



## Ralph Dawson Rylander

January 8, 1953 - December 27, 2023

Ralph Dawson Rylander Jr., 70, of Claridge, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, with his loving wife by his side. He was born January 8, 1953 in Jeannette, to the late Ralph “Bud” Rylander Sr, and Donna (Martz) Rylander of North Huntingdon. In addition to his father, Ralph was preceded in death by a sister Karen Rylander, and a brother John Rylander. Ralph was retired after spending years working in masonry, carpentry, construction, and demolition. He loved woodworking and made hundreds of wooden step stools for kids all across Western Pennsylvania, and as far as New York City and even Canada. He also enjoyed time throughout his life hunting and fishing and was a member of the Foothills Sportsman’s Club, North Irwin, and spent weeks during the summer at camp located in Roulette. After graduating from Norwin High School in 1970, Ralph was a United States Air Force veteran. He was a weapons mechanic stationed in Thailand and Korea during the Vietnam War. He was a long serving member of the American Legion, Claridge as well as Claridge VFD’s Social Club at Colton Hall. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Tracie J. (McMunn) Rylander; son Ralph “Buddy” Rylander III of Claridge, daughter Diane (Rylander) Baranski and husband Chris Baranski of Apollo; sisters Joanne (Jim) Johnson of Littleton, CO, Jennie (Terry) Hunter of Irwin, and Lisa (Greg) Bailie of North Huntingdon; five grandchildren Rachel, Raelynn, Rhianna, Andrew, and Derek; also numerous nieces and nephews. Friends and family will be received 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 521 Main Street,

Irwin, 724-863-1200. A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Claridge VFD or to the family and a donation will be made on behalf of the family to Foothills Sportsman's Club. For online condolences please visit [snyderfuneralservices.com](http://snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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521 Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ 3/21/26: I just learned of Ralph's passing and am sad to hear that he is gone. When I was a young gut, my family lived on Walnut Street in Irwin, about 1/2 block away from Ralph's house on 5th Street, I think just below the 6th Street School. Years ago Ralph bumped into me and said Hi. I think he may have been living in Manor then. Anyway we had a nice little conversation - I was surprised that he even remembered who I was. He told me that Jennie and Lisa were doing ok.

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**Tom Hudson Sr** - March 21 at 11:58 AM

GW

“ I was stationed with Ralph at Seymour Johnson AFB in 1973/74. We went to Thailand together for six months during that time. Great Guy. Sorry for your loss. Genn Wychgram

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**Glenn Wychgram** - March 13, 2025 at 01:37 AM

MJ

“ Very sorry for your loss, with deepest sympathy.

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**Michael Plumb Jr** - November 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM

DP

“ Lisa, Greg and Family:

*My deepest sympathy to all. Will always remember in thought and prayer.*

*Dave Plecenik*

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**DAVE PLECENIK** - January 10, 2024 at 10:49 PM

WK

“ You are in our prayers Tracie. I remember Ralph from Country Hills days and, of course, growing up with your family. Please accept our condolences and sympathy. May Ralph rest in peace...  
Walt and Janette Koon

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**Walt & Janette Koon** - December 30, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Dawson Rylander.



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December 30, 2023 at 10:22 AM

JW

“ My condolences to the Rylander family, you have my sympathy.  
Jody Baranski Weightman

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**Jody Weightman** - December 29, 2023 at 08:01 PM

DL

“ Our condolences to the family of Ralph he was certainly one of a kind in a good way. Dan & Sue Lentz and family

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**Dan Lentz** - December 29, 2023 at 05:06 PM

SS

“ Sue Reidmiller Simmons lit a candle in memory of Ralph Dawson Rylander



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**Sue Reidmiller Simmons** - December 29, 2023 at 10:14 AM

SS

“ So, sorry to hear about Ralph. We are praying for your family at this time.

*The children of Jack and Peggy Reidmiller*

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**Sue Reidmiller Simmons** - December 29, 2023 at 10:14 AM

AR

“ Aramark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Dawson Rylander.

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**Aramark** - December 29, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Dawson Rylander.



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December 29, 2023 at 09:17 AM

TF

“ The Mccoy family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Dawson Rylander.

The Mccoy family - December 28, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Dawson Rylander.



December 28, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Ralph Dawson Rylander.



December 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM