



William James Ralph

March 26, 1950 - March 25, 2019

William James Ralph, 68, of Huntsville; died Monday, March 25, 2019, at home with his wife, Karen, by his side. He was born March 26, 1950, at Grosse Pointe Farms, MI; to Robert and Thelma Parker Ralph.

William graduated from Oregon State University, proudly served his country as a member of the US Air Force, and married Karen St. John. William will be remembered fondly for his sense of humor, his special way with animals, his love for the Razorbacks; and the wonderful friends he made through the breeder hen farm that he loved so much.

William was predeceased by his father, and one brother, Robert Ralph. He is survived by his wife, Karen Ralph of the home; his mother, Thelma Ralph of Shelby Township, MI; three sisters, Joyce Hazelroth of Shelby Township, MI; Karen Codrea of Columbiaville, MI; and Ellen Hodorek of Troy, MI; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces, whom he cared about very much.

The family will receive friends 5:00-7:00 PM, Monday, April 1, 2019, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home. Inurnment with full military honors will take place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Michigan, on April 4, 2019. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Sad to hear of the passing of Bill... Worked at Arco with him many years ago in Alaska.
Enjoyed many hours on night shift BS'ing about life and the future with him.*

Tucker Watson - August 07, 2024 at 11:02 AM

PB

“ *Karen and Family, Bill was a great friend. Though sorry to lose him here, we know he is pain free and happen in heaven. Prayers for your comfort.*

Penny Lee Bellard - April 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Sending my deepest sincere sympathies to all of Bill's family and friends.*

Jeanne Fortiet - March 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *It has been many years since Bill came with the family to our farm near Strathroy, Ontario, Canada. Those were great times for the Ralph and the Gast families. The memories have certainly lived on in spite of the passing years. Ruth and I send our sincere sympathy to all the family. You will be in our prayers as you go through this time. May God bless you all.*

Roger and Ruth Gast - March 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Karen - so sorry for your loss.*

Jane Todd - March 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Karen, I am so thankful that Bill had you in his life. he was a very lucky man and I love you dearly for that. He meant so much more to me then just the average friend. He was and always will be my stepfather. The man who loved me unconditionally and helped raise me into the woman that I am today. My heart is heavy as I write this note, but I know that he is in a much better place free from pain. I just keep thinking that he's in Heaven right now playing with our dog Snickers and all the other critters waiting for the day that we all meet again and that brings a smile to my heart. He will forever be loved and missed. But its not goodbye, only till we meet again. Love ya Old Fart!, Love your Shelbers, Lena

Lena Bagley - March 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sickness doesn't prepare us for loss, only gives warning. Leaving this life is a joyous occurrence for the infirm, but difficult for family and friends. We know that the family will be united. We wish for you the comfort of God's grace until that time.

Dick and Robin Beltramini - March 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Sending love and prayers.

Tammy Bennett - March 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Karen, Although my heart knows that Bill has transitioned to a much better existence where pain and illness do not exist, this same heart aches for you, your family and friends... You are in my prayers for comfort, peace and healing. It will not come easily or quickly, but it will come. In the meantime we are here to walk this dark journey with you. "When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll... whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say...it is well...it is well...with my soul...."

Pat Gunn - March 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM