



Ralph I. VandeVen

January 30, 1938 - May 2, 2020

VandeVen, Ralph I., of Fenton, Missouri was born January 30, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Herman and Louise (nee Elfrink) VandeVen and entered into rest, Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the age of 82 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by,

One (1) daughter, Carrie (Paul) Benson of St. Louis, Missouri,

One (1) granddaughter, Brittany Wolfe of St. Louis, Missouri,

One (1) great grandson, Cayden,

Two (2) siblings, Arlo Sweeney of Oklahoma and Mike (Nancy) VandeVen of O'Fallon, Missouri,

and many other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Ralph proudly served his county in the United States Air Force. He enjoyed custom cars, drag racing and old westerns. He loved sitting on his front porch visiting with friends and family with his 4 legged companion, Dixie. Ralph will

be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of services, Ralph's final wishes were for his and Dixie's ashes to be reunited on the beach in Gulf Shores. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph I. VandeVen*

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“ *Uncle Ralph was the greatest uncle! We all loved him so much! Ralph's sister, Arlo, married our Dad, Pat, who was a military man. Our family moved around a lot, but we loved going to Missouri to visit extended family and couldn't wait for our "cool" Uncle Ralph to come over to Grandma & Paw Paw's house! He was always joking around with us and always smiling! We thought he was so cool with his wavy hair (that PawPaw always thought was too long!), his pinky ring, and his really cool car "Tar Baby"! When he got his new car he sent us the attached picture and wrote on the back, "How do you like my tough GT?" He loved that car and so did we kids!!! He had such a sweet, kind nature. Our Mom was really close with him as they were so close in age. She's in a nursing home in Oklahoma during this Covid-19 pandemic just like Ralph was. So happy he's back with his Mom & Dad again! Our love & sympathies to all who loved him! The Sweeney kids: Alicia, John, Rick & Cyndie*



Alicia (Sweeney) Latinovich - May 05, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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“ Christmas 2018 - Dad, Paul, Carrie, Brittany and Cayden. A volunteer at the nursing home took residents pictures. We had so much fun. Cayden thought Santa was stuck in the chimney and told papa to help get him out !



Carrie Benson - May 05, 2020 at 08:55 AM