



Russell Michael Dadds

February 25, 1977 - May 13, 2025

Russel Michael "Rusty" Dadds, 48, of Frederica, Delaware, passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 13, 2025.

Born on February 25, 1977, in Easton, Maryland, Rusty was the beloved son of Richard Neil Dadds and the late Dorothy (Saunders) Dadds. He had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and golfing. A skilled woodworker, he especially cherished the time spent in the shop working alongside his father. Rusty also had a lifelong passion for cars—he loved working on them and was an avid NASCAR fan. Dale Earnhardt Jr. was his favorite driver.

Rusty is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Saunders Dadds and Grandparents.

He is survived by his father, Neil Dadds of Ridgely, MD; his brother, Tommy Dadds (Crystal) of Henderson, MD; and his beloved daughter, Riely Bernice Dadds of Hurlock, MD, who was the light of his life. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and his cherished cat, Maggie.

Rusty will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that contributions be made to the GoFundMe account set up in Rusty's memory, or donations can be made to a cat rescue organization of your choice, in honor of his love for animals—especially his cat, Maggie.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, P.A.
106 W. Sunset Ave.
Greensboro, MD 21639

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Kendal Ringgold lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds*



Kendal Ringgold - May 13 at 02:26 PM

KR

1 year...always thinking of you.

Kendal Ringgold - May 13 at 02:27 PM

ND

“ *Well my son it's been a year since you parted and I can only express how much you're loved and missed. Rip my son*



Neil Dadds - May 13 at 10:33 AM

KR

Sending you love today and every day, Pop.

Kendal Ringgold - May 13 at 02:27 PM

DC

“ *Denise Carroll lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds*



Denise Carroll - February 25 at 09:31 AM

DC

Happy Heavenly Birthday Rusty! I think about you all the time. You are truly loved and missed. See you later....

Denise Carroll - February 25 at 09:32 AM

ND

“ *Neil Dadds lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds*



Neil Dadds - February 25 at 05:52 AM

ND

“ *Well HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎂 my son. Number 49 today. Wish we could celebrate with dinner and a cake. You will never be forgotten. I love you. Dad*

Neil Dadds - February 25 at 05:51 AM

ND

“ *Happy new years my son in heaven. Loved forever*



Neil dadds - December 31, 2025 at 10:37 PM

ND

“ Merry Christmas my son in heaven



Neil dadds - December 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM

ND

“ Setting here thinking of you during this holiday season. Christmas was a time you so enjoyed. Gone but not forgotten. Till we meet again. Love Dad



Neil Dadds - December 06, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LL

“ May the angels carry Rusty gently home and may you find peace and comfort in the memories you shared.

We are thinking of you all

Lori Listman, Paul Listman, Kristyn, Kaitlyn and Jen

Lori Listman - September 01, 2025 at 07:28 PM

NE

Thank you so much.

Neil - September 02, 2025 at 09:42 AM

LL

“ *Lori Listman lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds*



Lori Listman - September 01, 2025 at 07:24 PM

ND

“ *Your so missed my son*



Neil dadds - August 13, 2025 at 12:02 PM

PC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Neil, Tommy, and Riley. I pray that Russ has found the peace he was always searching for on this earth, but could never quite reach. And I am truly sorry that he and I allowed the business and success we worked so hard for to be the very thing that tore us apart. We spent many years together and even now, after all that has happened between us this is the last thing I ever wanted for him.*



"See you on the flip side" Russ....something you always said to me, but now it holds such a different meaning.....

Pamela Cain - June 01, 2025 at 09:50 AM

CP

“ *Charlotte Dadds Parrish lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds*



Charlotte Dadds Parrish - May 29, 2025 at 07:55 PM

CP

My husband John had cancer surgery 20+ years ago and was left unable to perform home maintenance for quite some time. Rusty showed up in Virginia Beach to replace the fascia board on our back porch. This was no easy task for him, dealing with a 24' board width. Rusty refused to let me help, and refused to let us pay for anything. He was determined to do what he could, when he could, to help his family members any way he could. We thanked him profusely, and reminded him over time what a huge help that was for us during such a difficult time. I'll always treasure our messaging and phone conversations over many more recent years. I always enjoyed telling him of the times I was able to spend with his mother Dottie, and he and Tommy when they were quite young. Saying we're heartbroken with Rusty's passing is such an understatement. I pray he never forgot how much his tremendous act of kindness meant to us, and how much we've always loved him. We are heartbroken for my brother Neil, Rusty's precious daughter Riley, and Rusty's brother Tommy and wife Crystal. We love you - Peace be with all of you!

Charlotte Dadds Parrish - May 29, 2025 at 08:33 PM

JR

“ Where do i start...We became instant best friends at the age of 14. Our families soon became forever intertwined We had lots of ups and downs over the years, but we always found our way back. I will miss our laughs, our deep conversations, and the feeling that you would always be there. This has been one of the most heartbreaking losses I've experienced. I do, however, feel blessed to have been able to talk to him the day he passed. My last words to him were "you need Jesus, I miss you and I love you." Lol...His last words to us were "I love you guys." Rusty, You will forever be in my heart, you will forever be my family, and you will forever be loved, honored, and remembered. I miss you so much!!

