



Ralph MonCrief

August 8, 1946 - January 30, 2021

Ralph T. MonCrief, 74 of Gardendale, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2021.

Ralph proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He served two tours in Vietnam and completed his service as a Commanding Officer in the Marine Barracks in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Four Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, and Presidential Unit Citation. He completed Tracked Vehicle and Automotive Mechanic Schools while in service. This fostered his love for working on cars and large equipment. He was the proud owner of American Truck Sales and spent much of his free time building and restoring antique cars. Ralph built an enormous family of friends through his service to his country and his love of old cars. He loved the Lord and although he had not been able to attend church in person for some time, he followed Church of the Highlands online every Sunday. He had a generous heart and was full of joy. He endured much and always overcame with a kind spirit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tellis and Maria MonCrief. Survivors include his loving wife of 27 years, Cathy; daughter, April (Rick) Nail; siblings Mary Martin, Patsy (Cliff) Capps, and Tony (Vicki) MonCrief;

granddaughter, Alaina Nail; nephew, Alex (Brooke) Smith, and niece, Toni Branch; great nieces Allie, Kensli, and Kassi, and great nephews Kendon and Karson.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home beginning at 11AM with Memorial Service at 12PM in the Chapel. Burial to follow in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Trussville. Pastor Andy Heis officiating. Music provided by Tim Gann. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any contribution be made to St. Jude Research Hospital or Wounded Warrior Project in Ralph's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale
Gardendale, AL 35071

Memorial Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 20 (CT)

Jefferson Memorial Gardens
1591 Gadsden Hwy
Birmingham, AL 35235
<http://www.jmgardens.com>

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *An honest man here lies at rest,
As e'er God with His image blest:*

*The friend of man, the friend of truth;
The friend of age, and guide of youth:*

*Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:*

*If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.*

Robert Burns

*As quoted above, the poet said it best. Ralph made a difference,
more than he did ken, more than most.*

Reg

Reg Whitworth - March 15, 2021 at 10:51 AM

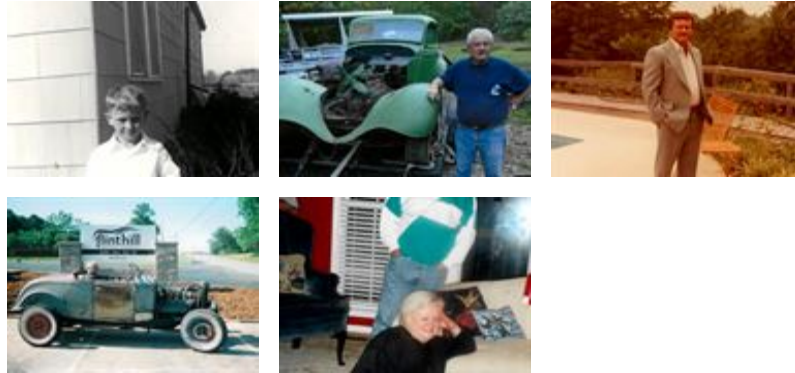
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“ *If ever a model for a true American, Ralph was it! Service to his
country and a true friend to so many. His family was always first and
if you were his friend he never forgot you. I shall miss him so much!
To his wife and family I thank You for sharing Ralph with us. God
Bless all of you and RIP my Friend. BL*

Bobby Leonard - February 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - February 19, 2021 at 04:32 PM

RC

“ Thank you Ralph for being my friend and becoming a brother to me since the 1960's. I met Ralph thru his sister Pasty and we became instant friends. I've never met a more genuine and kinder person in my life than Ralph Moncrief. He was always there to help anyone in need out of the pure goodness of his heart. We had some great times together. I remember back in the late 80's I was living on the coast Florida and Ralph and his cousin Leo came to visit me. When they got there Ralph wanted some raw oyster so we went to the oyster bar with another friend of mine Brock. When the waitress took our order, Leo, Brock and myself ordered one dozen each, Ralph ordered 3 dozen. At one point the waitress told Ralph please slow down that the shucker could not keep up with him. After all said and done Ralph had eaten 22 dozen by himself and the rest of us 3 dozen, that boy was something else. Ralph and I had nicknames for each other, since I was the oldest he called me Senior and I called him Junior. I truly loved Ralph (Junior} Moncrief as my brother and he will sorely be missed. God Speed my brother!
Ronnie Chesser

Ronnie Chesser - February 19, 2021 at 10:19 AM

EN

“ *Such a nice man! The love he had for his sister, Mary, and her husband Tooter was amazing! Love and hugs to all. Tim and Elayne Martin*



Elayne Neubert - February 18, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph MonCrief.*



February 18, 2021 at 02:14 PM

AW

“ *Abigail Whitworth purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ralph MonCrief.*



Abigail Whitworth - February 17, 2021 at 10:24 PM

JD

“ *Originally met Ralph through his younger brother Tony. Then later in life bought and sold trucks and parts to and from Ralph. Wonderful guy who never met a stranger. Rest in peace.*

JOHN DOUGLAS - February 15, 2021 at 10:28 PM

SM

“ Thank you Ralph for allowing me and my family to share all the memories with you and Cathy at your home and all the parties around the pool. You were a very special person, and you will be greatly missed. We love you and you are forever in our hearts.

Sherry Maxwell

Sherry k Maxwell - February 15, 2021 at 07:32 PM

WS

“ Ralph was truly a person you knew from the first time you met him that he was a special person. He loved those old 63-67 Corverts I believe best. He loved his family, God and Country. Ralph going to miss our phone calls. To Kathy and the family God Bless you all and hold on to your memories of Ralph.

Willard Suggs - February 15, 2021 at 07:30 PM

RM

“ It's very hard to put into words, grew up with Ralph, work at Winn-Dixie in Homewood for 4 yrs an school back An forth pool our money for gas in the old 58 chev. he love old cars as we did, love his family, more than most, first too see anyone sick ,my family also he check on my father 100% disable all the time.. Great friend an like the 4 th.bother Jerry, Albert an Ralph.a he will be greatly missed he had such away about him to express his love for you prayers to all the family and Cathy may God give you all the comfort and strength all our love Ralph and Paula & family

Ralph Moore - February 15, 2021 at 07:09 PM

SH

“ It's not enough to say, Ralph was always happy, not just smiling but laughing. We were friends, always, from grammar school forward. Sitting in the hallway at Lewisburg. Or maybe he would pick me up to take me to a party to meet someone, that my parents were not exactly pleased with. The swimming pool, the sock hops, the knowing you always had a friend with Ralph. In later years, at a party before he left for Vietnam, at the home of Tooter's brother, oh my! we laughed and talked about that from then on! Oh the memories, how precious they are. I will miss you my friend. RIP❤️

Sherry Chandler Howard - February 15, 2021 at 06:37 PM

MR

“ It's hard to say how much I really loved Ralph. We always joked and had many laughs together. He will be truly missed. RIP my friend.

Mike Richards - February 15, 2021 at 06:26 PM