

Charles David Ralph

November 7, 1946 - May 13, 2019

Charles David Ralph was born November 7, 1946, in Henryetta, Oklahoma, to Ovid Elwood and Cleo Arine Thomason Ralph. He died Monday, May 13, 2019, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 72 years. Charles completed his secondary education in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Bartlesville College High School Class of 1965. During his teenage years in Bartlesville he worked for the Examiner Enterprise and Safeway Grocery. He was married May 7, 1966, in Bartlesville to Joyce Adams. Charles was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Air Force as a jet engine mechanic during the Vietnam War. After returning stateside from his military service he joined the full time Air National Guard in the jet engine shop. Upon retirement from the Air National Guard he became an aviation maintenance instructor with Tulsa Technology Center at the Riverside Campus. He and Joyce were members of Life Church in Owasso. Charles enjoyed a variety of pastimes, especially collecting and working on vintage cars. He also was an avid reader of hot rod magazines. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Joyce his wife of over 53 years

Son; Christopher David Ralph, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Daughter; Rebecca Ann Bacchetti and her husband Matteo, of Montone, Italy

Grandchildren; Brandon, Preston, and Zachary Ralph

Isabella and Charlet Bacchetti

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel. Committal service and interment will be held at the Oglesby Cemetery in Oglesby, Oklahoma. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Cemetery Details

Oglesby Cemetery

Oglesby, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N. Garnett Rd.
Owasso, OK 74055
(918) 272-6244
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

Memorial Fund

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
3 International Drive, Suite 200
Rye Brook, NY 10573

Service

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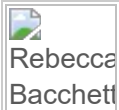
Tribute Wall

GR

“ 1 file added to the album *Celebration of Life Presentation*



Grant - May 23, 2019 at 09:56 AM



I love the way this presentation came out. Such a special tribute to my Dad. Love you forever!

Rebecca Bacchetti - June 19, 2019 at 06:19 AM

RG

Your father was a great man. I am just now finding out your father passed away. I served with your father at the Tulsa Air National Guard unit. God bless you and your family.

Roy Giller - November 02, 2019 at 12:13 PM

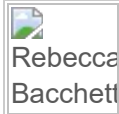
JT

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Charlie at the Riverside campus. His depth of knowledge and love for his craft was magnetic and he was an absolute pleasure to work with and learn from. Our hearts are saddened in hearing of this loss, and Charlie and his family will be in our thoughts & prayers. He will truly be missed by all.*

Jonathan Taylor and the EDF Family.



Jonathan Taylor - May 20, 2019 at 04:00 PM

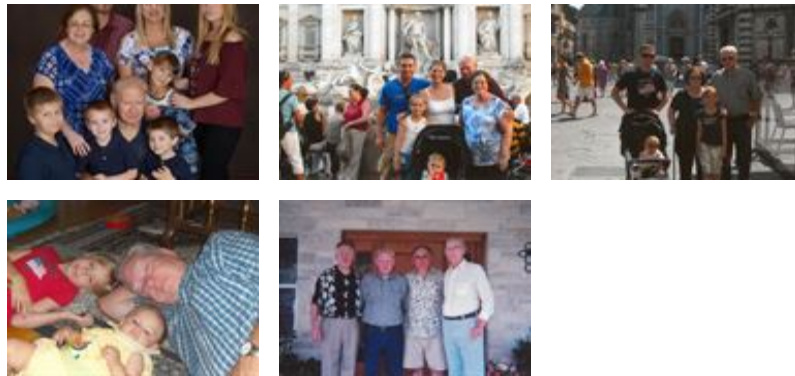


Thanks for your kind comments about my Dad.

Rebecca Bacchetti - May 31, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mowery Funeral Service - May 18, 2019 at 12:09 PM

SB

“ *Steve and I would like to send our sincere sympathy and condolences. It is sad when Steve sees one of his BROTHER IN ARMS pass away due to a war time disease. I graduated with Charles in 1965. Prayers to the Family. GOD Speed Charles.*

Steve and Carol Bratten - May 17, 2019 at 05:46 PM

FS

“ *From Riverside Office Support purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles David Ralph.*



From Riverside Office Support - May 17, 2019 at 10:42 AM

MC

“ Charlie Ralph was a wealth of knowledge in Aviation Maintenance. I occasionally would substitute teach his class & volunteer to assist. I learned much from him just observing him teach his class. He was a wonderful instructor, & will truly be missed.

Our Thoughts & Prayers will go out to him & his family a this most grievous time!

Mark Cearley

SEE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnt8jB6pqGc&list=PLydO3Ru3iDiVVzmLmQKMEDg7u8HGj2xl8&index=4>

Mark Cearley - May 16, 2019 at 11:16 AM

CM

“ My name is Carolyn Goff Mack, I worked with this gentleman for years at the Riverside Campus, he was a great instructor . So sorry for his family. May he Rest In Peace.

Carolyn Goff Mack - May 15, 2019 at 11:06 PM

RN

“ When Charley was at the Guard I would find excuses to take students on field trips just to have him go through his TF-41 engine. I was fascinated by the simplicty and succinctness that he could explaine things. I was thrilled when he accepted the teaching posiyion at Tulsa Tech. He was a gifted teacher and a proffesional in every way. Charley's heart was to make people better. Charley was never sick, but sometimes horribly inconvienced by phisical limitations. I was honored to work with you and will miss you.

Rex Niver - May 15, 2019 at 10:56 PM



“ My wife and I took a baking class together and I made a peacan and an apple pie! When I went to class the next day I asked Charlie if he liked pie and he stated yes, so I give him the pies! The next day I asked Charlie how he liked the pies. He said that he had gotten in trouble with his wife! I asked how! He said that his wife had gone to work and that he had eaten all of the peacan pie which was his wife favorite! When his wife came home from work she ask about the pie and said she had been thinking about that pie all day, but Charlie had already eaten the pie! That how he got into trouble!!!

Jack Mills - May 15, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ Going to miss Charlie Ralph. He was an amazing teacher who loved his students and educating them. An amazing experience was Charlie letting us run the A-7. A once in a lifetime experience for most people. Thank you for everything and my condolences to your family.

Alfonso Fuentes - May 15, 2019 at 06:55 PM



Charley & I became friends the day he transferred to the 138th Fighter Group Jet Engine Shop from the Mich ANG.. Charley was a great jet mechanic; he love tinkering with vintage car & dirt track race cars,.l. He & I traveled all over the world on military deployments as well as many many deployments stateside. Charley hated chicken so very quickly he earned the nickname of "Chicken Charley"; every time someone would have KFC for lunch we would hide the leftovers in his tool box, locker or sometimes under the front seat of his beloved '55 Chevy "Old Red"! After retiring Charley joined me working for TTC teaching the Turbine Engine section. When it came to the engine run part we would run the old A7D jet fighter the USAF had donated to the school the students loved this part, even though we were warned not to exceed 70% we always went to 100% much to the students delight Charley will greatly be missed but we know that God has a great Jet Mech if He ever needs one. Good bye old friend! John Upchurch

John Upchurch - May 16, 2019 at 10:01 PM



I am so sorry to hear of Charles passing. He was such a wonderful man and we loved him and his parents very much.

Kimberly Mumford Williams - May 21, 2019 at 09:37 PM