



Ralph F. Reittinger

June 17, 1928 - May 13, 2010

Mr. Ralph Francis Reittinger, age 81, a resident of Sebastian, Florida and formerly of Utica, New York, passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice House, Vero Beach, Florida. His passing occurred with the love and support of his entire family and his wife and children at his side.

Ralph Reittinger was born in Utica, New York, on June 17, 1928. He was the youngest of five children born to John and Katherine Trossbach Reittinger. He attended local schools, graduating from Utica Free Academy and Mohawk Valley Technical Institute (MVCC) with a degree in mechanical design. Ralph married the love of his life, Jane A. Bennett on August 24, 1950. They enjoyed a close and loving marriage for 60 years and shared their lives fully with their large and loving family.

Mr. Reittinger was employed by GE Aerospace for 38 years where he worked in Engineering as a Mechanical Designer and later as a Quality Control Engineer. He was an avid outdoor enthusiast, enjoying skiing, hunting and boating and was also a past member of the Utica Sail and Power Squadron and 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus. He retired to his Adirondack lakefront home in Eagle Bay, NY, where he spent time with his family and entertained his many friends. It was there he started his "second career" making donuts and coffee for "the boys" at the J.R. Adirondack EZ Mart every morning. He took great pleasure in sharing his passion for the outdoors with his grandchildren and great grand-children. His family and friends will fondly

remember his love of music and his readiness to entertain everyone with his banjo and mandolin on the front porch of his Fourth Lake home.

Besides his wife, Jane, he leaves behind his sons and daughters-in-law, John and Katherine Reittinger, Utica, NY; Robert Reittinger, Esq. and Patricia Reittinger, Holland Patent, NY; and Richard Reittinger Esq. and Kristin Litts, Esq., Sebastian, FL; and his daughter Jacqueline Reittinger-Wallace and David Thomas Wallace, Jr., Marietta, GA; his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sister, Marion Hendrick; brothers and sisters-in-law; several nieces and nephews; and many dear and wonderful friends. Mr. Reittinger is predeceased by his brothers Edward and William Reittinger and his sister Katherine Phillips.

The entire family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the VNA Hospice House in Vero Beach, Dr. Richard Penly, and Dr. Timothy Sigman for their unselfish care and understanding.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave., Utica. At the family's request, please consider donations to the VNA Hospice, Vero Beach, FL; envelopes may be obtained at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ralph's funeral service which will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. The family will accompany Ralph to his place of rest in Calvary Cemetery, Oneida St., Utica.

Tribute Wall



“ I was just brought aware of the unfortunate news tonight. I am so sorry for your loss. I can only hope Uncle Ralph has found my father (WJR) and they are together again.

Our family prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Beth Reittinger##imported-end##

May 23, 2010 at 08:54 PM



“ Ralph was a great man and will be missed by all!! I am very sorry for your loss!##imported-begin##Christopher Lambert##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 08:44 AM



“ Rest in peace Ralph. He was a very kind gentleman.##imported-begin##Jim Paravati##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 08:04 AM



“ Ralph had a sweet and generous spirit and showed his love for family and friends in so many ways, we know he feels that love now. He was a dear and loving husband to my sister Jane, and I know she will find strength in all the wonderful memories.

Jim##imported-begin##James L. Bennett##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ God Bless Uncle Ralph...The Lord has a prepared a special place in heaven for him and he now is looking over all of us without any pain or suffering...The Lord has called him home.

Love Julie, Ryan, Jeffrey, Kelly, and Kevin Curry##imported-begin##Julie Curry##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 10:13 AM



“ We are so very sorry to hear about Uncle Ralph's passing. I remember his fun spirit, kindness, and playing the banjo at the cottage during our summer family get togethers.

You all are in our hearts and prayers.##imported-begin##Joni Morris (Bennett Family)##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ All of the Reittinger family our in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. GOD is with you all,keeping each and everyone of you in his loving care.GOD bless you all. My love and my heart goes out to you all. Love,Kathie##imported-begin##Kathie Collier-Bryant##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 06:53 PM



“ I met both Robert and Richard Reittinger while a student at St. Agnes School during the late 1960s/early '70s. Their dad and mom possessed many redeeming qualities that shone brightly through their children! Mr. Reittinger always smiled and offered words of encouragement whenever you saw him at church or an event at St. Agnes. God blessed each of you in sharing your Dad and husband with you all these many years. Recall the laughter, fun, and the million memories! Blessings aplenty to the Reittinger family.

Girard A. Plante,
Newton, MA##imported-begin##Girard A Plante##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ We want to offer our prayers to the entire family. I have nothing but fond memories of "Uncle Ralph" Anytime I visited he made us feel at home, just like part of the family. The stories about hunting, camping & visiting the Eagle Bay area, are memories I will never forget. Rest easy Uncle Ralph, you lead a great life & your legacy lives on with all who had the pleasure of knowing you. Fred & Kathy Porter##imported-begin##Fred & Kathy Porter##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ You did a wonderful job. Sleep well.##imported-begin##Hon. Andrew N. Capone##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ I am sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. I have many great memories of him in my childhood. Thank you for being such a good man - thank you for raising such great kids- thank you for bringing your family up to Eagle Bay and letting me share in your lives! You will be missed. Love to the entire family-
Becky###imported-begin###Becky (Spring) Garrison###imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 10:08 AM



“ Jackie,

My sincere condolences go out to you and your family.###imported-begin###Melissa Hladik###imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 09:05 AM



“ Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

My love and prayers to all ...###imported-begin###Gilda-Lee Hitchcock###imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ I love you Papa Ralph. I will always miss you singing & playing the mandolin.###imported-begin###Shannon Cherry###imported-end##

May 16, 2010 at 08:08 AM