



Ralph Donald Ballard

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Ralph Ballard went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 1, 2020 at the age of 95. He was born in Detroit, Michigan and grew up in Ferndale.

Ralph was an entrepreneur most of his life owning an A & W Root Beer stand in the 40's. He married Bonnie in 1951 and they lived in Hazel Park until moving to Warren where they raised two children and lived most of their adult life and then moved back to Hazel Park last year. He started his own printing business after learning the trade while working in the industry during the 50's and early 60's. Ralph loved to create and engineer processes for producing unique printed items and was known for his ability to do the seemingly impossible.

Greater than his love for printing was his love for his wife, his family, and his Lord. Ralph had a passion for evangelism and served in many capacities at First Baptist Church of Hazel Park, one of which was the children's bus ministry for Sunday School and Church.

After retiring in 2002, Ralph loved to garden with his granddaughter and talk horses with his grandson. His real joy came when he was able to hold and talk to his great-granddaughter Adeline and see her learn to walk.

Ralph is survived by his wife Bonnie, children Sylvia (Dave) Hulbert, Martin (Karen) Ballard, grand children Kathryn (Tony) Faraj, Noah (Katelyn Krause, Fiancee) Ballard, and great-granddaughter Adeline Faraj.

Instate Saturday, August 15th from 10 am until the time of the service at 11 am at First Baptist Church of Hazel Park, 23321 S Chrysler Dr, Hazel Park, MI 48030. Burial at White Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Hazel Park, which is located at 23321 S Chrysler Dr, Hazel Park, MI 48030.



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Cemetery Details



White Chapel Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Rd, Troy MI 48098





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Lucille Pfeiffer-Jodoin posted:

I'm sorry i cannot come to see you all at this difficult time, please know that I am thinking of and praying for you all, especially Aunt Bonnie, Sylvia & Martin, and Aunts Mary Ballard VerLee & Julia Ballard Atkinson Wood and Uncle Larry Ballard. My fond memories are of working for Ralph at the print shop, gathering, gluing, binding and driving that old station wagon in the early 70's. He was very proud when he bought the Heidelberg Press for his business and always happy to get new scale model train cars for his personal collection. I know he was incredibly proud of Sylvia and Martin, Katherine and Noah. He loved getting involved with the horses and talked about his horse drawn carts. I think the more I write here the more memories are evoked, I could probably go on forever. I imagine him in heaven now with his folks and his siblings who preceded him (Paul, Wm. Orville & Ruth).

August 13 at 10:16 PM



Barb Grider posted:

Praying for your family during this difficult time. Barb Grider

August 6 at 6:12 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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