



Ralph Bernt Hakanson Jr.

August 19, 1932 - November 29, 2015

Ralph B. Hakanson, Jr., 83, of Cary, North Carolina, passed away peacefully November, 29, 2015, at home.

Burial services will be held at Wake Memorial Park, Cary, North Carolina, on December, 3, 2015, at 1:00 pm. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Organization.

Ralph was born August 19, 1932, in Bronx, New York to Ralph and Edna Hakanson. He graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in June, 1950, and in July, 1950, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Ralph served in the Korean War and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He then went on to have a successful career at IBM as an electrical engineer and retired in 1991. Throughout his retirement, Ralph enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and doing what he loved best, painting. He particularly enjoyed painting portraits and landscapes for family and friends. His artwork has a place of pride in many of our homes and will be cherished for years.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Joan of Cary, North Carolina; his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Bonnie Hakanson of Hopewell Junction, New York; his daughter, Nancy Lockhart of Cary, North Carolina; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Kenneth Johnson of Apex, North Carolina; his grandchildren, Stephen and Nicholas Hakanson, Ryan and Kimberly Lockhart, Lara and Joshua Johnson; and many nieces, nephews and extended family both here and in Canada. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Sr. and Edna Hakanson and by his sister, Ellen Hicks of Poughkeepsie, New

York. Ralph was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to all. A special thank you to all of the nurses, health care workers, and especially his granddaughter Lara who provided him with loving care throughout this time.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery
7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Tribute Wall

WF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Wake Funeral - December 03, 2015 at 12:37 PM

GP

“ *Uncle Ralph was a true gentleman, with a kind gentle way. A man with a full life. He Served his country, he built a career and nurtured a wonderful family. My condolences to those who will wander abit in the wilderness without him. A man of his character will leave a void. My first early memory was a joke he made. My very young curious mind asked him....where is your other leg? He smiled at me a said pepper ate it. That little black dog, I remember his chuckle at what must have been my look of disbelief and concern as i stared into the eyes of that nice little dog. I remember looking back to him and seeing that smile with a wink combined. I remember laughing along with him, and that was it. I liked him, a lot. Years later i visited with them in Florida. Same great calm guy, you could just sit and do nothing with. Years later with some life experience i understood in a greater way what he went through as a young man. A marine. To my cousins, my aunt, somethings just do not have proper words to express, i do send my love. He is often in my thoughts.*

Greg Prodaniuk

Greg Prodaniuk - December 03, 2015 at 12:35 AM

AF

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel at the tragic loss of our dear friend Ralph. He was a good and true friend and we shall truly miss him. We have many, many wonderful memories of times spent with Ralph and we shall always treasure these memories and his friendship. Our hearts go out to you, Joan, and to your family in your time of sorrow.

With our sympathy, Anne & Tom

Anne French - December 02, 2015 at 05:57 PM

DG

“ Donald and Richard Hicks and Donald Goebel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph Bernt Hakanson Jr..



Donald and Richard Hicks and Donald Goebel - December 02, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Bernt Hakanson Jr..



December 02, 2015 at 11:54 AM

RM

“ My Mom(Jean) and late father (Ned) liked Ralph and Joan very much. I remember attending a few parties as a youth at their house years ago in the Town Of Poughkeepsie. Later on I would see the Hakanson family shop at a store I worked at. Ralph always had a smile. We pray for Ralph and his family.

Richard McHugh - December 01, 2015 at 11:23 PM

MM

“ Marcie, Kim, Michelle and Linda Maher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Bernt Hakanson Jr..



Marcie, Kim, Michelle and Linda Maher - December 01, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Bernt Hakanson Jr..



December 01, 2015 at 09:04 AM

MN

“ Michael Prodaniuk & Nadya purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph Bernt Hakanson Jr..



Michael Prodaniuk & Nadya - November 30, 2015 at 10:06 PM