



Ralph "Polk" Franklin

May 21, 1940 - November 7, 2023

Ralph "Polk" Franklin, age 83, of Ozark, Arkansas, passed away, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, in Ozark. He was born May 21, 1940 in Ozark, Arkansas to Guy Henry Franklin and Helen June Chancey Franklin. Ralph was of the Baptist faith. He worked in the Oil Fields and was a truck driver. Ralph was on the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Senior Citizens and later retired. He was also a member of the Teamsters Union at the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Shirley Cross and Kay Stewart.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia Hixon Franklin; one son, Michael Franklin and wife Gwen of Ozark; one daughter, Debby Gortemiller and husband Greg of Ozark; three sisters, Donna White, Fluffy Sory, and Tuffy Edwards all of Ozark; three grandchildren, Mandi Dickerson, Sara Clock, and Dustin Gortemiller; six great grandchildren, Treavor Gortemiller, Kris Gortemiller, Alexis Gortemiller, Aiden Clock, Kylee Clock, and Adlyn Clock; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation service will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday, November 10, 2023 at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M., Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Cemetery Ridge Heritage Road in Ozark, with Brother Bill Van Meter

officiating, with burial at Cemetery Ridge in Ozark, under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tommy White, Danny Kranz, Brandon Sory, Courtney Sory, Glenn Sory, Mike Dickerson, Travis Clock. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be William White, R.L. Speaks, Stan Rash, Mac Bornmann, and the Ozark Nursing Home Staff.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Ridge Cemetery

Heritage Road
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
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Graveside Service

NOV **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cemetery Ridge Cemetery
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Ozark, AR 72949

Burial

NOV 11 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ So sorry Pat an Debbie. Enjoyed the years with u an Polk at the Senior Center. He was a great man an friend.



Judy Wright - December 04, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the album slideshow



Shaffer Home - November 13, 2023 at 09:37 AM

CE

“ Candace Ervin lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Polk" Franklin



Candace Ervin - November 09, 2023 at 09:02 PM

LW

“ Liesa Winborn lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Polk" Franklin



Liesa Winborn - November 09, 2023 at 04:21 PM

PD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Polk used to carry my oldest son around at the Cecil RFD. They both had so much fun together. We will miss him greatly

Patricia Dunn - November 09, 2023 at 10:01 AM

BP

“ Becky Penland lit a candle in memory of Ralph Franklin



Becky K Penland - November 08, 2023 at 10:13 PM

AB

“ AnnaLee Bullard lit a candle in memory of Ralph Franklin



AnnaLee Bullard - November 08, 2023 at 05:00 PM