



## Rodger Lawrence Rundenza, Jr.

October 7, 1984 - January 1, 2022

Rodger Lawrence Rundenza Jr., born on October 7, 1984, in Washington D.C. to Rodger Lawrence Rundenza and Cathy Marie (Griffen) Filcek. Passed away Saturday, January 1, 2022, at the age of 37 years. Rodger grew up traveling back and forth from Tennessee and Maryland. At the age of 18 he enlisted in U.S. Army as an infantry man and was stationed in Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He was assigned to D Company 2-4 (4th BDG, 10th Mountain Division). During his service Rodger was deployed to Afghanistan and survived an IED attack. Shortly after his return home Rodger was released from the military, but remained in Ft. Polk, LA where he met his wife Meghan. It was love at first sight. Shortly after meeting they moved to Oklahoma to raise their family. Rodger and Meghan Nicole (Casares) Rundenza married on March 30, 2013, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Upon marrying Meghan, Rodger came into the lives of Kale Spradlin at the age of 5, and Talan Spradlin at the age of 1. From the moment he met the boys he told everyone they were his sons. He taught Talan his first word “faster”. Rodger loved being a father and couldn't wait to have a house full of children. When they welcomed their daughter Kinley Rundenza he gave her the name “baby bear”, he was only allowed to call her by this nickname when her friends weren't around. When they welcomed their son “Trey” Rodger Rundenza III, their family was complete. He was so excited to pass his name down and would not let him have any other name. Rodger enjoyed helping coach and being on the side lines cheering for all four of his children. Whether it was football,

soccer, wrestling, or being a cheer dad. He could often be seen doing the cheers in the stands. He was at every school function, going on field trips and greeting his children before and after school. Rodger was always willing to help others, he spent many hours working on cars, even teaching Kale and his friends all he knew. Rodger had a smile that could light up any room and he made sure to always give a hug and an “I love you”, no matter who it was. Being his friend, you knew he genuinely cared about you he didn't just consider you a friend but family. He loved being “Uncle Rod’ not only to his nieces and nephews, but to his closest friends’ children as well. Rodger was a faithful member of New Life Assembly Church in Collinsville, Oklahoma. He served in Children’s Ministry and on the Praise and Worship team where he blessed so many with his voice. In his spare time, Rodger enjoyed a variety of past times including fishing with friends, working on cars, drifting, and playing video games. He also had a passion for cooking especially Japanese foods and made the best fried rice.

Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife;

Meghan Rundenza

5 Children;

Kale Spradlin

Talan Spradlin

Kinley Rundenza

Rodger III “Trey” Rundenza

Alyssa Brown

Parents;

Rodger Rundenza and wife Evelyn

Cathy Filcek and husband Steve

Siblings;

Travis Rundenza and wife Ashleigh

Danielle Mannix and husband Vinny

Christy Reyes

Giselle DiFrancesco and husband Chris

Melissa Filcek

Ashley Filcek

Roger Filcek

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, at New Life Assembly Church in Collinsville, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in Rodger's memory to the family Go Fund Me account at <https://gofundme/cce07a97> or New Life Assembly Church, 12215 North Garnett Road, Collinsville, OK 74021.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Assembly of God  
12215 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Tribute Wall

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“ Little Rod I'm sorry for all your pain . Your In God's hands now as your pain is gone . The world is alil smaller knowing you are no longer here . So blessed to have spent alot of time with you when u was little. Dress up in our red blue jeans and black tshirts to the mall we go for u to have fun a "time-out" arcade. I never forgot our times together . U were like a son to me at one time . Rest easy . Thank u for being you, your service and your love Rodger Rundenza Jr. My heart is broke 💔



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Patricia McKay - January 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rodger Lawrence Rundenza, Jr..



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January 06, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodger Lawrence Rundenza, Jr..



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January 05, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodger Lawrence Rundenza, Jr..



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January 05, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ My heart cannot fathom the effects of PTSD... Even though I spent a life time living with this type of debilitation with my husband, loosing yet another person you love takes my breath away! This news was the first three words I heard this new year while my son, David stood there grieving uncontrollably! Our precious Rodger and your family were a protege of the first Hallelujah Hayride. The first to attend New Life Assembly as a result of visiting this blessed event. As you continued to attend, we grew to love each one of you. Then we heard the angelic voice of Rodger. I always wanted you guys to sit behind us just so I could hear him sing! I think I even snatched him to stand beside me one Sunday just to hear him sing. We continued to prompt him to join the Praise and Worship Team and oh what a blessed contribution he made ❤️. I was always so tickled to see him helping David with the Rocking Little Dog House. Rodger helped in so many ways to support this little business 🧡. Loved, loved, loved his sweet hugs and that adorable smile! He will be missed beyond measure !!! I loved him and love you and your dear family so much 😊

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Deborah Kupiec - January 04, 2022 at 04:54 PM