



## Rodney Charles Ewing

September 20, 1946 - July 13, 2024

Please see service information below.

Family would like to share an article written by Stanford University

<https://sustainability.stanford.edu/news/rod-ewing-geoscientist-and-nuclear-security-expert-has-died>

In lieu of flowers, the family would like friends and families to donate to

Doctors Without Borders

<https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Special Remembrance of Rodney Ewings Research and Service

NOV **21**. 3:30 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Stanford University: William J. Perry Conference Room  
616 Jane Stanford Way  
Encina Hall, Second Floor, Central, C231  
94305, CA 94305

*Please RSVP on Stanford's website: <https://cisac.fsi.stanford.edu/events/professor-rod-ewing-special-remembrance-his-research-and-service>*

## Internment

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery  
1 Memorial Ave  
Arlington, VA 22211

*Please arrive before 9:15 AM to be able to attend service. \*Private family gathering*

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Menlo Park Funeral and Cremation Services - November 04, 2024 at 10:48 PM

LW

“ I have known and worked with Rod for more than 34 years. I and my family are deeply saddened by the news of Rod's passing. I am very sorry that I just found this website. To me, Rod has always been a great leader, a great mentor, a great collaborator, an outstanding scientist and a very dear friends. He has consistently led a group of international scientists with interdisciplinary expertise to achieve great scientific accomplishments. He lifted and changed lives of many of us, of course including mine.  
Rest In Peace, Rod. You will always be in our hearts.  
Lumin and Family



Lumin Wang - August 26, 2024 at 12:11 PM

LF

“ Lumin and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Charles Ewing.

Lumin and Family - August 26, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Charles Ewing.*



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August 26, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ *Saida Laarouchi Engström*

*My warmest condolences to Rodney`s family. It is indeed sad to hear about his passing. I will keep in good memory his cooperation with the swedish nuclear waste management program over the years and in different capacities.*



*I will specially remember my participation in the endeavour he launched to reset the nuclear waste management in the USA. His energy, his engagement and resilience in trying to put in place systems enabling safe and fair management of nuclear waste in the US, is impressive and admirable.*

*Rest in peace dear Rod!*

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**saida engstrom** - August 20, 2024 at 04:07 AM

JP

“ It was a great time to be with you, Rod, in Jáchymov in 2016. I am glad you agreed to come, grateful we could meet, and will keep my memories of you until my last breath.



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**Jakub Kopecký Plášil** - August 16, 2024 at 06:31 AM

KJ

“ It is with a very sad heart I write this small tribute after hearing the news of Rod’s passing. My deepest condolences to Helga, Allison, Travis and the whole family. Meeting and working with Rod as a PhD student, postdoc and later as a visiting researcher was truly an honor. I think Rod had a special gift in seeing and understanding people. He really understood when to guide, when to question, and when to give space and time to think. He ensured that everybody was taken care of, both in work and leisure. As a foreigner in the US, it made me feel like I had another safe haven, a ‘home away from home.’ Rod - I am grateful to have met and learned from you and to have enjoyed the warm hospitality of your home with Helga. Your star will shine for generations, and I will treasure all the good memories.

*Keld Alstrup Jensen*

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**Keld Alstrup Jensen** - August 13, 2024 at 05:03 AM

LE

“ I am so sad Rod is gone from this world. I knew Rod for 27 years, from early PhD studies and onwards; he was always so supportive and and a good friend and collaborator. He was one-of-a-kind and a pillar to our community and scientific field. I share two pictures from the Redupp conference in 2014: Rod talked about the fluorite structure, and we took a group photo from the same event which really illustrates that he was a strong center figure to us all. I had the pleasure of his company at the Migration conference in Nantes last year and we took a souvenir photo of us together. Thank you Rod for everything!

- Lena Z. Evins



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Lena Z Evins - August 06, 2024 at 02:55 AM

RA

“ I just found out about Rodney's passing. We completely lost touch after high school but I have a memory about our being 2 of a quartet of honor society members who dressed up in costumes to deliver singing and other "telegrams" on Valentine's Day - probably 1964. It was a weird but happy group. Very sorry for your loss.

