 PM

KB

“ Sending Thoughts and Prayers to the Bogan Randle Family. You will be truly missed Rod.



Kim B - January 07, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CB

“ My condolences and prayers for family!

crystal bryant - January 05, 2025 at 09:44 PM

MM

“ very sorry for your loss.

MARY MEDLEY - January 05, 2025 at 09:16 AM

SB

“ Stacy Brooks lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Stacy Brooks - January 04, 2025 at 09:34 PM

JD

“ Esther my heart is grieving for you & with you & the entire family. I remember you bringing the twins home to Mrs Sallie Mae ❤️💔

Johnie Dandridge - January 04, 2025 at 10:22 AM

VD

“ My prayers go out to the entire family 🙏



Verlean Dunigan - January 04, 2025 at 09:45 AM

RY

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the Bogan Family. You will be missed in many ways and places!

Rick Yates

Rickey Yates - January 04, 2025 at 08:50 AM

TT

“ I am very sorry to hear about Rodney's passing. My condolences and prayers to his family.

I haven't seen the twins much since we lived on Evergreen Avenue. We use to play slaughter the bomb (version of football) on their front yard. I have pleasant memories thinking about how we hung out and played together.

Telester Townsend - January 04, 2025 at 06:36 AM

RF

“ Renee fulton lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Renee fulton - January 04, 2025 at 05:17 AM

VW

“ Sending condolences and prayers 🙏

The Whalum family



Veronica Whalum - January 04, 2025 at 03:44 AM

KM

“ *Keith Morris lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan*



Keith Morris - January 04, 2025 at 02:04 AM

BL

“ *Rodney will always be remembered for his smile and conversation. My deepest condolences to the family*



Bridget Lawrence - January 03, 2025 at 11:03 PM

MD

“ *RIP Hot Rod it was a pleasure knowing you my friend!!!! May the Good Lord Bless your soul Coach Dan Merten*

Merten Daniel - January 03, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LH

“ *Lataira Harris lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan*



Lataira Harris - January 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM

TF

“ *The Pankey Family lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan*



The Pankey Family - January 03, 2025 at 07:55 PM

CT

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the Bogan family 🙏*

cheryl Tall-Hawkins - January 03, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SH

“ *Condolences to the Bogan Family and Debra Conley. Rod was a good friend that I met through college. He was a pleasure to be around. May God continue to bless you all in these times. Scott & Tureather Hood*

Scott Hood - January 02, 2025 at 11:50 PM

AM

“ Our condolences to Esther, Stu and the entire Bogan and Randle family. May God strengthen, bless and keep you all safe by his side.

We will miss you Rod “aka” Twin!

Elizabeth and Audrey Dear



AUDREY MCMILLER - January 02, 2025 at 11:05 PM



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



January 02, 2025 at 09:59 PM

RM

“ My Sister, Hazel Sykes-Gonzalez and family are sincerely sorry for your loss of your beloved Rodney 🕊️ We are praying for the families and may his soul rest in peace 🕊️ Prayers from Rosetta Mason & Hazel 🙏

Rosetta Mason - January 02, 2025 at 09:39 PM

RM

“ Rosetta Mason lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Rosetta Mason - January 02, 2025 at 09:32 PM

RB

“ *The Barry Family*



Ramona Brown - January 02, 2025 at 09:51 AM

DJ

“ *To the Bogan, Randle, Fulton Family,*

*The Lord walks beside us through the darkness
and leads us back to peace. Please know that
I'm praying for you during this difficult time.*

*Godspeed,
Cynthia J. Dear-Babatunde*



DEAR, CYNTHIA J. - January 02, 2025 at 01:40 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Rodney Bogan.*



January 01, 2025 at 08:04 PM



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

January 01, 2025 at 08:04 PM

TT

“ *Sending Prayers to the Bogan/Randle Family.
Love, Tausha, Gracelyn and Reginald-
Atlanta,GA*



Tausha Tate - January 01, 2025 at 06:07 PM

CM

“ *THE MARTIN FAMILY SENDING OUR 🙏 AND
CONDOLENCES TO OUR BROTHER RODNEY!!!! MY JESUS
Christ GIVE THIS FAMILY GRACE AND MERCY ❤️🙏🙏🙏*

CYNTHIA O MARTIN - January 01, 2025 at 10:52 AM

CW

“ *Collette whalum lit a candle in memory of
Rodney Bogan*



Collette whalum - January 01, 2025 at 12:07 AM

ZD

“ *RIP Rodney 🙏
You will be truly missed.
Love your friend Zena D*



Zena Daniel - December 31, 2024 at 10:01 PM

DI

“ *Sending prayers to the family. Westview class of 82 has lost another great one*
The Ivy Family ”



Deborah Ivy - December 31, 2024 at 09:59 PM

EF

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family. WHS C/O 82.* ”



Euell/Boykin Family - December 31, 2024 at 09:38 PM

KM

“ *Rod... I'm heartbroken to hear this. Back in the day, you were one of my baller buddies, running the court like it was second nature. I'll always be that girl who balled with the Bogan boys every summer, right across the street from my Grandfather's red and white house.* ”



Rest easy, baby. You'll be deeply missed.”

Kendall C Martin-Cooper - December 31, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TW

“ Terry Wilson-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Terry Wilson-Lloyd - December 31, 2024 at 07:17 PM

ML

“ Mary Lain lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Mary Lain - December 31, 2024 at 05:20 PM

CT

“ Cathleen Riley Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan



Cathleen Riley Taylor - December 31, 2024 at 05:20 PM

PJ

“ My condolences to the Bogan family in the passing of Rodney, "Twin". Rest in peace and God's arms.



Patricia Jamison - December 31, 2024 at 04:55 PM

PT

“ *Pernola Tucker lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan*



Pernola Tucker - December 31, 2024 at 03:02 PM

EF

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the family, friends and classmates (c/o 82). Euell/Boykin Family*



Euell/Boykin Family - December 31, 2024 at 01:55 PM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan*



JOANN FORD-BOX - December 31, 2024 at 12:06 PM

CW

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to the family.*

Chris Ward - December 31, 2024 at 11:18 AM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the family. Sending Prayers. Rod you were a great person. Always trying to help someone. You will be missed.*



Cheryl Wilson - December 31, 2024 at 10:23 AM

CB

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the Bogan family. From Carla Brooks-Miles*



Carla Brooks-Miles - December 31, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JT

“ *Rip Twin*



Joanne Tucker - December 31, 2024 at 08:22 AM

MF

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time*



Morris Family - December 31, 2024 at 07:45 AM

AD

“ *RIP Rodney, you were a very helping kind man.*



Adrienne - December 30, 2024 at 11:39 PM

AF

“ *Annie Johnson & Family lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bogan*



Annie Johnson & Family - December 30, 2024 at 11:05 PM