

PRICE IS RIGHT" announcer Roddy known for his eerful "Come On Down!" Il to contestants, has lost brave battle with can-

But even in the midst of fight for life, he invited e ENQUIRER to come down to his hospital om at the Century City spital in California to ank our readers for their re and support.

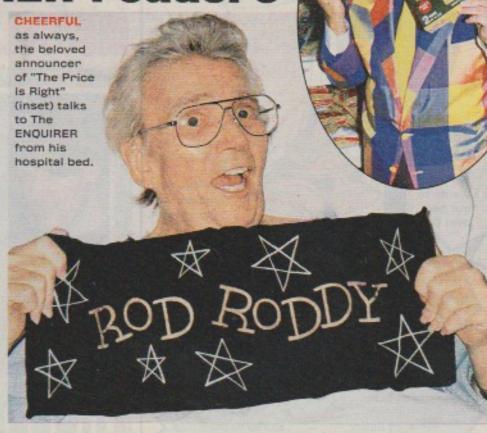
'Life was good to me," beloved 66-year-old ar said in an exclusive inview, his eyes still full of arkle.

have wonderful ends, and I've been in-

edibly successful in a ficult business, and ed every minute of it. 'I wish it all wasn't end-

so soon but it was a hell a ride — and I could kick self for not taking better re of myself.

But I want to thank QUIRER readers for all ur love and best wishes er the last few years. sier and I bless you."



The ENQUIRER on Octothe time he had left to save others!

The announcer, who u've made it so much worked for nearly two decades with Bob Barker And when he spoke to on the hit game show,

ber 24, he planned to use illness to get the word out a colonoscopy when I was about early detection and 50 years old, as doctors hopefully spare others the agony of colon cancer.

today," he said sadly, ges-

spoke openly about his suite, "if only I had gotten recommend."

Rod was first diagnosed "I wouldn't be where I am with cancer in 2001, and doctors removed a portion turing to his VIP hospital of his colon, along with

cancerous lymph nodes.

Despite chemotherapy and radiation, his colon cancer recurred several times, along with prostate problems, and breast cancer that required a mastectomy of his left breast.

But he continued to work on "The Price Is Right."

Last June, he taped the game show's 32nd anniversary - which also marked his 19th year on the show.

Unfortunately, a short time later, doctors discovered the cancer had spread to his bones and he was hospitalized in Au-

"Rod has fought so hard to stay alive," his close friend, Linda Riegert, told The ENQUIRER.

"He's been a true inspiration. Everyone loves him."

Now, as the moving interview came to a close, tired Rod summoned up the strength to say good-

"I want to thank The ENQUIRER readers for all their prayers and thoughts," he said with a smile. "Your support has meant everything to me."

- ROBIN MIZRAHI