



## Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.

July 13, 1942 - December 22, 2024

Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr., 82, of Springville, Al, passed away on December 22, 2024.

Ralph was born on July 13, 1942 to Ralph Lyles Sr and Lottie Doris Hurd in Birmingham, AL. He graduated from West End High School in 1960 in Birmingham, Al. Ralph went on to marry his first love, Martha McCarter, and began his education to study Chemistry at the University of Alabama. Ralph and Martha went on to have three children, Wendy, Todd and Amy. After graduation with a degree in Chemistry, he began his career in the foundry industry. Ralph began his career at American Cast Iron Pipe Company in Birmingham, AL working in the laboratory as a chemist and pipe inspector. He finished his foundry career as Vice President of Miller and Company based in Chicago, IL. Ralph's 45 plus years in the foundry industry impacted many people all over the country. He served on the American Foundry Society throughout his career, and was influential in recruiting students into the foundry industry. Throughout his career, he demonstrated his natural ability to lead people, make solid decisions, and (most of all), show his selfless commitment to the people around him. Ralph was a true "Leader of Men". He was devoted to God, his family, and his friends. After retirement, Ralph and Martha enjoyed traveling the country in an RV with friends and family.

Ralph was predeceased by: his father, Ralph Lyles, Sr.; mother, Lottie Doris Crowe; stepfather, Ronald Crowe; and wife, Martha Lyles.

He is survived by his children, Wendy (Joel) Fuller, Todd (Lisa) Lyles, and Amy (Randy) Cole; grandchildren: Molly (Patrick) Odess, Trey Thomason, Josh (Lynn Ellen) Fuller, Cole (Tara) Fuller, Shelby Lyles, Peyton Lyles, Curtis (Riley) Lyles, Cadance Cole, and Addison Cole; and great grandchildren, Winston Odess and Hudson Fuller.

Please join us in celebrating Ralph's life, Saturday, January 04, 2024 at 12:00 pm at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am prior to the service.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home

5360 Deerfoot Parkway

Mailing Address PO Box 118

Trussville, AL 35173

(205) 655-3444

<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..

January 03, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..



January 03, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SM

“ Sharon Mohon purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..



**Sharon Mohon** - January 03, 2025 at 01:35 PM

BC

“ Bobby C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..

**Bobby C.** - January 02, 2025 at 06:48 PM

BC

“ Bobby C. purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..

January 02, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.*



January 02, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.*

January 02, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.*



January 02, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.*



January 01, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LC

“ *Love from Laura & Mike Crawford* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.*

**Love from Laura & Mike Crawford** - January 01, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LC

“ *Love from Laura & Mike Crawford* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr.*



**Love from Laura & Mike Crawford** - January 01, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DM

“ Wonderful man of faith and family! His departure leaves us grieving our loss, but rejoicing in his gain.

david miles - December 29, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..

December 28, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..



December 28, 2024 at 12:49 PM

DB

“ Dale & Ashley Boyles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Ruford Lyles Jr..



Dale & Ashley Boyles - December 28, 2024 at 10:50 AM