



Moses Rodney Young

December 12, 1969 - January 19, 2017

Moses Rodney Young passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2017. He was born in West Islip, New York to Elizabeth Ann Young and Moses Young on December 12, 1969. He attended elementary and middle school in Bay Shore, New York. He went on to high school in Central Islip, New York where he excelled as a star football player and earned his nickname "Ram Rod".

After graduating high school, Rodney worked many jobs including providing body guard services for a number of music artist and boxers. Most recently, he was a certified shop steward for the New York City District Council of Carpenters. Rodney was a dedicated member of Local Union 45 for twenty-seven years. Rodney enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed football, classic and antique cars, cooking, music and dancing. He was an extremely talented artist and loved to paint and draw in his free time. Rodney touched the lives of everyone he met. He never took a picture without a smile.

Rodney is survived by his parents, Elizabeth Ann and Moses Young from Tucker, Georgia; lifetime companion, Choly Gonzalez from Central, Islip, New York; brother, Darryl Young from Chesapeake, Virginia; sisters, Angela Green from Laurel, Maryland and Loretta Daniels from Lawrenceville, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Events

JAN **Wake** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Slinger-Hasgill Funeral Home
155 Sunrise Hwy., Amityville, NY, US, 11701

JAN **Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ I met Rodney in Junior High School. We were teammates. I was the 2nd string quarterback and when the QB1 went down I simply handed the ball to Rodney and he would handle it. Touch down Rodney. He scored 10 times in a game, maybe it was 8 or 9. We became friends. I was getting jumped by 7-8 kids on a regular basis and Rodney got his first job as a bodyguard. I paid with snacks, Ring dings, and sandwiches and he would walk home with me. He told them, "if you want to fight Roger then you can fight him one on one, if anyone jumps in then I will come after you." I looked at him the first time he said that and was like, " Rodney, I thought you were my bodyguard- you can handle that." He said no I'm going to help you by making sure its a fair fight. You got to fight or it will never stop. He gave me some confidence and I learned to fight. We worked out together, played video games and he encouraged me to fight. We ended up going to separate high schools but we would meet up at CI high school track in our junior and senior years and run sprints. We talked about life, his plumbing apprenticeship, the fact that I took up boxing and did not need a bodyguard anymore. We talked about his back problems and the upcoming surgeries. After I left for college we lost touch. I think I spoke to him once when I came home. He also saw my dad once and sent his props for me playing ball in college. My dad always said that young man is so polite he must have really good parents. I feel bad that we lost touch over the years. I just found out today that he passed away. My heart feels terrible. I am a grown man tearing up. I was in CI last year for one day and I told my family about him. When I told them tonight they said your teammate and bodyguard guy and I said yes. My old friend has passed. I pray for his family. I only met them once. My condolences go out to them. They had a fine son. Always kind and respectful to others and although he was a superstar athlete it never went to his head. He encouraged other teammates to strive to make it. Time passes but memories are strong. My memories of him are of good times and of his encouragement to fight back. Funny thing is that I have not talked to Rodney since about 1990 or 1991 and I have shared stories about him with friends, family members and clients. He was that kind of guy. I am glad we became friends. He saved me from some beatings and encouraged me to fight the toughest guy in the group so I would not need to deal with a group like that again. It worked. Then I ended up fighting half of CI. Its all Rodney's fault :) Crazy thing is Rodney was not a fighter. He just commanded respect from his appearance and his demeanor. God Bless Rodney and his family. RIP friend. Respectfully, Roger P. Foley

Roger Foley - March 22, 2017 at 12:20 AM



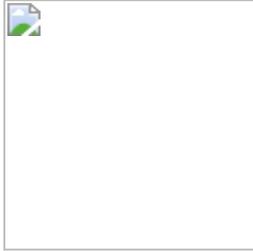
“ My Condolences to Young family, Rodney will be missed, he was a good friend/brother. I've known him since 1981 and we had plenty of good times, those of which I will always remember and laugh/smile..... He was a character, star athlete, who always had your back. He left us too soon....

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Bishop - January 27, 2017 at 01:01 AM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Young, so sorry for your loss. Rodney was a great friend to me. Love Sophia

Sophia Hall - January 27, 2017 at 12:27 AM



“ Mr. & Mrs Young, family and friends. I pray that God will send his angels to provide strength and comfort. Rodney was a wonderful person and lifel long friend. He will be missed!!!

Boyd Bedward - January 27, 2017 at 06:42 AM



“ To my brother's family, I'm sorry for our loss. He was such a good person, and thank you for being great parents and having such good family values. My mom called him my brother. My heart is broken. Thank you for such a great son.

Dena - March 13, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Moses Rodney Young.



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