



Ralph E. Meuser

October 1, 1935 - May 28, 2026

Ralph Elmer Meuser of Dittmer, Missouri, was born October 1, 1935 in St. Louis, Missouri to Elmer and Florence (nee Schwach) Meuser; asleep with Jesus on Thursday, May 28, 2026 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 90 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Florence Meuser. He is survived by his loving companion, Susan Cook; his children, William Meuser (Donna Pariani), Michael (Cathie) Meuser, and Amy (Kurt) DeRouse; grandchildren, Nicole (William) Meuser-Tolson, Max Meuser, Jack Meuser, Joshua (Allison) DeRouse, Hope DeRouse, and Madison DeRouse; great-grandchildren, Sophia and Peyton DeRouse; and mother of his children, Geraldine Meuser; along with numerous other extended family and friends. Ralph graduated from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M) with a degree in Chemistry. He served in the Army in special chemical operations and afterward continued his career in the chemical industry in St. Louis, leading key industry associations before retiring to the farm in 1993. He was a man whose life was defined by service, generosity and deep commitment to community. He enjoyed being active in the High Ridge Rotary Club and served many roles in the organization. He was instrumental in bringing the 911 Emergency Service to Jefferson County, championed for the Skate Park, delivered Meals on Wheels for 18 years and was a founding member of the Jefferson County Parks Foundation. For 30 years, he hosted a pig roast at his Dittmer farm - one of the best parties in Jefferson County - creating lasting memories and bringing people

together. Ralph's legacy of kindness, leadership and community service will be fondly remembered by all who knew "Good 'Ol Ralph".

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026 from 12:00pm- 2:00pm at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016. Memorial Service will follow at 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Children in his honor. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.slfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/slchapelhill.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
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info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

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Tribute Wall



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June 12 at 09:00 AM



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June 09 at 05:38 PM



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Daniel Frank Hoffman - June 06 at 08:33 PM



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Michael Meuser - June 04 at 01:12 PM

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“ Sharing a post I made on facebook...
My mentor, best friend, father and Saturday morning breakfast cook passed on Thursday. He taught me how to be honest, respectful and caring to people. He taught me how to hunt, drive a tractor, skin a rabbit, crying is healthy, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, tie a lure, god loves me, change a tire, turn off the lights when leaving a room, set a conibear trap, respect your elders, cars are terrible investments compared to utilities, hard work trumps good luck, don't overspend, chivalry, cursing isn't cool, family first, count your blessings and on and on. You can't script it any better - he lived 90 years, retired for 32 years on the farm, patriarch of a tight-knit family and a short and peaceful last chapter. I loved him so much and will miss him dearly. Michael

Michael Meuser - June 04 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Ralph as a fixture at the many Paint Association BBQ's at Lake Holliday in the fall and the Adaciom Christmas parties. Dennis Miller*

Dennis Miller - June 02 at 12:57 PM

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Thanks, Denny. He rarely missed a party and liked those association events more than anything else.

Michael Meuser - June 04 at 01:07 PM

CC

Ralph was a great neighbor and always had time to talk. Sincerely interested in what I was doing and how my family was getting along. I truley liked our conversations about almost anything. I am really going to miss that alot . Rest in Gods arms Ralph.

Charlie Chafin - June 10 at 11:09 AM