



Ralph Magruder

December 3, 1936 - April 13, 2025

Ralph E. Magruder, age 88, of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at his home surrounded by family and friends. He was born on December 3, 1936 in Wilmington, the son of Raymond and Margaret (Canney) Magruder. He married Katie Menz on January 22, 1962 in Kankakee.

Ralph attended Herscher High School, where he excelled in basketball. He was a union electrician member for 65 years. Ralph was a member of Assembly of God Church in Kankakee. He enjoyed fishing and spearing frogs.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Katie Magruder of Kankakee; three sons, Lanny (Chris) Magruder of Bradley, Rick Magruder of Savannah, GA, and Ralph W. Magruder of Limestone; ten grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Carol Higginbotham of Bonfield, Margie Williams of Charlotte NC, Judy (Bill) Hamilton of Manteno, Nola Chisum of Bourbonnais, Darlene McCoin of Kankakee, Arlene Turner of Danforth, and Janet (Keith) Arends of Bradley; and one brother, Richard Magruder of Limestone.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, June Magruder; two brothers, Bill Magruder and Ron Magruder; one stepson, Bruce Leggett; one stepdaughter, Pam Truesdell; two granddaughters, Jamie Heagle and Valerie Magruder; and two brothers-in-law, Dwayne Higginbotham and Weaver Williams.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the 12:00 noon funeral service on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Pastor Ted Brown will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

APR 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ All my sympathy to the the Magruder family at this sad time. Ralph was one of the "Good ones" and will be mlssed.

Jim Puswaskis - April 15, 2025 at 02:50 PM

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“ Rest in Peace Ralph.

Foy - April 15, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Some of my best memories are sharing our Christmas Breakfast together and the westerns we watched at Thanksgivings. He also showed how important it was to help family when they needed it. He will forever be in the hearts of many.



Dustin TooMuch Heagle - April 15, 2025 at 12:19 AM

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“ He was the one of the best grandpas a girl can ask for and the papa my son can have he will be be truely missed!!

tracy hedditch - April 14, 2025 at 09:36 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



LANNY E MAGRUDER - April 14, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ *Ralph was a great brother. He will be deeply missed. Love your sister Darlene.*



Jennifer Meents - April 14, 2025 at 07:49 PM

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“ *Vern And Joyce Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ralph Magruder*



Vern and Joyce Tucker - April 14, 2025 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Deb Foltz lit a candle in memory of Ralph Magruder*



Deb Foltz - April 14, 2025 at 03:29 PM