



Ralph Wesley Sharpe

February 25, 1938 - July 21, 2016

Ralph Wesley Sharpe, of Knoxville, died Thursday, July 21, 2016.

He was born on February, 25, 1938 in Newport, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Sharpe; three aunts, Lura Mae Sharpe, Sena Sharpe Lillard, and Hazel Sharpe Dusek, who raise him; and cousins, Jack Lillard and Ronnie Sharpe;

He is survived by special friends, Robert and Rocio Neira.

He was a 1956 graduate of Cocke County High School where he was Valedictorian of his class. He received an AB and MA degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Tennessee and taught English at Morristown High School, Morristown-Hamblen High School West, and Walters State Community College. He retired from Oak Ridge Laboratory where he worked as a technical publications analyst.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 am, Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Union Cemetery, Newport. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church, 9076 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Wesley Sharpe*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy. We are remembering what a fine man with a brilliant mind Ralph was.*

Bill & Charlotte Leibrock - July 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph grew up with my dad and was always a close family friend. I have many fond memories of Thanksgivings and Christmases shared with Ralph. He was always so good to my sister and me, whether it was proof reading our papers or giving us furniture for col*

Ellen Brooks - July 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph often opened his home to me when I was visiting Knoxville for work many years ago. Although we only occasionally connected over the years, I will miss his wit and humor. Rest in peace.*

Bill Baird - July 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Good bye old friend*

Steve Shirk - July 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I first met Ralph close on 40 years ago and our friendship developed till he was a brother to me in all but blood. His influence has been a major positive guiding factor in my life. For that and his unquestionable friendship I shall be eternally grateful.

Gerry Pentleton - July 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ralph was one of the first people who befriended me when I began at Walters State in 1971. I remember playing bridge with him as part of a foursome. He had a very special zest for life that he emanated to those around him.

Malcolm McAvoy - July 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ A wonderful, wonderful man, and very smart and intelligent. He was an inspiration to his students and his fellow man! May God bless Ralph's soul and wrap His arms around him as he passes through the Pearly Gates. Kenny Maloy

Kenneth Maloy - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Outstanding, loved, smart, kind, thoughtful - all of these & more can be said of Ralph Sharp. He touched & inspired so many lives. He will be missed. He was my senior English teacher 53 years ago & Mr. Sharp was loved by students & faculty.

Mary Lynn Howell - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Ralph's pleasant disposition and constant thirst for knowledge were truly memorable. Today, he is in a new body, free of discomfort, and with his Lord. Rest in peace, my friend.*

Dan and Charlene Riggerbach - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Ralph was such an inspiration and mentor to me in high school and in college. Through his dedication to excellent teaching he gave the gift to his students of helping them believe in themselves and develop their God-given talents. I was blessed by his inf*

Ann Carter Huckaby - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Ralph Wesley Sharpe*

RICHARD L OWENS - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Ralph Sharpe was a Christian, teacher, and friend. He touched many lives, including Janet and I. We will see you soon Ralph. You will be missed.*

Gary and Janet Birchfield - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *One of my favorite teachers. He was smart, funny and an exceptional English teacher! So glad I was able to tell him and thank him even if it was many years later. Great influence on my life and I will never forget him.*

Betty DePew Moyers - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Ralph Wesley Sharpe*

Donna Biggs - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *A very special friend when in Morristown, good bridge player over many years. hope he will rest now in comfort.*

becky Trobaugh MCCRory - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Ralph Wesley Sharpe*

Betty Harrison - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

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mansfield mcmahan - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Ralph was a special friend for 36 years. We shared so much across the years, both at ORNL and in retirement. The witness of his genuine warmth and strong faith will be missed. No doubt he is now enjoying his place with our LORD.*

Willis Baker - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Rest in Peace my Dear Friend, and may God comfort Dear Miss. Emma.*

Gary Haun - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Ralph was a good friend to many. Always willing to share what he knew to help others.*

BR and Judy Freeman - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Mr. Sharpe was an awesome English teacher and I was one of his fortunate students. He taught me to love literature. R.I.P. Mr. Sharpe. You made a difference in so many lives!*

Sharon W Morris - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Ralph Wesley Sharpe*

Patricia Harris - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Rest in peace, my friend. I will miss you. Thanks for the great memories.*

Susan Fisher - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Mr. Sharpe was, without a doubt, the very nicest gentleman and a truly outstanding English teacher. I will always remember him reciting The Canterbury Tales. He helped make English a class that everyone enjoyed. You will be missed by everyone.*

Suzanne Peopkes - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rslphs passing. I had the honor of taking care of Ralph when he was recently a patient at the hospital that I work at and it was so good to see him smile and joke around with our techs. He was an awesome person who will be missed g

Holly Licavoli - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM