



Ralph M. Satterfield

July 1, 1936 - December 9, 2020

Ralph M. Satterfield, age 84 of Madison, died Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at the home he and his wife, Laurelie built in 1973. He was born July 1, 1936 in Fairmont, West Virginia.

Ralph is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was also a life member of the Elks 549 in Painesville, American Legion Local Post 112, a 32nd Degree member of the Masonic Lodge 307 in Madison and the Al Koran Shrine.

Ralph worked for the Austin Company for many years and was a Labor Foreman for Laborer's Local 310. After retiring from Local 310, he and Laurelie opened a Travel Agents International franchise in 1987 which allowed them to travel extensively.

He enjoyed traveling the world, golfing, and reading. Most of all he enjoyed spending time at home with his family and friends. Many a night was shared around a fire with a good drink and a better story.

Ralph was a "shot and a beer" kinda guy, but put him in a tuxedo with a good martini and he was the most interesting man in the world. In the words of a dear friend: "He is bigger and stronger than any of the tallest skyscrapers he built."

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Laurelie (nee Child) Satterfield; children, Bretta (Doug) Dickerson, Amy Garmone, and Carrie (Bruce) Hurd; grandchildren, Anna Dickerson, Zakary and Brock Hurd, and Michael "MJ" and Nick Garmone; great-grandson, Logan Anthony Dickerson; nephews, David (Linda) Yankie, Raymond (Ann) Croaston, and Craig (Theresa) Croaston; nieces, Linda (Rick) Pruitte and Lori Croaston. He is also survived by his furry friend Tootsie and many other loving family members and dear friends.

Preceding Ralph in death are his parents, Leonard and Dortha; siblings, Alice, Eloise, Charlie, and Raymond (Gerri); and nephews, Todd and Corey Croaston, Ronnie and Kenny Yankie.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, in-person services will be private. The public may join us at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 19 via livestream at www.facebook.com/chapelumc.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Mentor, OH.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in memory of Ralph to Maple Leaf Community Residences, P.O. Box 755, Chardon, OH 44024 or online at mlcr.org. Or Chapel United Methodist Church, 2019 Hubbard Road, Madison, OH 44057.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ I had just found out about your dad he gave me a job cleaning up the yard when I was just 15 years old the house on lake Road

Russ Runyeon - October 01, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JG

“ *Laurelie and family: We are deeply saddened, having just heard the news of Ralph's passing. We offer our sincere condolences and prayers during this difficult time. Ralph will always be remembered as one of the good guys and Andy and I will always have fond memories of the good times we all shared. With love and continuing prayers: Jodi and Andy Gulyas, Thomasville, GA.*

Jodi and Andy Gulyas - January 09, 2021 at 11:59 AM

CV

“ *Ralph will always live in our hearts. We loved going on trips with Laurelie and Ralph, there was never a shortage of laughter and we always had the best times. Key West was probably our most memorable 20 years ago, one of our friends was hauled away in a rickshaw after a night of hobnobbing. Then when we went to take the boat back to Fort Myers, John got seasick because the water was rough and passed out - Ralph helped me kind of roll him to the back of the boat while Laurelie held Andrew and we had to turn back. We then rented a minivan to drive to Fort Myers since John couldn't go on the boat and Ralph and Laurelie came with us, there were riots in Miami as we drove through, Ralph kept everyone calm of course. He was such a joy, such a bright spot in every memory we have of him, we loved him so much. With deepest sympathy and love, Christy, John, Andrew & Ashley Venaleck*

Christine Venaleck - December 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Laurelie and rest of the family. We certainly had many wonderful times together.

Katherine and David Braunlich - December 16, 2020 at 07:03 PM

KS

“ Wow - there are sooooo many wonderful memories. Mostly I remember being upstairs in bed and hearing raucous laughter coming from below as Dad and Ralph laughed and laughed, and argued a bit, so many times. Picnics at the gorgeous house, wonderland sled mobile rides, and millions more good times. He leaves a big empty hole here, but there's a party going on in heaven. LOVE, Karen S.

Karen Sippola - December 16, 2020 at 01:54 PM

JS

I have so many great memories at the Bates's home listening to the banter of Ralph and Dick. Hands down the best story tellers...Jokesters...and memory makers. A great loss here, but you know Heaven is having a celebration party!

Jack Scott - December 16, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Satterfield.



December 16, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Satterfield.*



December 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Lauralie and girls,*

We are so very sorry to hear about Ralph. I will always fondly remember Ralph vacuuming the office "slowly", because it did a better job that way. Ralph was a kind and genuine person, and he will be truly missed. You are in our prayers.

Michelle and Bob Havrilla

Michelle Havrilla - December 13, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *My condolences to Lauralee, lots of memories. Randy West*

Randy West - December 13, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *Larry Underwood lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Satterfield*



Larry Underwood - December 13, 2020 at 07:57 AM

JF

“ *Jack Toward and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph M. Satterfield.*



Jack Toward and family - December 12, 2020 at 08:16 AM

JT

“ *My deepest condolences to Laurelee and Ralph's entire family. He was a wonderful person and friend to me. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. God bless.*

Jack Toward

Jack Toward - December 12, 2020 at 08:11 AM

DB

“ *Ralph was the truest person I think I have ever met. Always interested in what you were doing and how you were feeling. Always modest. The life of the party in the most delightful manner. A man who will be greatly missed by us all.*

Maybe the most memorable thing about Ralph was his relationship with Laurelie which was so heartwarming to watch.

Ralph will be greatly missed by us all. Bless you, Ralph.

Dave Buchanan

David Buchanan - December 11, 2020 at 08:42 PM

BH

“ *Condolences to the family. Ralph will be missed for his stories, friendship and humor. He always cheered me up when he asked " Want to do a shooter ? ". The best times were tailgating with the family and watching Zak and Brock play football through the years.*

Brad, Keston and Brynn

Brad Hurd - December 11, 2020 at 07:27 PM

CY

“ *Our deepest condolences to all*

The Marilyn and Charlie Young family

Charlie Young - December 11, 2020 at 05:27 AM