



## Big Daddy

January 29, 1938 - November 8, 2021

Rodney Robertson, 83, passed away at home on November 8, 2021, in Willis, TX surrounded by family and friends.

Rodney Robertson was born on January 29, 1938 in Langdale, AL, to Archie Robertson and Harriett Foster.

Rodney received his GED from Willis High School in 1985 and went on to earn a Master Electricians License from the Local IBEW 716 in June of 2000. He started his career as an Apprentice Electrician in 1956 and went on to establish his own business, Robertson's Electrical Services. Rodney was well known for his hard work and reliability, which made a name for himself in Willis. He made many sacrifices for his family and his determination had no boundaries. He was best known for Rodney's Place and Rodney's BBQ where Rodney's Rednecks began - a LEGACY that made a lifetime of friends and family. Later in life he was best known for the Family Reunions he held. Loved ones from miles away flocked to The Big's house where the first annual reunion had more than 300 people in attendance. He was lovingly referred to as "Big Daddy" by all that knew him.

Rodney married Frances Griggs on April 19, 1957 in Houston, Texas. The couple had 4 children. They moved to Willis, TX in 1978 where they planted their roots for a lifetime of happiness.

Rodney is survived by his wife of 64 years Frances Robertson, daughter Denise Oliver, son Shane Robertson, daughter Sondra McCurry and husband Todd McCurry, daughter Dusty Hahn and husband Artie Hahn. Grandchildren; Misty, Jason and Robin, Stacy and Miguel, Cory and Holly, Rodney and Tabatha, Krysti and Steven, and Kaysi and Joshua. He was blessed with 15 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson. He was also blessed with 7 bonus grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Brother Sidney Robertson and wife Terri, sister Wanda Nott and husband Jeff.

Rodney is preceded in death by his father Archie Robertson, nephew Sidney Robertson Jr. his mother Harriet Foster and his daughter-in-law Roxie Robertson.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday November 13, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Willis Texas. You are invited to leave a written condolence at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **13**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Look what Paul sent me. I know you would have loved her so much. She absolutely amazing. And you are Gavin another great great great grandson in August, Kolter Lane. I love you and I miss you so much.



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**Stacy Rachal** - March 01 at 09:29 AM

SR

“ I didn't forget your birthday. I went to see your wife lol. Aunt Wanda had come and got her and they wen and ate lunch, wen thrifting and dropped off some clothes at a good resale shop.

*I haven't told the boys yet, but Miguel and I are getting married. I've had a ring since August 2019, I wanted to make sure before I committed HAHAAAA.*

*I love you.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - February 04 at 03:32 PM

SR

“ You wouldn't believe it, but NCIS brought Tony and Ziva back! Or as Biggramma called her- Diva haha. I love you

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**Stacy Rachal** - January 21 at 06:20 PM

MA

“ Hey Big Daddy I know it's been a while since I've wrote to you, but you're getting another great great grand baby. I wish you could be here to meet it. I'd tell you the name but it's a surprise for everyone. We all miss you and the holidays just aren't the same anymore without the person that helped keep everyone together.

*I wish I could see you and hug you. The pain hasn't gotten easier it's just more manageable. There's so much I wish you could be here to see and I know Big Grammas starting to get tired. But I love you Big Daddy.*

*Until I see you again. I miss you*



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**Matthew** - January 01 at 12:44 AM

SR

“ Juan passed away Friday at 3.10pm. Mama asked him to tell you that we love and miss you.

*I have so much that I want to tell you but I can't organize my thoughts right now.*

*I love you.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - December 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM

SR

“ I had to go looking thru pics of you today. I'm didn't cry until I got to the pic that Krysti took of me and Bo sitting by your bed the morning you passed. I miss you so much it hurts some days.

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**Stacy Rachal** - December 12, 2025 at 11:16 PM

SR

“ Today is 4 years since you've been gone. I miss you and I miss the world that was lost with you. I miss coming over and laying down with you while you read a book. I miss your big laugh. I miss your voice. And I miss big gramma, she's getting so done with life.

