



George E. Ralph

November 22, 1925 - September 11, 2022

George E. Ralph, 96, of Indian Lake, formerly of Penn Township, passed away peacefully September 11, 2022 at The Heritage, Somerset, PA. Born November 22, 1925 in Westmoreland City, PA, he is the son of the late George and Mary (Dean) Ralph. He was preceded in death by his brother Elmer of Sharon, PA.

George married his high school sweetheart, the late Helen (Dzendzel) Ralph, in 1943. He served in the Army Air Corps with advanced training as a Flight Engineer. He used the GI bill to attend Triangle Tech to learn carpentry and became a contractor, building many houses in Jeanette, Latrobe, and Harrison City. Planning on starting a lumber yard, fate jumped in as a passerby asked if he was building a custard stand. This was the beginning of Ralph's Frosty Drive-In. George and Helen turned it into an icon of the Harrison City area for over 40 years, serving thousands of customers and hiring hundreds of high schoolers, many for their first jobs to work in the kitchen or as Curb Girls.

George and Helen were members of the Harrison City United Methodist Church. George was asked to build the large cross that adorned the sanctuary for many years.

Upon retiring, George spent countless hours volunteering his skills as a carpenter and gardener to many projects around the Indian Lake area. George was an expert Bridge player and he and Helen organized many local Bridge Clubs.

George was always ready to help his children and their spouses on more building and renovation projects than can ever be remembered. He is survived by his children, George R. Ralph (LeeAnn) of Indian Lake and Carlisle, PA, Sandra Vita of New Haven, CT, Becky (Gregg) Fidler of Indian Lake and Shellsburg, PA, grandchildren, Lisa Vita Williams (Chris), Peter Vita, Laura Vita, Nicole Ralph, George D. Ralph, Robert Fidler, Allison Fidler and Sister-in-law Louise Dzendzel of St. Louis, MO and many loving nieces and nephews. He taught us all to love and laugh.

Friends will be received from 2 p.m. to time of funeral service at 5 p. m. on Friday, September 16th with Minster Jay Shaffer officiating at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.

521 Main Street

Irwin, PA 15642

(724) 863-1200

<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ George E. Ralph

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM

SB

“ Mr. Ralph was my very first boss, and now I am nearing retirement. I worked at Ralph's Frosty Drive-In when I was in high school in 1970-72. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph were wonderful people. He was sometimes a character - we were required to pull our hair back or into a bun - and when I would wear a bun he would laugh and tell me it looked like I had a bagel on my head! And he made the best root beer milkshakes! I have such fond memories of the Ralphs - God rest your soul, Mr. Ralph! Susan Klingensmith Bishop

Susan K Bishop - September 21, 2022 at 01:31 PM

TG

“ Mr George Ralph , where do we begin ! The driveway with the HARLEYS , yes the best neighbor friend we could have ever had here in FLA. We will cherish the memories and the long talks on our walks with the pups and the the music coming from the back yard. We are truly blessed to have had you in our lives. Until we meet again , “ how much is that doggie in the window “ 🙏🐾❤️☐



Terry & Trish Gorry - September 16, 2022 at 07:18 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George E. Ralph.



September 14, 2022 at 09:10 AM

JR

“ *My Condolences to Becky and family on the loss of your Father and Friend. I will not be able to attend but you are in my thoughts and Prayers. May your Memories of your Father give you Peace as you remember him in days and years to come. Love to You and Your Family!*
Sincerely,
Judy (Zeigler) Rosser



Judith Rosser - September 14, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George E. Ralph.*



September 13, 2022 at 06:23 PM

MM

“ *RIP Ralph. The DQ area that now sits in Harrison City will always be Ralphs Frosty Drive In with fond memories as a child.*

MM - September 13, 2022 at 07:16 AM

PF

“ *Pat and John Marsh, Lesli & Amy Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George E. Ralph.*



Pat and John Marsh, Lesli & Amy Families - September 12, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George E. Ralph.*



September 12, 2022 at 06:26 PM