



Ralph M. Durr

August 31, 1923 - July 28, 2019

Ralph Munnerlyn Durr III, age 95, died on July 28, 2019 at Centre Point Health and Rehabilitation. A brief graveside service with military honors will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. This service will be followed by a memorial to celebrate his life at 11:30 AM at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. There will be a reception immediately following the service at the church in Sander's Hall.

Born in Macon, Georgia on August 31, 1923, Ralph was the eldest son of Ralph Munnerlyn Durr Jr. and Maggie Ivey Durr. He was preceded in death by siblings, Frances Stater and Andrew Durr.

Ralph attended school in Macon and graduated from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia in 1941. He attended the University of Georgia until he was called into military service during World War II. He was stationed in the Chadwick Airfield in England with the 8th Air Force, 493rd Bomb Group as a bombsight and automatic pilot specialist.

After being honorably discharged, Ralph returned to Macon where he met Betty Moore, whom he married on April 20, 1947. He began his career with Liberty National Life Insurance Company in Macon. He then transferred to Hawkinsville, Georgia for six years. He was promoted to District Manager and moved to Griffin, Georgia for two years. In 1962, the family relocated to Tallahassee where Ralph was District Manager for the same company until his retirement in 1985.

In Tallahassee, Ralph's district was recognized by the company as Agency of

the Year on several occasions. He attained the Certified Life Underwriter (CLU) designation, served as President of the Tallahassee Life Underwriters Association and President of the Chartered Life Underwriters Chapter and volunteered on the Board of the Suwanee River Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Ralph was a member of the Tallahassee Kiwanis Club for 57 years. He was active at Saint Paul's Methodist Church, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and in other leadership positions including Chairman of the Ushers at the 11 o'clock service for over 50 years. He and Betty were very involved in the Burleigh Law Sunday School Class.

Starting in the early 80's, Ralph met daily with a dozen retirees at Waverly Pond to "shoot-the-breeze." Meeting for over thirty years, this band of brothers affectionately referred to themselves as the Usta-Club - because they "use to do this and use to that!" Founding members of this group, in addition to Ralph, were Irwin Allgood, William Brueckheimer, Frank Doud, Lee Everhart, Jon Gardner, Stanley Garfein, Gene Cowgert, and Hurley Rudd. This club has been memorialized by the construction of a lakeside gazebo and the placement of plaques honoring some of these members. The Usta Club was survived by a group of WW II vets who have continued the tradition of a weekly fellowship and lunch for the last five years: Bob Caldwell, Irving Felker, and Doug Williams. Thanks is extended to Chuck Pickens, special friend and faithful chauffeur.

He is survived by Betty Moore Durr, his wife of 72 years, his son, Ralph M. Durr IV (Susan); granddaughter, Amanda Durr of Macon; daughter, Carol "Tuddie" Walker, (Doug); grandson, Ralph Taylor Walker of Tallahassee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home – Madison Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 38, Pinetta, Florida 32350 or to the charity of your choice. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Memorial Service

AUG 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
1700 North Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Reception

AUG 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sincerest condolences from all of the volunteers at the 493rd BG Museum, Debach, England.*

Ralph was also listed as a Power Turret and Gunsight Mechanic whilst he served in the 860th Bombardment Squadron.

Rest in Peace

493rd BG Museum, Debach, England - August 03, 2019 at 05:13 AM

DO

“ *Debra Osborn sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph M. Durr*



Debra Osborn - August 01, 2019 at 08:27 AM

DO

I am so sorry to hear about your father. He lived a very long and fulfilled life. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. If you need anything let me know.

Debra Osborn - August 01, 2019 at 08:31 AM

FB

I remember Mr. Durr from the insurance. Used to take my mother to pay the premiums and he would always take time to talk to her. . My Dad was very fond of Mr. Durr. A fantastic person.

Florence Brown - August 01, 2019 at 10:33 PM

SS

“ Shirley Stabler sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ralph M. Durr



Shirley Stabler - July 31, 2019 at 02:45 PM

SS

Ralph, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Your dad fought a good fight and he finish his race now he gets to do what we are longing for and that is to be in the presence of the Lord. May you and the family know the peace of God and draw from his strength. The word in John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world give to you. Let not your heart be trouble, neither let them be afraid.

Shirley Stabler

Shirley Stabler - July 31, 2019 at 02:54 PM

DS

“ Diana Smallwood sent a virtual gift in memory
of Ralph M. Durr



Diana Smallwood - July 31, 2019 at 02:04 PM

DS

So Sorry for your Loss. My Prayers are with you.

Diana Smallwood - July 31, 2019 at 02:07 PM