



Mr. Walter "Ralph" Relyea

August 29, 1942 - January 26, 2025

Walter "Ralph" Relyea, age 82, was born in Almyra to W.A. "Short" and Faye Marie Relyea. He passed from this life on January 26, 2025, due to complications from the sudden onset of multiple myeloma.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents. He leaves behind his wife, Tiila Relyea of 62 years, daughters Tami (Troy) Hornbeck and Teri Berbel, grandchildren Tyler (Paige) Hornbeck, Collin (Britney) Hornbeck, Haven Berbel, and Sam Berbel. He loved special time with his great grandgirls, Jaden, Landri, Kani, Levee, and Delta. He is also survived by his brother, David (Diane) Relyea, and loving nephews, nieces, cousins, and long-time friends.

Ralph was very dedicated to his community, serving 20 years as the Arkansas County Fair Manager and later serving 8 years as DeWitt's mayor. His master's degree in Ag Economics led to employment in Ag-related businesses with Farm Credit Services and DeWitt Bank & Trust. His start-up business in Aerial Infrared Crop Photography transitioned into professional photography, with his favorite moments interacting with high school students for senior portraits, banquets, and prom. Ralph retired in 2019 to live life more freely with his wife and engaging more often with his hobbies.

Ralph was an outdoorsman at heart, enjoying hunting, fishing, weekends on the Arkansas river, camping at Greers Ferry lake, and golfing.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8 at First Christian Church in DeWitt. A visitation will be held prior to the service in the

fellowship hall of the church at 1:00.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Christian Church of DeWitt, P.O. Box 389, DeWitt, AR 72042, Eglantine Church of Christ, 3796 Hwy 330S, Shirley, AR 72153, or to the donors choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
1801 S. Grandview Dr.
DeWitt, AR 72042

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PT

“ Rick and I were so saddened to hear of Ralph’s passing. Rick spoke so highly of the two of you. Thank you again for all the care and kindness you showed to Mom and Dad (Pat and Dick Teich). Thinking of you and your family.

Patti Teich - February 16, 2025 at 10:58 PM

EV

“ So sorry to hear this. God bless you all family and friends. Always remember him playing football with my brother Bob.

Eloise VanCamp - February 11, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Walter "Ralph" Relyea.

February 07, 2025 at 11:15 AM

AC

“ Arnetta Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter "Ralph" Relyea



Arnetta Clark - January 31, 2025 at 12:39 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear this, my thoughts and prayers to Twila and family.

LINDA GRIMES - January 30, 2025 at 04:29 PM

BS

“ So sadden to hear of the passing of Mr. Ralph. He was a very good man and helped lots of people. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May God grant you all comfort during this time and the days ahead.

*Bonnie Ashbrook Smith
Searcy, Ar*

Bonnie Smith - January 30, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BW

“ Bertha Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter "Ralph" Relyea



Bertha woods - January 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM

GG

“ Very sorry to hear about the loss of such a great person. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and loved ones.

*Greg Griffie
Kansas City*



Greg Griffie - January 30, 2025 at 08:39 AM

PD

“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter "Ralph" Relyea*



Prentice and Sue Davis - January 30, 2025 at 08:35 AM

PD

So sorry for your loss.

Prentice and Sue Davis - January 30, 2025 at 08:36 AM

LN

“ *So sorry to hear this my prayers are with everyone 🙏❤️😭*

Linda Nutt - January 30, 2025 at 05:55 AM

EL

“ *Ralph was such a very interesting and knowledgeable person to visit with!! He will be missed by many!! Prayers for his many family and friends!!*



Ester Hageman, LPN - January 30, 2025 at 12:31 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Canamore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter "Ralph" Relyea*



Kathy Canamore - January 29, 2025 at 08:33 PM