*I love you. Forever and ever.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - November 08, 2025 at 01:21 PM

MA

“ I know it's been a while since I've said anything, but you've been on my mind a lot Big Daddy. I have so many questions that I wish you could help me answer. Even if it was just to hear your voice. You always knew what to do and I wish I did. I miss you so much. I swear I still hear your voice every time I walk out of your front door tellin me to take care of my mama and watch my back. I wish you were actually there to tell me, and meet Candase you would absolutely love her. I love you Big Daddy. Until I see you again.

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**Matthew** - September 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM

SR

“ Johnse is having an amazing time at school. He’s being a huge PITA at home, but he’s behaving at school. For the most part hahaha. We’ve had a few issues, but I think he’s finally getting his bearings.

Matthew and Nathan’s birthdays are coming up. I am making birria tacos on Sunday for them. Can you believe Nathan is going to be 20?! And Matthew 22!!! So crazy, I still see them as little boys. You threatening Nathan for being a butthead and him throwing fists up and asking if you wanna fight. He’s was always a handful. Matthew is and has always been such a sweetheart and that has never wavered. Oh if you could see them now.

Paul and Kys baby girl is turning 1 Saturday! She’s so adorable. You would just adore her. She has the sweetest smile and when she gives you a hug she snuggles her whole head into the crock of your neck. My Paul seems so happy with them.

I’m so proud of all my boys. I always worry that I failed them or was too mean or rough, but if I was they have been able to grow and love and forgive me. And I am so thankful. Thank you for being such an amazing grandfather to me and and even better great grandfather to my boys.

I love you. Until I see you again...

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Stacy Rachal - August 26, 2025 at 01:23 PM

SR

“ It’s the night before Johnse 1st day of school. I remember I used to bring the boys by your house on thier 1st day. Big came over. She told Johnse you told her from Heaven to have a good 1st day. I can still remember your voice and laugh. 😊 thought I lost it. But just now I heard it.

Miguel started a new job last week. It’s been good for him and it’s starting to spill over at home some days too, I can’t wait for it to happen all the time. I miss good days with him.

I love you. Summer is coming to an end. Another year is creeping up. Sometimes it feels like you just left and other times it feels like a lifetime ago.

I love you forever 😊

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Stacy Rachal - August 12, 2025 at 09:31 PM

SR

“ Happy Fathers Day Bigdaddy. I love you. This week has been easier on my heart remembering you.

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Stacy Rachal - June 15, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SR

“ I heard a poem today and it made me think of you. It's by Josie Balka

*I hope you don't miss me in heaven as badly as I miss you here.  
I hope for you the silence is peaceful and the thingy of me feels like  
dejavue.*

*A wave of familiarity that you can't quite put your finger on.  
Empty for only a moment once in a while and gone like the wind  
after that.*

*I hope when you got there you were swept over like a wave of  
forgetfulness so you're still entirely full of life and happiness but you  
can't remember why.*

*And pieces of me are a part of you in way that you feel even more  
complete.*

*I hope you don't have to miss me up there in the way that I miss you  
down here.*

*I can't imagine heaven feels how I feel without you.*

*I hope you yearn for nothing and no one.*

*I hope there is no pain at all.*

*Maybe I'm feeling both our at once and that's why it feels so heavy.*

*If that's the case it means you are with me and I'm okay with that.*

*I hope in Heaven grief does not exist and I show up in your dreams  
on occasion and the feeling of having me near you lingers with you  
thru the morning after you wake up.*

*I hope those are the same nights you show up in mine.*

*And if in Heaven you can't remember me at all.*

*I hope the wave of forgetfulness that overtook you when you arrived  
turns into an ocean of remembering when we meet again like we  
never spent a moment apart.*

*And I will forget what it's like to be without you and you will have  
never known what it was like to be without me because you found  
the peace I had hoped you'd find while I found my way back to you.*

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Stacy Rachal - May 27, 2025 at 12:49 AM

SR

“ Hey Bigdaddy.

