



Ralph Cavalier Jr.

April 2, 1934 - February 27, 2025

Ralph Cavalier Jr., born on April 2, 1934, passed away on February 27, 2025, at the age of 90. A devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, Ralph touched the lives of all who knew him with his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering love for family.

He is survived by his loving son, Ralph (Jodi) Cavalier III, his dear siblings, Patricia (Tom) Riley and Claudette (Jim) Kincaid, his cherished grandchildren, Alexis (Luke) Niewoit and Alaina (Derek Philippi) Cavalier, and his precious great-granddaughter, Everleigh. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce Cavalier, his cherished son, David Cavalier, his brother, John cavalier, as well as his parents, Ralph Sr. and Julianne Cavalier.

A proud Navy veteran, Ralph served his country with honor, embodying the strength and dedication that he carried throughout his entire life. Following his time in the military, he built a successful career with Ford Motor Company, dedicating 35 years of hard work and commitment before his well-earned retirement.

Beyond his career, Ralph was a man who knew how to enjoy life. He enjoyed the great outdoors, especially hunting and fishing-activities that brought him both peace and adventure. He appreciated his home up north on the lake, surrounded by the beauty of nature and the warmth of family. Him and Joyce loved the thrill of the casino, finding joy and excitement in playing slot machines. His love for life extended to the relationships he built, always treasuring time spent with his closest companions.

More than anything, Ralph was a family man, nothing brought him more happiness than time spent with his family. He adored his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter, always putting them first and ensuring they felt his love and support. His home was filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable memories that will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. His wisdom, humor, and kindness made him the pillar of his family, and his absence leaves a void that will be dearly missed. His family finds comfort in knowing that he lived a full and meaningful life, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and cherished memories.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 2-8pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd, (3blks. E. of Van Dyke) in Utica. Visitation will continue at the funeral home the following day, Monday, March 3, from 10am until the time of the funeral service at 11am. A burial will take place immediately following the funeral service at Resurrection Cemetery, 18201 Clinton River Rd, in Clinton Township.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 3. 12:30 PM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Tribute Wall



“ Nelson Westrick lit a candle in memory of Ralph Cavalier Jr.



Nelson Westrick - March 03, 2025 at 06:36 AM



Very sorry for your loss. May God be with you.

Nelson Westrick - March 03, 2025 at 06:37 AM



“ Ford Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Cavalier Jr..

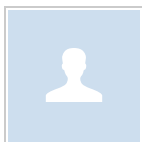
Ford Family - March 02, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ Ford Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..



Ford Family - March 02, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Cavalier Jr..

March 02, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..



March 02, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Cavalier Jr..

March 01, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..



March 01, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Ron and Denise purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..



Ron and Denise - March 01, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ Ron and Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Cavalier Jr..

Ron and Denise - March 01, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr C was always available when I needed someone to talk too. Always had a good time at the cabin hunting and camping in my younger years. He will be truly miss by many. Love always,Ron

Ronald wilhelm - March 01, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Cavalier Jr..

March 01, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..



March 01, 2025 at 12:30 PM

GF

“ Goletz & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..



Goletz & Family - March 01, 2025 at 10:03 AM

CN

“ *Coleen Mancini Norburn lit a candle in memory of Ralph Cavalier Jr.*



Coleen Mancini Norburn - February 28, 2025 at 05:49 PM

CN

Love and blessings to Ralph, Jodi and family from the family of your Dad's old and faithful friend, Harry Mancini.

Coleen Mancini Norburn - February 28, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..*



February 28, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Cavalier Jr..*

February 28, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ralph Cavalier Jr..*



February 28, 2025 at 02:55 PM