



## Ralph G. WILLIAMS

May 25, 1948 - February 4, 2019

Ralph G. Williams, asleep in Jesus on February 4, 2019 after a year long battle with lung cancer. His loving wife of 16 years, Linda Williams (nee Wesche) was at his side. Ralph is survived by his sons, Brian (Diane) and Mic Williams and daughter, Michelle (Mike) Wallace. Cherished grandfather of Grant (Hayley) Williams, Hannah Wyatt (Davis), Gabrielle, Matthew and Zachary Williams and Makenzie and Miley Wallace; dearest great grandfather of Olivia Grace Williams; beloved brother of P. Douglas (Christine) Williams; beloved brother-in-law, uncle, great uncle and cousin.

Ralph was born May 25, 1948 in Mount Vernon, Ohio. He is the son of the late Nathan Paul and Grace Williams (nee Brock). He is a 1966 graduate of Mount Vernon High School and 1971 graduate of Ohio University with a M.S. in industrial technology. He worked in sales and marketing for HPM Division and Divalbiss Corporation in Ohio. Ralph moved to the St. Louis/St. Charles area in 1985 to work for Allen Bradley now Rockwell Automation. In 2000, a new position at Rockwell moved Ralph to Ohio for 8 years, then back to the St. Louis/St. Charles area in 2008. Ralph retired from Rockwell Automation in 2014 after 31 years of service.

Ralph was a member of Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church. He served as an elder and usher.

Ralph had a love of Mopar muscle cars, in particular the Dodge Challenger. He owned two 1970 Challenger TA 340 sixpak in his lifetime. He bought new in 1970 and a restored car in 1998. In 2006, he sold the Challenger to give him capital to pursue his interest in owning and riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Since that time, Ralph's love to ride has been his passion. His retirement days were filled with riding and planning trips. He was an active member of the St. Charles HOG chapter

Ralph was a kind, patient, and gentle man. He had a wonderful sense of humor and at times it came out when least expected. He was well respected by his former coworkers, church members and friends from all walks of life. He loved to "tinker" with electronics, woodworking and target shooting. He could design and build some of the most innovative solutions. Ralph loved the Lord and never hesitated to share the good news of Jesus Christ. He will be greatly missed here on this earth. We can take comfort knowing Ralph has a room in our Father's heavenly home.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 12:00 - 2:00 P.M with service to follow at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 907 Jungermann Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376. An informal gathering will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 3:30 - 5:30 P.M at the Brass Rail, 4601 Hwy K., O'Fallon, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Chapel of the Cross Benevolent fund or to the American Cancer Society.



# Comments

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“ What I will always remember about Ralph was how happy he made Linda. A perfect love! He was a great friend also, he made sure I got to go to all the sausage suppers in our area!! We love you Ralph and we will miss you !  
Cathy and Jim Contratto

**cathy contratto** - February 15, 2019 at 09:48 PM

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“ Ralph was one of the best men I have ever met and had the pleasure of working with in my lifetime. He was kind, thoughtful, honest, never saying a negative word about anyone, and dedicated to his career and family. I worked with him for over 20 years and he was actually my manager for several years. He was one of the best managers I ever had and his guidance and leadership helped me and countless others in their careers. It was a pleasure and honor to have known and worked with Ralph for so many years. His always positive attitude and smiling face will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to the family.

Fred Habenschuss

**Fred Habenschuss** - February 13, 2019 at 09:50 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Ralph at Rockwell Automation for over 20 years. He ALWAYS had a smile on his face and treated people so kindly. He was someone you wanted to emulate in how he handled people and situations - especially when things got tough. He was such a beautiful soul! My thoughts and prayers are with his family!  
Amy Peters, Rockwell Automation

**Amy Peters** - February 08, 2019 at 05:05 PM

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“ Over a twenty year period of business traveling with Rockwell and doing field support as a Commercial Engineer I had the honor to work with hundreds of wonderful, dedicated Rockwell field personnel. But one of my all time favorites was Ralph Williams who I first met in St. Louis. I could spend an hour with dozens of sterling adjectives to describe him and his dedication to his job, his customers, his friends and his family, but that would probably bore you. Suffice it to say that he was one of Gods true gifts to humanity as a supreme example of how a man should live his life and conduct himself as a human being! I always looked forward to traveling to see him while in St. Louis or anywhere else I was fortunate for our paths to cross. He was my ultimate sanity check on a fledgling product line I supported and was the nicest

man I have ever met in my life.

The world is definitely worse off without Ralph and heaven all that much better with his arrival. Many condolences to Ralph's family and loved ones as you lost one of the great ones. Rest in Peace my friend, go with God and know that your biggest fan, Doctor DeviceNet will miss you immensely.

Bob Law

**Bob Law** - February 08, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ I spent many years with Ralph at Rockwell Automation, even in the early days of our careers' we were in a sort of brotherhood. And I always enjoyed time with Ralph, he touched my life and his memories are for ever shared. To the family. Just know that Ralph was outstanding in his field and career. Ralph is a dear friend and will be missed!! God bless you Ralph. Cheers Man!! Dave Leonhard

**Dave Leonhard** - February 08, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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“ I've known Ralph since the early 90's when I took an Area Manager role at Rockwell Automation. I'm not sure that Ralph knew the impact that he had on me on the time. (Despite the fact that he was a died in the wool Mopar guy we still got along great.) There were many in the peer group that were more vocal, but when Ralph did speak, people listened. Later in my career I took a Regional position and again Ralph was in my peer group. It was a great opportunity to watch and learn how he worked to balance customer and business unit priorities. I'm happy to have had the opportunity to know Ralph. My condolences to the family.

Dan Egan  
Appleton, WI

**Dan Egan** - February 07, 2019 at 09:57 AM

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“ I treasure the time we all went to Switzerland together. Ralph seemed to enjoy it so much! We had some good times, good food and made wonderful memories. Life is uncertain. I am so glad we 'ate dessert first' and didn't wait.

Loving arms held him until it was time to go. For not one moment was he abandoned. As he passed from this world to the next, he was met by the open arms of Jesus and welcomed home.

With much love,  
Sandy Zingrich

**Sandy Zingrich** - February 06, 2019 at 05:49 PM