



Ralph Croninger

April 24, 1924 - February 9, 2023

Ralph E. Croninger, 98, of McClure, Ohio died peacefully on Thursday, February 9th, 2023 at Grand Rapids Care Center surrounded by his family. He was born April 24, 1924 in Grelton, Ohio to the late Willis and Martha (Zook) Croninger. On June 19th, 1943 he was married to Betty Lou (Conn) Croninger in Whitehouse, Ohio and she preceded him in death on October 26, 2016.

Ralph was a 1942 graduate of McClure High School. He was raised and helped on the family farm, co-owned and operated H&R Builders with Harold Rettig, worked at Johns Manville, and retired from Tenneco. He was a 34-year member of the Damascus Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a member of the McClure United Methodist Church and Damascus Township Historical Society. He was an avid hunter and after retirement enjoyed traveling with Betty.

He is survived by his children, Mary (Herb) Owens of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Judy (Denver) Geitgey of Grand Rapids, Ohio, Robert (Bonnie) Croninger of McClure, Ohio, Thomas (Cathy) Croninger of Bowling Green, Ohio, Jack (Barb) Croninger of Wauseon, Ohio and Tim (Lori) Croninger of Adrian, Michigan; 18 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 26 great-great grandchildren, 1 great-great-great grandchild, plus 1 great-great grandchild on the way. He was also preceded in death by a son, Richard Croninger; infant son, Nathan Croninger; grandson, Ryan Croninger; and siblings, Raymond Croninger, Willis Croninger, Reba Dachenhaus, and Clara Hockman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 at

the McClure United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Olive Branch Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, McClure and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the McClure United Methodist Church. A Fireman's Last Call Service will be conducted at 7 PM on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Damascus Twp. Fire & Rescue, Damascus Twp. Historical Society, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Previous Events

Fireman's Last Call Service

FEB 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

McClure Funeral Home
310 Frank Street
McClure, OH 43534
(419) 748-8011
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClure United Methodist Church
430 South East Street
McClure, OH 43534

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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430 South East Street
McClure, OH 43534

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Croninger family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the passing of Ralph.*

John & Tresa Rowland - February 13, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Condolences to the family of Uncle Ralph. I remember growing up in NW Ohio and spending time with my cousins at the Croninger farm in Grelton. Uncle Ralph had a long, well loved life. RIP - Carol Croninger Sommerfelt (TN)*



Carol Croninger Sommerfelt - February 13, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Croninger.*



February 12, 2023 at 09:40 AM

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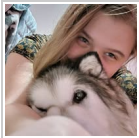
“ Prayers for the family. Rest in Peace Ralph.

Ron Dielman - February 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ Tim and family, sending condolences at Ralphs passing. I remember him as being a pretty nice guy from my days at Tenneco.

Connie K Lynch - February 11, 2023 at 02:02 PM



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Brianne Croninger - February 10, 2023 at 09:59 PM