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Roderick James Suess, 46, son of Charlotte and Jerry Suess, passed in his sleep February 14, 2018. He died of pneumonia as a result of his heroic battle against esophageal cancer. Rod was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but moved with his family to Germantown, Tennessee when he was a toddler. A gifted athlete, Rod began playing sports in elementary school and continued throughout High School. He lettered in football and baseball at Germantown High School, graduating in 1990. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1994. As his longtime friends know, Rod was an active member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity serving as Social Chairman, playing in Spring Classic Fund-raising football games, and Carnicus. Rod returned to Memphis after college, beginning a job in the securities business with Vining IBG. While the securities business provided ample income, it was not Rod's passion. Rod transitioned into the hospitality industry, first tending bar at some popular local restaurants leading into his Assistant Manager career at The Blue Monkey, Midtown. Rod was good at most everything he did, cherishing his coworkers, friends, family, and patrons alike. The loyalty to the things and people he loved never wavered and he will be missed. Rod is survived by his parents, beloved niece, Autumn Fitzsimmons, and sister Ginny Fitzsimmons. Services will be held on February 20, 2018 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Visitation begins at 12:30 p.m. with Rod's memorial service to follow at 2:00 p.m. There will be a gathering from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Germantown Country Club in celebration of Rod's life. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall".



Tribute Wall

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JF

James Frankie Faust posted:

Rod This sucks Rest in peace Love you Miss You Jerry and Charlotte sorry for your loss What a great guy. Frankie

February 17 at 10:08 AM

AF

Ann Frayser posted:

So very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved son. My thoughts, love and prayers are with your family.

February 21 at 3:52 AM

JM

Julius R Moody li posted:

Rest in Peace Rod. Prayers to all your family for comfort and peace of His grace. "Great lives never go out; they go on." – Pres. B Harrison

February 21 at 3:16 AM

FP

Forrest And Judy Pate posted:

We watched Rod grow up, he was like a brother to Blaine, and well loved by his friends at GHS and his brothers at SAE. Our deepest condolences at losing your sweet son. May God be with you and may he hold Rod close till you meet again.

February 18 at 1:40 PM

LJ

Laverne Jones posted:

My condolences. We can look forward to the time when all sickness, suffering, and death will be gone forever. Revelation 21:4 I am sorry for your loss.

February 15 at 7:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rod by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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