



Ralph E. Anderson Sr.

February 10, 1948 - April 5, 2021

Ralph E. Anderson, Sr. born February 10th, 1948 of Ray, Ohio has come to his last story telling days at the ripe age of 73 yrs old on April 5th, 2021. Ralph graduated from Jackson High School and joined the United States Navy. Ralph proudly served his country as a Machinists Mate aboard the USS Chipola (AO-63), USS Fox (CG-33) USS Biddle (DLG-34), and completed his last active duty tour aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64).

As it was time to spend more time with his family he then converted to the U.S. Naval reserves at Naval Station Coronado in San Diego, California with the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One, Detachment 419. Ralph has been commended with such awards as the Vietnam Service medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, National Defense Service medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Naval Reserves Meritorious medal and three each Good Conduct awards.

During his naval career, he deployed to countries all over the world. During a cruise, he would meet his former wife, Felisa, and then return to the states to born his two offspring, Rose Marie and Ralph Jr.

As Ralph converted to civilian life, he carried his military taught trade and worked for companies such as Airco Industrial Gases and Lockheed-Martin.

After living the west coast life style, Ralph decided to return to his home state

of Ohio. Remembering his roots, he went back into raising cattle and hogs. Ralph also served as a proud member of VFW post 9202 of Wellston of which he will be remembered by his story telling and jokes.

To the great beyond, Ralph follows his father, Willard Anderson Sr. and mother, Mildred Brown Anderson. His brothers; Willard Jr. and Charles Sr., nephews: Willard III, Jeffery, Ryan and Billy. Ralph will also be joining a life-long navy friend Reid Dulac.

As with all good stories, Ralph has left them to be told by his daughter Rose Marie and son Ralph Jr. Grandchildren: Jacob, Christian, Josephine, and Jonathan. His sisters and brothers, Jean (Leroy), Elma, Brenda (Matt), William (Denise), Doug & Howard. His life companion, Suzy Johnson. Several nephews, nieces, cousins, & friends.

The wake will be held on Saturday, April 10th, 2021 at: 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson, Ohio. A eulogy will be read. Any stories, jokes, or reminiscing to send Ralph off to the great beyond will be gladly accepted. The graveside service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Cemetery

Old US-35
Richmondale, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I'll always cherish the fond memories of family gatherings during the holidays through the years we lived in California. "Uncle" Ralph had a great sense of humor and was always about family. He will definitely be missed.

Jennifer Boltz - April 10, 2021 at 05:56 PM

JL

“ Joyce Long purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph E. Anderson Sr..



Joyce Long - April 09, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JH

“ Thank you uncle Ralph for taking us in when we moved to CA, for teaching me to ride an ATV, for setting me straight when I needed it, for your service to our country, and for making me laugh for many years as I eventually got the jokes you told me when I was a kid. You will be missed.



Joshua Hanke - April 09, 2021 at 12:52 PM

BH

“ When we first moved to California, Ralph was right there to help us get settled in and there was nothing he wouldn't do to help anyone who needed it. Our family gatherings at Thanksgivings and Christmases were always something special, and I will always remember those days fondly. Ralph always had stories to tell and was always positive and upbeat. Rest In Peace, Ralph, for you will be missed greatly. Fair winds and following seas brother.....

Bruce Hanke - April 09, 2021 at 10:12 AM

TF

“ Praying for peace and comfort to all who had the privilege to know Ralph. He truly was a hero. I will forever remember the times we shared, especially the bible studies. Until we meet again my friend.

Aloha Nui Loa

Your Friend

Teri



Theresa Franklin - April 09, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Ralph E. Anderson, Sr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Navy Veteran, Ralph E. Anderson, Sr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - April 09, 2021 at 03:56 AM

CH

“ *William, Elma and Jeannie - We are so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Our families have always been linked as neighbors & kids growing up together. The Andersons were our closest friends & buddies to go sledding, hiking, riding bikes up and down the lane we shared and sometimes getting into mischief. We made our own fun, rode the school bus together and shared sad times, too. Later in life as we grew and separated, it was always comforting to know that Ralph returned to the home place. He once again was the go-to person for a lively conversation or any help my family may have needed. We will miss him dearly and pray for your family's healing and comfort. Charlotte (Landrum) Sweetland*

Charlotte - April 08, 2021 at 09:48 AM

NB

“ *My condolences to my cousins Rose and June. Rest in peace Uncle.*

Nina Beavers - April 07, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BV

“ *Ralph, you will be missed by so many family and friends!! You were always one to make people laugh by telling jokes and stories, and always looking for a good game of cards! RIP*



Bonnie Valentine - April 07, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JW

Dear Elma and Jeannie, and all the family, I am so very sorry to lose Ralph. He was always a wonderful neighbor, taking care of the lane, driveway at the farmhouse for we Landrums. Ralph would make sure the township came out to fix any problem caused by the weather, rain, etc.

We would ways visit awhile and catch up on the latest.

Jeannie and I were best friends, growing up together.

*I will miss you very much Ralph. But, now you are set free to be with those loved ones in heaven. My sincere condolences. With love,
Juanita Landrum Wright and family.*

Juanita Landrum Wright - April 07, 2021 at 04:12 PM

DF

Elma, I am so sorry to hear this. Ralph will be missed by everyone. He always had a kind word. He could be so funny and always could make you laugh. My heart goes out to you and family on your loss.

Darlene Ford - April 08, 2021 at 08:10 AM