



## Ralph H Rausch

August 3, 1950 - November 1, 2020

Princeton - Ralph H. Rausch, formerly of Coloma, Mi., passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at Aperion Care in Princeton.

Ralph was born on August 3, 1950, in Munich, Germany, the son of a lifelong military man, Ralph Rausch, and Mary Frances (Graff) Rausch. He held two bachelor's degrees, one in History and one in Psychology from Southern Illinois University. He married Lynne Anderson of Princeton on May 25, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in St Joseph, Michigan, after which time they resided in Michigan.

After leaving his position as a Department Director at Gateway Services in Princeton he took a position as Project Director for AARP's Senior Community Employment Program in Southwest Michigan, retiring in 2015. Ralph was a World War II enthusiast, a subject he was incredibly knowledgeable about. He enjoyed watching the History Channel, National Geographic and PBS. He loved to travel; and his childhood, job, and life took him many places and enabled him to see nearly every state in the United States. He enjoyed the challenge of putting together models of military sea and aircraft. Spending time with family was his first love, and in December 2019 he moved with his wife back to Princeton in order to be near children and grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Lynne, of 17 years; his children, Mary Rausch of Springfield, Illinois, Sarah (Dan) Tucker of Monument, Colorado, Jacob Rausch of Utica, Illinois, Laurel (Steve) Ciesielski of Princeton, Illinois, and Daniel (Heidi) Anderson of Princeton; ten grandchildren; one sister, Jacqueline (James) Carrow of La Salle, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two children in infancy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Friends of Strays, Princeton, Illinois, or Gateway Services, Princeton, Illinois.

Private graveside services will be held for family only.

Online condolences and memorials may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home & Monuments.

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**Monte Lund** - December 19, 2020 at 04:41 PM



*I think Ralph played trumpet in the Bellevue High School Band: Bellevue, NE 1966-67*  
- Monte Lund

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**Monte Lund** - December 19, 2020 at 05:29 PM



*just in front and to the left of the bass drum*

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**Monte Lund** - December 19, 2020 at 05:30 PM

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“ Lynn,

*I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I will always remember working with him at Gateway Services and his ever present special sense of humor. I can still see him dressed as a Veggie Tale character at one of our all agency meetings. He was not thrilled but Stephanie managed to talk him into it and he did a splendid job. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Vanessa Hoffeditz*

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**Vanessa Hoffeditz** - November 05, 2020 at 01:41 PM

“ Uncle Ralph always made me feel like I was one of his children. There were multiple summers that his kids and I would camp out in his backyard, bike ride around Utica, or sneak into construction sites after hours. He'd give me a smirk and shake his head as I'd ask my parents if I could stay overnight at the Rausch's yet again. His house was so much fun. How could I not want to stay one more night?

*There's one memory of Uncle Ralph that pops up anytime I hear the Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. I'll never forget when he took me on a canoe trip with Mary, Sarah and some of Mary's friends from school. There was lots of singing the rhapsody over and over and tons of laughing as we paddled along. I wouldn't be surprised if he hated this song afterwards. The water was a little rough and so there was quite a bit of dragging our canoes, too, but none of us minded. By the time we were done, we were all wet to the core and looking forward to a repeat. My mom, Uncle Ralph's sister Jackie (Rausch) Carrow, wasn't as thrilled to hear me re-tell our day and walking in the river. She gave me the same smirk and shaking of her head. It's definitely a Rausch trait. ;-)*

*Rest in peace, Uncle Ralph. You'll be missed.*

*Love,*

*Neener*

*(Jeanine (Carrow) Oliva)*

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**JEANINE OLIVA** - November 04, 2020 at 01:18 PM