



Remembering RODNEY HUBBARD

VJJA Member ~ Former VJJA Board Member
Colleague ~ Mentor ~ Friend



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It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of long time VJJA member, former VJJA Board member, colleague and friend, **Rodney Hubbard**.



A native of Natural Bridge, Rodney was a 1970 graduate of Natural Bridge High School and a 1974 graduate of Washington & Lee University. He began his career as an Institutional Rehabilitation Counselor with the Virginia Department of Welfare and Institutions (now the Department of Juvenile Justice) in September 1974 at the Natural Bridge Learning Center. Over the ensuing 39 and one-half years he held a number of different positions with DJJ including Intake Officer/Mediator, Probation Counselor and Probation Supervisor with the 25th District Court Service Unit (Lexington, Covington, Botetourt). For the past 15 years he had served as Director of the 23A Court Service Unit (Roanoke).



Rodney was an active member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) throughout his career and was a former member of the VJJA Board of Directors. He received VJJA's 1988 Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services. Fifteen years later he was honored a second time when he received VJJA's 2003 Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration. In November 2006 Rodney introduced the opening speaker at VJJA's 30th Fall Institute. It was the first VJJA event he had attended following his successful heart transplant and recovery. He was cheerfully welcomed back by a standing ovation from members from across the state.



Rodney was active in his community. He was a life-long member of the First Baptist Church of Natural Bridge where he served the church in numerous capacities including playing a role in the church's music program for more than 50 years. He was also a former member of the School Board for Rockbridge County Schools.



He leaves behind his wife Deborah, five grown sons - Scott, Korey, Rob, Aaron and Ryan, five granddaughters and three grandsons.

Rodney touched the lives of many. Help us celebrate his life by sharing your stories, photographs and sentiments for a tribute to appear in a future publication. Contributions can be sent to advocateeditor@vja.net.