



Dennis Arnold Rode

July 9, 1948 - December 19, 2025

Dennis Arnold Rode, 77, was born on July 9, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois, and passed away on December 19, 2025. Though he grew up and lived in California for many years, Newnan, Georgia became the place he truly called home, where he lived for 28 years.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents: Adolph Rode and Mary Lombardo Rode. He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Suzanne Keune Rode; his daughter, Monica Rode Pannone, and her husband, Mike; his son, Wayne Ricky Rode, and his wife, Paulette; his brother, Wayne Rode; and his sister, Debbie Rode Davison, and her husband, Ron; his grandchildren, Mitchel Pannone, Michaela Pannone Robinson, Kristopher Alexander, and Nickolas Hardin; and eight great-grandchildren.

Dennis spent 43 years working for Mead Packaging, retiring as a Finishing Department Manager. He was proud of his career and known for his dedication, leadership, and strong work ethic. He earned his bachelor's degree from California State University, Fullerton, a milestone he carried with quiet pride.

He found joy in the simple things-riding motorcycles and horses, swimming in Lake Coweta, traveling, and caring for animals with a gentle heart. Dennis was a genuinely kind and loving man, known for his great sense of humor and his ability to lift others up with words of encouragement.

Above all, Dennis loved his family and lived his life with warmth, compassion, and quiet strength. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all

who knew him.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM. Friends and family are welcome to attend and celebrate Dennis's life.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers, you may make a memorial contribution to your favorite charity or to Collie Rescue of the Carolinas, P.O. Box 1313, Kernersville, North Carolina 27285, in memory of his beloved collies.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to The Haven at Newnan and Sacred Journey Hospice for their loving care and compassion.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

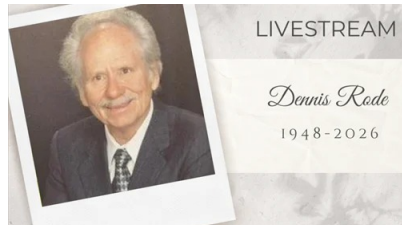
JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



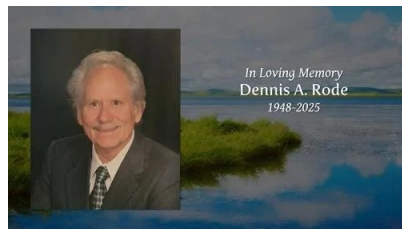
“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dennis Arnold Rode*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 23 at 09:08 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Arnold Rode*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 23 at 04:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Arnold Rode.*



January 24 at 10:36 AM

WD

“ Wayne and Laurie Dake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Arnold Rode.

Wayne and Laurie Dake - January 24 at 10:36 AM

EM

“ My deepest sympathy to Suzy and family. May peace and comfort be with you.
Edna Millar

Edna Millar - January 22 at 09:12 PM

CM

“ We love Dennis and Suzy like family. In fact I always said Suzy was the sister I never had. One of my favorite memories is when the four of us went to Italy. Doug drove and Dennis, with his trusted little map (no GPS), navigated. We drove around Italy like natives. Occasionally we got lost but we always managed to find our way again. We ate gelato at every ice cream shop we came to. The world will be a sadder place without Dennis Rode.

Carolyn Meadows - January 22 at 06:51 PM

GE

“ Gregory E. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis Arnold Rode.



Gregory E. - January 22 at 06:50 PM