



Mr. Manuel Ralph Sailors

August 28, 1934 - January 29, 2024

Mr. Manuel Ralph Sailors, age 89 of Commerce, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center. Mr. Sailors was born in Banks County, GA, to the late Allie Clarence and Wilma Garrison Sailors. Ralph was the only one of eight children born outside Jackson County, GA. Ralph is the seventh of eight children. Predeceased siblings are Sacile, Willard, Sandy, Horace, and Larry.

Mr. Sailors is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Smith Sailors; brothers Frank (Peggy) and Hiram (Linda) Sailors; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his family by love – grandchildren, Madison Vanschoiack, Jacob Humphries, Ryan Humphries, and Jessica Humphries; great grandchildren, Jack, Rose, and Maverick.

Mr. Sailors was a US Air Force veteran. When he entered the Air Force, it was discovered that his name was spelled Sailors rather than Sailers. So, his name was changed. Before his retirement, he was the superintendent of the Maysville Water and Sewage Department.

A service to celebrate his life will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2:00 pm, at the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Rev. Clint Sullens officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-2 pm that day. Interment will take place on Wednesday at Hillcrest Abbey West Cemetery, Savannah, GA.

The following link is for the live streaming of the service on Tuesday, <https://vimeo.com/908306577>

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Abbey West Cemetery

1336 Dean Forest Rd.
Savannah, GA 31405

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Tribute Wall



“ *I don't know if we'd of even recognize each other anymore. But I remember your visits to Savannah (you'd always comment on my bare feet) and visiting you and Liz up in Maysville and going to Hurricane Shoals and seeing the deer visit your yard for the salt licks. I can still remember your voice and how your house looked and smelled.*

I'm sorry our relationship wasn't closer and that you never got to meet your great-grandson. I hope you still thought of me, your grandchild. I still would think of you, my Granddaddy.

Kory MacPhail - February 08, 2024 at 01:40 PM

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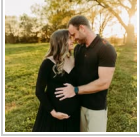
“ *R.I.P we will take the watch.*

Sam & Becky Stewart, Pembroke, GA. - February 08, 2024 at 10:37 AM

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“ *Uncle Ralph was always one of my favorites. I remember with joy the times spent at our family reunion. He usually had a humorous story or joke that would make us laugh. I have really missed seeing him and he always holds a special place in our hearts and minds.*

Marc Jay Sailors - February 01, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *I feel so blessed to have been adopted into his and his wife, my Nannas, circle. I don't remember a life without them in it. From making brownies together, to picking me up from school, getting us off the bus, fun adventures, and listening to stories for hours. If you knew him, you knew he didn't forget a thing.*

In the drop of the hat he would stop to help anyone. I have so so so many memories with him but I think my favorite thing was when he would take me and Jacob and Ryan down to the river on his John Deer lawnmower. We would go down just to see the river and comeback. It was a highlight of ours. He never failed to turn our eyes on the Lord. He is such an inspiration and had so much love to share. We love you, Poppa! See you in heaven!

Madison Doula - February 01, 2024 at 02:15 PM

LM

His stories were amazing! You could sit and listen for hours and not be bored. That, and his giant heart is what I'll remember most about him... willing to do anything to help those who crossed his path.

Lynn Moore - February 01, 2024 at 02:36 PM

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“*Mr. Ralph was the sweetest neighbor. Once he got to know you, he always made it a priority to check on you to see how you are and how things are going. Him and Elizabeth became a staple during the rebuilding of our home this past year, after being lost to the tornado. He kept his eye on the construction process and gave us updates. We'd make weekly trips to the property and always end up around their kitchen table or in the living room, sharing stories and life events. One thing that we always heard about was the love of his family; Rose, little Jack, Ryan, Jacob, Madison, and Victor. His face would light up when he talked about them. He would say little Jack had so much energy, always moving, if he could just bottle a piece of that energy. Rose, he said, was so smart. He loved telling about sending her money for ice cream for getting all A's on her report card, and Rose corrected him, saying no Poppa, all A+'s! He'd have the biggest smile on his face. He loved that story! He was so proud of Jacob and Ryan choosing the military life, following in his footsteps and always bragging about Madison being a doula and going a step further and ministering to all these moms and Victor was the guy to go to when he had a problem handling any kind of issue. We can't forget the stories of him and Elizabeth and all their travels, those he said were good times. He was so proud of them all. Getting to know them as neighbors, they became family. Family is not always blood. Families are the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what. This was his life. This describes him to a T. He lived by this and it showed. We love you, Ralph Sailors! You will truly be missed and will always hold a special place in our hearts. We will see each other again in heaven.*”

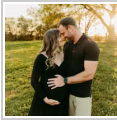
Lynn Moore - February 01, 2024 at 11:46 AM

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“ I loved Mr. Ralph. He was a man of God and I enjoyed many visits with Him and Mrs. Elizabeth and some in the Hospital when His health was failing. We loved to see Him wear His Air Force uniform on Veterans Day. Amazing He could still wear it after all these years! I have lost a good friend but Heaven has gained another great man.

Carey Roberts from Olive Branch Baptist Church

Carey Roberts - January 31, 2024 at 09:32 PM



Thank you for love him so much over the years! He loved his friends from Olive Branch.

Madison Doula - February 01, 2024 at 02:06 PM