



Ralph Zarrella

January 7, 1930 - May 2, 2021

The Celebration of Life Mass Service for Ralph Zarrella, 91 of Goltry will be held at 10:00am, Thursday, May 6, 2021 at Saint Michaels Catholic Church in Goltry, OK with Rev. John Herrera officiating. Burial will follow at St. Michaels Cemetery in Goltry. Arrangements are by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory.

Ralph was born on January 7, 1930 to Ralph and Felicia (Diogostine) Zarrella in Waterbury, CT. Ralph graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1948. Shortly after High School, Ralph served his country in the U.S. Air Force as an Instrumental Technician for 22 years. While stationed at Vance Air Force Base, Ralph met Betty Madison at the roller rink. They later married on April 18, 1952 and had 2 children, Elizabeth and Micheal.

After retiring from the U.S. Air Force, Ralph worked with the State of Oklahoma at the Helena Boys School and the Enid Group Home for Boys. Ralph's wife Betty passed away in 1990. Ralph later re-met and married his high school sweetheart, Mary Tuohy in 1992. He was preceded in death by his father Ralph, first wife Betty, mother Felicia, son Micheal, second wife Mary, brother in law Al Lebel, and brother Joseph. Ralph enjoyed spending time with his family through throwing family birthday parties, bowling, attending special events of his grandchildren and engraving Christmas ornaments for every member of the family.

Ralph is survived by his sister Laura Lebel, daughter Elizabeth (Beth Ann); grandchildren: Melissa Phipps, Douglas Pidcock, Christina Clark, Danny

Zarella, Pamela Bookout, Timothy Pidcock and spouses, 10 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. Many nephews and nieces. Memorial may be made through the funeral home to Hospice Circle of Love. Condolences at www.andersonburriss.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Goltry, OK

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 10:00 AM.

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Goltry, OK

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ralph you and your family was like family to me when I was young. Ralph and Betty Zarella... My mom and dad's (Rowena & Jerry Snider) best friends.*

All the wonderful childhood memories. The yearly Christmas light competitions to see if the Sniders or Zarellas would get their Christmas lights up first. Dad falling off the roof and Ralph stuck up on the roof yelling at Kevin to get that dang ladder up!

All the AWOL hunts, Ralph and dad hunting escapees from Helena State School. Usually mom and Betty sitting together with us kids waiting for them to return. Can't forget the night Ralph and dad got shot at by an AWOL.

All the amazing homemade pizza. The homemade real Italian lasagna Betty made me for my 13th birthday. Always food galore laughter and so much love. Can't forget the Zarella dogs, Misty and Peanuts then later Chips. The "Itallian Stallion" Ralph's old Ford Falcon.

All the 4th of July swim parties and cook outs. You never left the Zarella's home hungry.

These are just a few of my favorite Ralph and Betty Zarella memories.

Heaven gained an amazing man. Say hello to Betty and my dad for me.

Kim Snider - May 05, 2021 at 01:27 AM

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“ I’m not sure where to begin. My husband Mike and I have so many memories of this family. All of which are great. Ralph showing us how to roll out pizza dough. Betty’s secret pizza sauce. Putting in the swimming pool. The grand opening of the swimming pool 😊. Bowling, games, Connecticut parties, the list goes on. Beth Ann, we are thinking of you. Sorry we will not be able to make it to the funeral. We love your family

Joyce Penquite - May 04, 2021 at 04:39 PM

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“ Will always have fond memories of family gatherings in Goltry and swimming all summer. RIP Grandpa Ralph.

Melissa Phipps - May 04, 2021 at 04:23 PM