



## Ralph L. Calabrese

June 27, 1933 - March 14, 2022

Ralph L. Calabrese, 88, of Harrodsburg passed away Monday, March 14, 2022 at Hearthstone Health Campus in Bloomington.

Born, June 27, 1933 in Lorain, Ohio, he was the son of the late Joseph and Lena (Serenio) Calabrese.

Ralph was the Co-Owner and Operator of Ralph's T Mart with his wife of 65 years, Martha L. (Hatfield) Calabrese.

He was a butcher for 64 years at Ralph's T Mart, Mr. D's and the Butcher's Block retiring in 2019.

Ralph was a loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed IU athletics and being the caretaker of many cemeteries in Clear Creek Township.

Survivors include his two sons, Greg Calabrese (Susan), and Jeff Calabrese (Becky), grandchildren, Chris, Josh, Anthony, and Angela Calabrese, great-grandchildren, Alexia Renn, Makenna, Aliza, Gavin, Adrienne and Layla Calabrese, and one sister, Mary Nordozzi.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha (2020), two brothers, Joe and David Calabrese, and one sister, Carrie Simmons.

Ralph's request was for there to be no services.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Monroe County Veteran's Honor Guard, 1800 W. Third St. Bloomington, IN 47404.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37 in Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencare](http://www.allencare)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Jeff, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. He was a great person. I hope you find peace in knowing that he and your mom are together again in heaven. Prayers and thoughts for you and the entire family

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**sylvia Horton** - March 21, 2022 at 08:09 AM

JB

“ I knew Ralph for several years ( as our butcher ).He was always so kind and never failed to make it a good day when you interacted with him .He always held a special place in my heart just getting to know him through the years .I know Greg and Angela and send thoughts and prayers to the family .Even though he had retired ,I always thought of him .Missed seeing him .Jeannie Bower

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**jeannie Bower** - March 20, 2022 at 03:06 PM

JG

“ To the family, Ralph was my butcher for 30 years. My how he could cut a splendid beef tenderloin! What a wonderful happy man! What a tremendous work ethic! What a smile and kind word to his customers! He was a gem. He always spoke of his dear Martha. He was the kind of person we all should be. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies, Judith and Dan

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**judith Gierut** - March 17, 2022 at 05:10 PM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. My brother worked for Ralph at Ralph's TMart and then Steve was a volunteer fireman with Jeff at Perry Township FD. Keeping all of your family in our prayers. With deepest sympathy. Steve and Brenda Hanners

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**Steve and Brenda Hanners** - March 16, 2022 at 07:14 PM

BS

“ Steve and I send our condolences as we recall many fond memories of Ralph, and Martha, too. Ralph was a great influence on Steve in Steve's early work life. Perhaps that is why Steve has a great work ethic today. We will never forget getting to spend time with Ralph and Martha in Philadelphia in 1981 during the wonderful NCAA tourney with our Hoosiers as winners. It was a special weekend for the four of us. You were blessed to have Ralph as a father and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Peace and best wishes to you all.

*Steve and Becky Skillman*

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**Becky Skillman** - March 16, 2022 at 10:27 AM

BC

“ Bill and I were sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Bill & Nancy Cowden** - March 15, 2022 at 08:23 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing, but I take solace in knowing that he and Martha are together once again. I will miss seeing him mowing the Smithville Cemetery this summer. He astounded me with his seemingly never ending get up and go. I will never forget how, after mowing, he would come over to get tomatoes from my late husband. He always got some green ones for Martha so she could make fried green tomatoes, even though he didn't like them. A glimpse into the secret of their success, I suspect. Please know that you are in my thoughts as you remember this life, well lived.

*Thinking of you, Tina Hays*

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**Tina Hays** - March 15, 2022 at 06:35 PM

SA

“ *He will be greatly missed, he and Martha were always so welcoming and kind to our family💔.*



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**Sarah** - March 15, 2022 at 05:26 PM