



## Ralph W. Keil Jr.

October 7, 1942 - April 27, 2022

Ralph “Sparky” W. Keil Jr., age 79, of Paxton, passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at his home. He was born on October 7, 1942, in New Jersey, the son of Ralph W. Keil Sr. and Bessie (Healy) Keil. Ralph married Barbara Holloway on September 29, 1990 in Paxton.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Keil of Paxton; a son, Chad (Tracy) Keil of Paxton; a step-son, Mason (Mahvish) Greene of Texas; a granddaughter, Kayla (Kyle) Cress of Missouri; a sister, Sandy (Jim) Schuster of Pittsburgh, PA; and extended family, the Tavenners.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ralph served in the United States Air Force from 1963 until his retirement in 1986. During his time in the military, he served and traveled to many places including Vietnam, Greece, Japan, and Korea. Ralph retired as an E7 Master Sergeant and was proud to serve his country.

Ralph enjoyed boating and camping, especially at Lake Shelbyville. He was a “Mr. Fix It” and would be able to fix anything and everything. Ralph enjoyed country and oldies music and loved being with his wife and family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of Ralph’s life will be held

at a later date. Memorials may be made to Honor Flight ([www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org)).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Barb, my heart is broken as I send prayers to you as you deal with the loss of Ralph. He was such a good friend for so many years that I, too, feel such an emptiness in my heart. As I walk through my house there are so many places where he came and did his handyman thing to help make our home better. Our many years bowling together and going to the Hitching Post for music and beverages are memories I will cherish forever.

The remembered sound of his laughter brings a smile to my heart. Please let me know if there is anything you need help with. I am here for you today and in the future.

Prayers for you,  
Joan



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**Joan Fitzgarrald** - May 02, 2022 at 02:16 AM

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Barb.. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Ralph. I really enjoyed his company and singing over the years. He was a true friend. I apologize for not being more available over the past several years. Covid and married life have me rather tucked in. Please keep in touch. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ralph will be missed. Ray and Connie.

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**Ray Scarbrough** - May 04, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ralph W. Keil Jr..



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April 29, 2022 at 12:01 PM