*I miss you. Shocker right? Life's been upside down. I'm struggling with lots of stuff. I've been taking care of Miguel's dad and it's just been awful. He's started to get mean, like tone of voice. He hasn't really said anything mean except that I should do what he says because he's old. That went over about as well as you would expect haha. So much more I could complain about, but I'm gonna move in to the better stuff.*

*Paul and Kylinn are doing great. Kyndall is almost 9 months old and she the best thing. She brings us all so much joy, I look forward to Saturdays so much. She crawling and pulling up. She started clapping and she laughs when she crawls to me. I love snuggling her when she naps in my arms. I can just picture you rocking her in front of the big living room windows. She would have adored you.*

*Matthew and Candase are doing well. I don't get to see him very often and it hurts my heart so much. But when I talk to him he sounds good. I know he calls Biggramma often and she tells me how much she loves his voice.*

*Nathan and Riley are doing well. Nathan's working for my Uncle Shane Rachal now. This was his first week. He says he likes it a lot. Riley's family has a little mini farm and he brings over baby ducks. And once a baby goat. That thing was so loud lol.*

*I miss you. I hope one day to see you again. I don't know how it works, but one day. I love you.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - May 24, 2025 at 08:51 PM

SR

“ Hey Bigdaddy. It's been a few months, what is it- time holds no something for love? Something like that. Hahah.

*Johnse just turned 6 a few days ago. He loves being 6 and growing up. He starts school in august, we won a seat in a raffle for a charter school.*

*Nathan is doing really good. He's living with his girlfriend Riley. You would really like her. She's so sweet, but very quiet.*

*Matthew is doing great. Him and Candase are still living in Athens and the live it up there. I miss having him close, but it helps knowing he's close to family still.*

*Paul. Oh my Paul. You would be so proud of him. And his baby girl is perfect, I swear I can picture you in that old glider holding her. You would love her so much. Him and Ky are doing so good.*

*Remember I told you I'm helping care for Miguel's dad? Well he's not doing very good. He's going to come home from the hospital soon on hospice. It makes me think of you, at the end. My heart keeps breaking, for me for everyone. I wish I could take this pain away from Miguel. He will be the last one in his immediate family and it's weighing on him heavily.*

*I love you. Always and forever.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - April 18, 2025 at 12:46 PM

SR

“ Hey you. Since you will never read this I guess I can just trauma dump on you. Bigdaddy our family is such a mess right now. My mama could use some of your words. Last week I had to file a missing persons report. I found out she had been missing for 20 hours. Artie never called anyone. He kept telling everyone he doesn't care about her and he just wants his car. That he's moving to San Antonio. I wish he would. Mama was found in a psychiatric hospital. Getting the help she needs. She's still there. It's been 10 days. It's hard living with a mental illness. Her and Sondra and nene don't talk. It makes me sad. I wish mom would travel or something. Tear down nenes room and put her in the house to help with Big. I love you. I wish we could go back in time and do things a little different.

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**Stacy Rachal** - January 08, 2025 at 12:06 PM

MA

“ I miss you so much Big Daddy. There's so many questions I wish I could ask you right now, and just hearing your voice would make so many things better right now. Even just a hug or to hear you say watch your back and take care of your mama, or even hearing you and Big Grandma arguing. There's so many thing that I wish we could catch you up on and I wish so badly you could've met Candase you would love her. I miss you so much Big Daddy and j love you.

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**Matthew** - January 05, 2025 at 10:31 PM

SR

“ Today is the 3rd anniversary of your death. I miss you and I am so grateful you are pain free. But dang, it sure hurts us sometimes. Biggramma misses you more than she lets on. She’s lonely and not sure how to fix that. Neither are we.

I love you. I miss coming over and crawling into bed with you and telling you about what’s on my mind. 💙

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Stacy Rachal - November 08, 2024 at 01:49 PM

SR

“ Matthew is MARRIED! Oh my gosh, you were missed so much! You would have loved it. Loved the church, the ride there, everything. Johnse was the ring bearer also. I love you.



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Stacy Rachal - October 21, 2024 at 03:44 PM

SR

“ I just found the speech I wasn't able to read at your funeral.

