



Ralph R. Lucas

June 1, 1938 - November 30, 2023

Ralph R. Lucas, 85, went to Heaven on Thursday morning November 30, 2023 after a brief illness.

Ralph was born June 1, 1938 to the late Oscar Sr. and Golda (Carson) Lucas at their farm on Kensington Road north of Carrollton.

A 1956 graduate of Carrollton High School, Ralph joined the Ohio National Guard as an anti-aircraft gun crewman and served 8 years including six months of active duty.

In September of 1960 Ralph joined the Ohio State Patrol, graduating from the Academy on June 2, 1961. He subsequently attended Kent State and Northwestern Universities

During his time with the Ohio State Patrol he was stationed at the Akron, Massillon and Wooster Highway Patrol Posts and at District Headquarters in Massillon. He rose to the rank of Staff Lieutenant and was second in charge of six different Patrol Posts in Northeastern Ohio. After 29 years of service he retired from the Ohio State Patrol.

Following his retirement he spent the next several years with the Harrison County Sheriff's Office and the Dellroy Marshal's Office. In 1996 he was

elected Carroll County Sheriff serving from 1997 through 2004.

Over the years, Ralph spent a total of 50 years in law enforcement.

Ralph's hobbies involved building guns, hunting pheasants in South Dakota and Nebraska; ruffed grouse, pheasant, quail, and whitetail deer in Ohio; and hunting mule deer and elk in Wyoming and Colorado. He raised English Setter bird dogs for 27 years and rebuilt several classic cars.

His memberships included the Public Employees and OSP Retirees Association, Carrollton Ruritan's Club, Pelican Club, Carroll Lodge #124 F&AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Steubenville, American Legion and National Rifle Association.

Ralph had a great love for people no matter their race, color or creed. He was out there to protect and help his fellow man in any and all conditions. He has gone to join up with God in Heaven.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Dena Lucas, whom he married September 19, 1959; two daughters, Denise (David) Koncelik of Florida; Shelley (Doug) Dixon of Texas; three granddaughters, Amanda Koncelik of Wisconsin, Holly (Benny) Cordero of Florida, and Leela Koncelik of Florida; great granddaughters, Isabella and Diana Cordero of Florida; a brother, Kenny (Jean Borland) Lucas; three sisters, Corma Haas, Rachel Ludwig, and Janice Place and many nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by brothers, Oscar, Carl, and Robert, sisters, Betty Hepner and Maria Hepner, and step-brothers, Homer and Andrew.

A memorial service for Ralph will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10

a.m. in the Carrollton First United Methodist Church with Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages people to make donations in Ralph's memory to the Carrollton Friendship Center, PO Box 14, Carrollton, OH 44615.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Carrollton First United Methodist Church

253 South Lisbon Street

PO Box 85

Carrollton, OH 44615

(330) 627-7671

<http://yellowbrickchurch.org>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. -Rie Sadler (granddaughter of his half-brother, Homer)

Rie Sadler - May 05, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ralph R. Lucas.



December 04, 2023 at 09:09 AM

LP

“ Love, Mike and Phil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph R. Lucas.

Love, Mike and Phil - December 04, 2023 at 09:09 AM

GB

“ My condolences to the Lucas family. Ralph was one of my instructors when I attended a police academy many years ago and he earned my utmost respect. He was a great man! I remember when of his favorite phrases back then and it made me think, I hope Ralph arrived home to his 'baily wick'.

George Baumgardner - December 03, 2023 at 02:34 PM

DK

“ Uncle Ralph you were a highly great and loved man....Who will be highly missed.....RIP. Your Niece Debbie!!!!

Debbie Kelley - December 03, 2023 at 12:34 PM

NK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Ralph is a great man and will truly be missed.*

*Our condolences,
Nicholette (Lucas), Christian, Caleb, and Carly Kranek*

Nicholette Kranek - December 02, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Ralph R. Lucas, give you peace, comfort and strength...

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US National Guard Veteran, Ralph R. Lucas, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 02, 2023 at 11:35 AM

DM

“ My mom Wilma McBride, worked with Dena at Goodrich. That was over 60 years ago and they are still friends. I am Wilmas daughter and Dena and Ralph were my friends too. When Dena was pregant with Denise, I used to stay with her and Ralph on Arlington Rd. She taught me to bake, and Ralph would let me go out and play with the dogs. He showed me his collections and talked to me about the Sheriffs department. I loved staying weekends with them. We kept in touch over the years, and attended their 50th anniversary. Mom and I would visit them every couple years and they would serve lunch and Ralph loved to sit in his rocker and talk and talk. We had planned on going down this summer, but time didn't cooperate with us. Ralph loved his home and his family, and especially Dena. He was so proud of his hunting, guns, and his family. He was a kind man, and very friendly. He made me feel at home 50 years later. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Rest in Peace Ralph. My condolences to Dena and the family. Debra and Allen Morelock and Family. Wilma McBride



DEBRA MORELOCK - December 02, 2023 at 12:49 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph. Prayers for the whole family I knew Ralph most of my life Went to school with him. One of our best.

Joel H. Rogers. - December 01, 2023 at 08:13 PM

DG

“ Thinking of you all. Mr. Ralph was a fabulous guy and part of one of the best families I know. Sending love and comfort to y'all.

Dawn Stokes Grady - December 01, 2023 at 06:43 PM

AR

“ *Ralph was a highly respected man I always enjoyed talking to him when I ran into him shopping at drug Mart He was a family friend for years a good person to everyone* ❤️

Alan and Lori Rinehart - December 01, 2023 at 05:37 PM

RU

Ralph and Dena were the very first people my husband and I met the very day we signed the paperwork to complete the purchase of our home in Augusta Township. It seems Dena had a friend who was married to the uncle of the man from whom we bought our property! During a visit with Dena's friend, she mentioned that the nephew had sold the house to someone from "up north" near Cuyahoga falls and the man had some red cattle with big horns. Ralph immediately said that has to be Phil Urbank! Ralph and Dena drove straight over to see. Ralph walked to the pasture where Phil was planning his fences and I noticed this little lady sitting in the car in our driveway. I went out and introduced myself and she and I have been e-mail buddies ever since. We share the hobby of sewing for fun and enjoy each other very much. Ralph and Dena once lived in the Cuyahoga Falls area when Ralph was working from the Highway Patrol post there. The Urbank family is large and Ralph new them all. When the Urbank Family Reunions were held here at our home, Ralph and Dena were "adopted" as family and regularly attended our annual family reunions. Ralph will truly be missed by us!

Ronda Urbank - December 02, 2023 at 01:53 PM

PF

“ *Dena, I was very saddened to hear about Ralph's passing. God be with you and your family. Patsy Fucello*

Patsy Fucello - December 01, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *So sad prayers for the family*

Sandy DeBertrand-Newbold - December 01, 2023 at 03:17 PM

JB

So sorry to hear about Ralph. He was a great guy. Art enjoyed hunting with him and visiting. prayers for all of you. Love Janet and Arthur

Janet Baylor - December 03, 2023 at 05:57 PM