Jaime Maddox Rittenhouse - May 29, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DC

“ Denise Carroll lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds



Denise Carroll - May 23, 2025 at 04:53 AM

DC

In our lives, if we are lucky enough, we meet people who leave that lasting impression. The one who makes a difference. The one who makes you a better person just for knowing them, whose kindness and gentle nature makes you want to be the same. The one who's smile and just their presence, makes you happy. Rusty you are that person. I feel so blessed that our paths met. And I know you will live on in the hearts of everyone's life you touched. You are in our hearts forever with so much love. see you later....

Denise Carroll - May 23, 2025 at 05:13 AM

NE

A heartfelt thank you Denise

Neil - May 23, 2025 at 09:22 AM

BP

“ to the man that chose to step up in my life and take on the role of stepfather in my life, I'm ever so grateful to have the memories that we made in my heart forever. You taught me to step out of my comfort zone and follow my heart. I'll continue to do so as I raise my own family and continue to make memories with my first baby sister, Riley. We will look for you in the clouds, in the cars we pass and everywhere we find the number 38. We love you Rusty, forever and always. May you rest in peace

Brianna Pilley - May 22, 2025 at 10:32 PM

NE

Thank you Brianna. Pop neil

Neil - May 25, 2025 at 07:45 AM

DE

“ We may have had a rocky relationship, but we shared a child and that's a bond that no one can break. Your daughter is hurting so greatly over your loss. I just hope you know how much she loved you. There is truly no love like that between a father and daughter. I hope you are in a better place now and at peace.

Debbie - May 22, 2025 at 09:57 PM

NE

“ With love from Dad



Neil - May 22, 2025 at 06:07 AM

GD

“ Gail Dadds lit a candle in memory of Russell Michael Dadds



gail dadds - May 20, 2025 at 09:26 AM

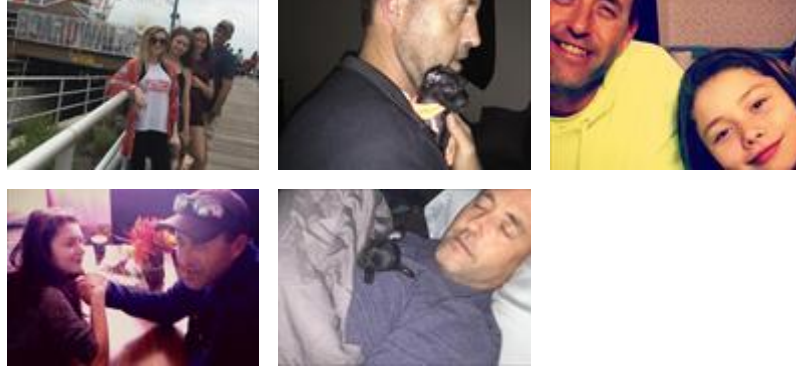
VA

“ Rusty and I recently reconnected after years apart. I've known him since I was 12 and I was his sister. He used to tease me about my first big girl kiss. My mom and I were supposed to have lunch with him on Thursday but that didn't happen because he had already died. His painting that he gave my mom is hanging on the wall in the living room. We will both loved and will miss him so much.

Valerie - May 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

OM

“ Russ wore his heart on his sleeve, and he would take the time out of his day to teach you anything he knew how to do. He bought me my first car, a 2007 BMW. When one of the parts needed to be replaced, he had me sit outside in the garage and help him during the whole process, just so I could learn something. Russ was the kind of person that set his mind to something and achieved it. I went through a phase where I loved painting, and Russ, I think in an attempt to bond with me, started teaching himself to paint. Now I was always an "abstract" kind of painter, but Russ watched countless hours of Bob Ross videos and taught himself to paint beautiful photos of landscapes. He always has had a knack for creating things with his hands, for my 18th birthday he handmade me a jewelry stand, which I still have in storage, pictured. Russ was a people person who would strike up a conversation with anyone, I can remember countless times where we encountered someone for the first time and somehow instantly now Russ had made a new friend. Although Russ did enjoy being around humans, he definitely enjoyed being around animals more. Pictured, you can see, Rusty Dadds & Palmer Dadds. They ate breakfast every morning together, Palmer sat at Russ's feet while he made breakfast. Specifically waiting on his serving of bacon. There were two meals during the day that Russ never missed, first being breakfast. Second, his 10pm-12am peanut butter chocolate milk shake. Russ was an incredibly talented & unique person, he was a man who made mistakes and wasn't afraid of admitting it. He never sat still, always learning a new skill, or indulging in a new hobby. He loved fishing, and many times forced us girls to go fishing with him. He also loved golfing and invested in a nice set of clubs, and he for sure dressed the part on the course. His face would light up if he was given the chance to share & swap life stories with someone, not because he loved talking about himself but because he loved creating relationships with people. Russ, you will be missed by so many, especially your beautiful Riley & Pop Neil. Although we haven't spoken in a year or so, I really hope you know I always hold love in my heart for you, and I will always appreciate what you have done for me. Rest in paradise my guy ❤️



olivia mullins - May 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

NE

A heartfelt thank you Olivia

Neil - May 18, 2025 at 07:25 PM

OM

Sending you lots of love Pop Neil ❤️

olivia mullins - May 19, 2025 at 08:46 AM

DM

He was our neighbor for only a short time, 4 yrs. he was the best neighbor and also a good friend. We will miss him something awful...I hope you are at peace now Russ...we both love you dearly. Sue and Glenn Malm

david g malm - May 19, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DT

“ *Rusty was a good guy. Sorry to hear of his passing* ”



Dan Towers - May 17, 2025 at 07:01 PM