*Raise your hand if you was a favorite of Bigdaddy. (I expected at least half the people to raise thier hands). And I know he didn't tell nare a one of you that. He just made everyone feel like they were one of the one of the most important people he ever knew and whatever was being said he made sure you knew he thought it was important.*

*I've been lucky. I have known a lot of amazing men throughout my life. Subconsciously I've compared them all to my bigdaddy. He's always started the list, always been first. When I would get in trouble, big trouble- not little stuf, my mom would threaten me with telling my bigdaddy. Disappointing him would upset me way more that a threatened (and followed through) spanking. I'm so thankful I got the best of him for my entire life. I never realized that one day I wouldn't have him with me.*



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Stacy Rachal - October 13, 2024 at 02:39 PM

SR

“ Hey Bigdaddy. It's been a while. Yesterday was Biggrammas birthday. I think we have a lot more years with her. And I'm so grateful for that. It's been easier to talk about you and remember you. It doesn't hurt me as much. It's like I can enjoy you again. Is that weird?

Paul is dating a girl who had a baby. You would have instantly fallen in love with her. The baby I mean haha. She's incredibly tiny and absolutely beautiful. She got me wrapped around her finger. Paul is doing so good. You would be proud of him.

Matthew is getting MARRIED in just a few weeks. To Candase. I've talked about her to you. They live in Athens on her families land. He works his butt off making sure his little family is taken care of. You would be so proud of him too.

Nathan. Oh boy. The one you would have your run with. He would have benefited from some of your talks. He's joining the Army! He should be leaving in November. He's so helpful to me. He steps in when he sees that I'm overwhelmed. And in that, you would have been so amazed. And I know you're proud of this one too.

Johnse. Oh he is growing. He doesn't remember you with his own memories, but we talk about you and he has those. When I cry he pats me. He used to always ask if I was sad because you died. And usually that was a yes. We are homeschooling him. It's too scary to send him to school right now.

Miguel's dad got sick and we bought a house and moved him in with us. I take care of him for Miguel. Helping with you in those last days showed me that having someone you love take care of you is important. So even though sometimes I really wish I had more freedom to do what I wanted, what I'm doing now is important for our family.

*Bigdaddy, we've had some losses recently. I bet you already know. David Griggs passed a few months ago. And Ricky and his son Marcus passed last week in a terrible accident.*

*For now I can wait, but one day I want to feel your hug again. I love you.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - October 06, 2024 at 12:22 PM

SR

“*Happy Birthday Bigdaddy. I hope you are taking everyone's money playing the most epic poker game up there.*

*Things are better with me. I guess I just struggle with handling my grief. I had to get in anti depressants because it was affecting my quality of life, I couldn't put it away. And I thought I could and turns out I still can't without medication. I love you. I'm so thankful that I had you in my life as as long as I did. I'll update you on the family in a few days or so.*

*Xoxo*

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**Stacy Rachal** - January 29, 2024 at 11:04 AM

SR

“ Hey bigdaddy. I wish you could talk to me. Or give me a hug. I'm going thru it right now and I could really use you. I know you are where you need to be. But dammit. We needed you too. The world is moving and I just want it to stop and go back. I love you and I miss you.

Matthew and Candase got me this for Christmas. They got a similar one for Biggramma.



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**Stacy Rachal** - January 13, 2024 at 11:24 PM

SR

“ I'm missing you extra hard lately. I wish I could talk to you about things that bother me and get some wisdom. Sometimes it's really hard down here. I love you. I miss you.

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**Stacy Rachal** - December 21, 2023 at 07:06 AM

SR

“ It's been 2 years since you left us. People are right. My grief hasn't diminished, but it's not in such a small box and overflowing. Your grief box is bigger now. It's starting to get easier to think about you for longer periods. And talk about you without breaking down. It's gotten easier to picture you before you were so sick. I hope you are able to see us sometimes and know we are ok. And we are. All of us are ok. I love you and god I miss you.

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**Stacy Rachal** - November 10, 2023 at 04:42 PM

MA

“ I’ve been thinking about you a lot Big Daddy there’s so much I wish I could talk to you about. I just wish you could be here to see how far everyone’s gotten. I can’t believe you’ve been gone almost 2 years. I just wish I could hear you tell me to watch my back or hear you and big grandma arguing when I get up to the porch just one more time, and I really wish you were here for when me and Candase have our wedding. I love you so much and miss you Big Daddy.

