



Ralph L. Nail

November 18, 1935 - July 15, 2024

Ralph L. Nail, 88, of Hilliards, PA, passed away peacefully at the Caring Place in Franklin on Monday, July 15, after a period of declining health. Ralph was born in Butler on November 18, 1935, and was the son of the late Ralph F and Ruth Boyle Nail.

Ralph was a member and former Elder at the East Unity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Valley. He started his career as an excavator with Frank Ross Jr., where he worked for many years. Later, he bought the business and excavated for 62 years before retiring to the family farm in 2012. Ralph taught himself through various experiences and became a master mechanic. Ralph was married to Dorothy Clay Nail on July 15, 1957. She passed away on April 25, 2006.

Surviving is his daughter: Patti (Joe) Lowers of Harrisville. Three sons: Robert "Bob" (Drema) Nail of Gulfport, MS; Kenneth Nail of Hilliards; Ronald Nail of Hilliards. One granddaughter: Samantha. Three great-grandchildren. One sister: Dorothy Parson of Emlenton. One sister-in-law: Edith Nail of Hilliards. Various nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters: Jean Hilliard and Martha Nail McCracken. One brother: Samuel "Sam" Nail. Friends will be received at the H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home in Eau Claire (201 S. Washington St.) on Friday the 19th from 10am-12pm. Funeral will follow at the Funeral Home at 12pm. Interment will follow at the East Unity Cemetery in Cherry Valley.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial in Ralphs honor be made to the East Unity Cemetery in Cherry Valley, Emlenton, PA 16373.

Cemetery Details

East Unity Cemetery

Cherry Valley, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Eau Claire
201 S. Washington St
PO Box 182
Eau Claire, PA 16030
(724) 791-2484

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LN

“ Ralph was such a good friend to my friend Eli Gilbert. My sympathies are with his family. I am forever grateful that Ralph was there for Eli.

Lyn Nesbitt - July 23, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TF

“ The Turner, Michael, Hastings Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph L. Nail.

The Turner, Michael, Hastings Family - July 19, 2024 at 07:19 AM

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“ The Turner, Michael, Hastings Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph L. Nail.



The Turner, Michael, Hastings Family - July 19, 2024 at 07:19 AM

SF

“ Stephen Lowers family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph L. Nail.

Stephen Lowers family - July 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Nail.*



July 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Sue Gilbert Gindlesperger*

Sue Gindlesperger - July 17, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ *The McCracken family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph L. Nail.*

The McCracken family - July 17, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Nail.*



July 17, 2024 at 09:53 AM

GT

“ Dear Nail Family - What a kind, humble Godly man Ralph was. I have many fond memories of him when I attended East Unity Church. His gentleness with the children in Sunday School while he helped teach on Sunday mornings. He was quiet but always had a big smile to greet you & a firm handshake. If anything extra needed done, he was there to help out. He is now at peace & with other loved ones with Jesus. With sympathy & prayers for you all - Gina Burke Traister

Gina Traister - July 16, 2024 at 09:33 PM

AD

“ Kenny and Ronnie, sending you prayers and love with the passing of your Dad. He was such a sweet and kind man and I have so many memories of him from all my years at East Unity. Your Mom was so sweet too, I always looked forward to seeing them every Sunday. I just loved them both and they always made me feel loved back. I was so tickled when I ran into him a couple times last year at the hospital. He'd always take a few minutes to talk to me. I know he was solid in his faith and so I know he is pain free now but that doesn't stop us from missing them and wishing we could have had a little more time. He will be watching over you from above. ❤️



Ash Drake - July 16, 2024 at 06:07 PM

JC

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Nail Family on the loss of your loved one. May the happy memories get you through this difficult time.



J. Cornelius - July 16, 2024 at 03:56 PM