



Ralph Henry Kapalczynski, Sr.

January 6, 1927 - October 22, 2024

Ralph Henry Kapalczynski Sr. a man that had a checklist for everything, died on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Ralph 97, was born on January 6, 1927, in South Bend, IN, the son of Joseph and Kathryn (Pawlak) Kapalczynski. He was a graduate of South Bend Central High School, and after served in the Army during WWII. After his discharge from the Army, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Butler University. On June 21, 1958, Ralph married Angelina D'Onofrio in Niles, MI. and together they started their family in St. Joseph until her passing in 2020. Ralph worked in the Credit Department and later in Sales for Whirlpool. He had a good work ethic and was a good representative for his customers, until his retirement in 1988. Through his work he was able to create lasting friendships with his colleagues and customers. After retirement Ralph began working at golf courses around St. Joseph. Ralph was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 13942. Hobbies that he enjoyed were the annual fishing trip to Ludington State Park, traveling, golfing, playing racquetball, telling jokes and stories, reading, watching football, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals. Above all Ralph was proud that he was able to help care for his wife during her final years, and that he was able to complete his checklists.

Ralph is survived by his children, Cynthia McKay of Austin, TX., Ralph (Sheri) Kapalczynski Jr. of Charlotte, MI.; grandchildren, Megan, Michelle, and Jeremy McKay; step-granddaughter, Nicole (Chris) Kane; step-great-

grandchildren, James, Matthew, Elizabeth, and Felicity; several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 62 years, Angelina; sisters, Henrietta Kocy, and Irene Wcisel; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Ralph's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Celebration of Life for Ralph and Angelina will be held in the summer of 2025. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Birthright of St. Joseph or a charity of your choice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ralph was the “BEST”!!! I worked for him at Whirlpool. He was my favorite boss in my 43 years of employment! There were days we laughed so hard that I almost peed my pants!!!
He had a real zest for life and made the best of each year he lived. He had the best sense of humor and was fun to be around. He was a wonderful caregiver to Angie. He honored his wedding vows till the day God called her home.
I ran into him at the jewelry store in November last year. He shared many stories about his life at Whirlpool wherein we had many good laughs too! My heart goes out to the family as you mourn the sad loss of your beloved dad Ralph. He will be forever in my heart!❤️
Rita Braddock



Rita Braddock - October 27, 2024 at 09:13 AM

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“ My heart is breaking as I read about my buddy, Ralph. We will split that beer when we meet again. So many stories and jokes we shared sitting outside on the front “stoop”. Stopped one time after leaving the grocery store and we were having such a good time laughing and telling jokes and stories that my Ice Cream melted in the car. But, it was worth it...we always laughed so hard. Till we meet again, Ralph, you will always be in my heart🍀

Susan Meny - October 26, 2024 at 10:38 AM

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“ Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS

ECHRS - October 25, 2024 at 10:02 AM

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“ A singular guy. I wonder who will inherit his easy laugh, his charge to rally kids into a game of flag football after a holiday feast, his sincere interest in who you are and what you're doing right now, his unshakable convictions, his love and pride in his children, and his talent for flipping you just the right amount of affectionate shit to keep the game going. What a life, and what a gift to us all. Thank you, Uncle Ralph. I love you more than I can say.

Mary Louise Kocy - October 25, 2024 at 07:28 AM