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**Matthew** - October 17, 2023 at 10:05 PM

SR

“ My birthday was a few days ago. I have a voicemail saved if you telling me happy birthday. I’m so blessed to hear you say that when you are gone. I love you. I can’t believe you’ve been gone almost 2 years. I love you. I hope you knew how much I loved you.

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**Stacy Rachal** - October 11, 2023 at 02:58 PM

SR

“ Nathan turned 18 and Matthew turned 30 this last week. God you would be so proud of the amazing men all 3 of my boys have become. I miss you bigdaddy. It’s sucks doing life without you. Krysti and her bunch moved to North Dakota. They left Sunday and got there early this morning. Biggramma changed y’all bedroom up, I think you would have liked it even if the beds a little high up.

*I love you.*

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**Stacy Rachal** - September 05, 2023 at 09:18 PM

SR

*I guess I forgot to proofread because Matthew still has 10 years before he’s 30. He turned 20! 😊*

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**Stacy Rachal** - September 05, 2023 at 09:19 PM

SR

“ I forgot to show you! I got this for you. And me haha. I plan on adding a cardinal somewhere eventually. We have 2 male and 1 female cardinal that like to hang out in my front bushes. One of the males keeps attacking my car mirrors thinking they are fighting someone else. You would have gotten a kick out of it.



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**Stacy Rachal** - July 06, 2023 at 11:01 PM

SR

“ Guess what?!!!! Matthew asked his girlfriend to marry him! Her name is Candase and she's so sweet, I wish you could have known her- you would have loved her just as much as we do.

Also, you are going to be a great great grandfather again. Michael is going to be a daddy! You would love his girlfriend, she's so sweet. I'm not sure if I'm supposed to blab, but it's a GIRL!! Her name will be Page Monroe Rachal. We are so happy!

I miss you so much. I miss your laugh and I miss your voice. I miss your presence here.

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**Stacy Rachal** - July 02, 2023 at 06:55 PM

SR

“ Happy Fathers Day up there. I love you and I miss you.

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**Stacy Rachal** - June 19, 2023 at 02:48 PM

SR

“ It’s summer time. Matthew moved up north close to all them Wedeking’s (❤️👉) to be with his girlfriend. My Pauly is moving to San Antonio. Nathan is getting his drivers license and he’s graduating early next year. You would be so incredibly proud of them. Johnse talks about you frequently, probably because I do too. I wish he would have gotten more time to know you. I love you and I miss you so much. I don’t know what happens afterward, but I hope I get to see you again.

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**Stacy Rachal** - June 10, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MA

“ I miss you Big Daddy I’ve been thinking about you a lot. I’m really hopin you’re proud of what all everyone’s been able to accomplish. I just wish I could hear your voice one last time.

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**Matthew** - April 04, 2023 at 11:07 PM

SR

“ Hey Bigdaddy! I was thinking about you yesterday. I pulled into the driveway behind your old truck. And saw a picture of a half dressed cartoon girl with her butt cheeks showing. Al I could do was laugh because I am sure that would have been bigdaddy approved 🤔.

We’ve lost a lot of people lately. Misty last year, Uncle Sidney and Aunt Sandy. And my Mamà Stark last week.

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**Stacy Rachal** - April 03, 2023 at 05:03 PM

SR

“ I miss you.

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**Stacy Rachal** - March 06, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Big Daddy*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Big Daddy.*



November 10, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Big Daddy.*



November 10, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sincerely, Your Ball Conroe Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Big Daddy.*



**Sincerely, Your Ball Conroe Family** - November 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM

TJ

“ *Tom, Gina and Jeremy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Big Daddy.*



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**Tom, Gina and Jeremy** - November 10, 2021 at 01:08 AM

JJ

“ *I remember Rodney as always smiling. Loved his family. And he was a card player. I had many memorable times just enjoying the banter back and forth with family and friends. Going to miss you....*

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**June C Griggs Jones** - November 09, 2021 at 08:33 PM

ST

“ *Stephanie Toddy lit a candle in memory of Big Daddy*



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**Stephanie Toddy** - November 09, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Big Daddy.*



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November 09, 2021 at 04:20 PM