Richard Anton  
August 5, 2024

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Richard Anton - August 05, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JF

“ *Jiaming Zhang and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney Charles Ewing.*



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**Jiaming Zhang and Family** - August 05, 2024 at 02:38 AM

FS

“ *Rod, your radiant and magnanimous legacy will live on for generations to come. Thank you for every opportunity (and challenge!) you provided to me as one of your graduate students. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have been mentored by you. To Helga, Allison, Travis, and family --- may each pang of sadness and grief be replaced by swells of love and comforting memories in time. We keep you in all our thoughts and prayers as we send our deepest condolences.*



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**Frannie (Skomurski) Smith** - August 04, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MH

“ *Rod was a singular occurrence, a truly remarkable and dedicated man of honor, vision, and strength for the good of all. Rod's academic accomplishments are as far as the eye can see, but it was the person that I will miss so very, very much. And if you knew Rod, you also realized that Helga was just as special, and that their bond was and is still forever. Their two shining lights will never dim.*

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**Mike Hochella** - August 01, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BG

“ It is a shock to me to get the sad message of Rods death after 45 years of friendship and scientific exchange. Still having exchanged with Rod on a joint paper three weeks ago, I express my infinite thanks to all his help, wisdom and guidance throughout all my professional career from PhD to retirement, including his presentation at our last Migration conference in September 2023 in Nantes, France. My thoughts are with Helga.



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**Bernd Grambow** - August 01, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JJ

“ I am still in disbelief. That cannot be true. After 35 years of friendship it is difficult to write about Rod using the past tense. I was privileged to collaborate with Rod on research projects he proposed in a thoughtful and visionary way. My academic career like careers of many others was shaped and inspired by Rod. Due to his personal merits, wisdom, and impressive scientific achievements, Rod was able to attract researchers from all over the world and I was lucky to be one of them. I will always think of Rod with gratitude treasuring memories of friendship and fruitful collaboration.

*Janusz Janeczek*

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**Janusz Janeczek** - July 30, 2024 at 12:27 PM

BZ

“ We were devastated to hear of Rod's passing. Our hearts go out to Helga and Rod's family. Rod was a friend, colleague and collaborator for over 45 years. He was an inspirational light to many and will be missed by all.

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**Bill Weber & Yanwen Zhang** - July 29, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JL

“ Rod is no just a mentor to me, but also a guiding light whose wisdom and support shaped my academic journey and beyond. I will always remember Rods' kindness, dedication, and the profound impact he had on my life and career. His absence will be deeply felt in my heart.



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**Jie Lian** - July 29, 2024 at 10:43 AM

RH

“ Rod, I thank you for all the memories over the past 55 years. The idyllic summer in an almost abandoned Stanford, completing thesis work but punctuated by lazy games of tennis and listening to tales of your 'adventures'. Joining you in Friday afternoon touch football games with Travis, Fred, John, and others of our close group, where you demonstrated your distinct lack of sports acumen but a keen sense of post-game conviviality. The two raft trips down the Colorado followed by the stupidity of joining you in an inflatable canoe going toward certain death in the King River. Being derisive about whether your choice of thesis topic on metamict minerals could ever lead to anything worthwhile, followed by 55 years of eating humble pie and being impressed at your prescience. Sharing your home and being introduced to Willie Nelson over multiple trips to New Mexico. For your wry humour and perceptive sense of what was silly or ridiculous. For introducing the phrase "I need Rod Ewing to explain" into our family lexicon regarding any puzzling movie, after watching "Apocalypse Now" with you. For appreciating your sense of friendship and loyalty. For knowing that you were there any time I wanted to vent about the parlous state of University geology programs anywhere. We might have lived on opposite sides of the world but you were forever just next door if I wanted to talk. I'm proud to have known you and privileged to have called you my friend. I'll miss you immensely. Give 'em hell, wherever you are.

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**Rod Holcombe** - July 29, 2024 at 05:11 AM

WL

“ My heart aches when I hear of the passing of Rod. Rod was a very supportive mentor, long-time collaborator, and best friend. Rod will remain in our hearts forever.

Weixing Li  
July 29, 2024



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**Weixing Li** - July 28, 2024 at 11:50 PM

SB

“ *My heart broke when I learned of Rod's death. I will never, never forget the kindness that he and Helga showed me when my husband died. They took me on walks, included me in suppers. They did so much to help me get through the terrible months after someone you adore dies. Rod's generosity of spirit and kindness were integral to him. The world is now a poorer place.*

*Sue Berryman  
July 28, 2024*

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**Sue Berryman** - July 28, 2024 at 12:55 PM

MD

“ *Ms. Cherilyn Davis lit a candle in memory of Rodney Charles Ewing*



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**Ms. Cherilyn Davis** - July 25, 2024 at 06:27 PM

KH

“ *Sending condolences to Rod's family at this time. Rod was one of the first people I met at UNM and provided useful support and guidance.*

*Karen N. Hayes, Ph. D.*

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**Karen N Hayes** - July 23, 2024 at 08:48 AM