



Rodney Douglas Imel

May 16, 2025

Rodney Douglas Imel, affectionately known as RD, passed from life through death into eternal life on May 16, 2025, at the age of 71 in McAllen, Texas. RD possessed a charismatic spirit and an undeniable zest for life, drawing countless friends into his wide circle with his easy smile and genuine nature. His warmth left a lasting impression on everyone he met. His love for life shone through in everything he did—whether embracing his passion for rodeo, perfecting his golf game, or capturing the world through the lens of his camera. He never settled for “good enough” and always strove for excellence in everything he pursued. His lifelong friendships with Rusty Garret and Tim Arnold were a testament to his loyalty and deep connection to those he cherished.

RD is survived by his loving family: Joyce, his daughter Kathleen Haecker (Justin), mother Jo Ann Imel, and sisters Lora Lothringer and Sandra Bowman. He also leaves behind a niece, nephews, cousins, and the many friends who loved him dearly and will miss him profoundly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerald Imel; niece, Lacey Lothringer, brother, Jerry; nephew, James; and sister-in-law, Betty Imel.

RD’s legacy is one of wholehearted living, quiet strength, and the joy of being truly present for the people and moments that mattered most. His absence leaves an undeniable void, but his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know and love him.

A celebration of RD’s life will be held on Sunday, June 1st, 2:00 pm 2025, at

the Cattle Baron, 3418 N. Closner Blvd., Edinburg, Texas. All who knew and loved RD are welcome to attend.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cattle Barron
, 3418 N. Closner Blvd.
Edinburg, TX