



Ralph Herman Baxter Sr.

October 14, 1912 - July 28, 2014

Baxter, Ralph Herman, Sr. age 101 of Clearwater, FL, died Monday, July 28, 2014 at his home.

Ralph was loved by all who knew him for his sunny disposition, friendly nature, and sense of humor.

He was born October 14, 1912, in Moundsville, WV, a son of the late Herman Ross and Lillian Josephine Bohrer Baxter.

He was raised in Proctor, WV, on the family farm. He graduated from Magnolia High School, in New Martinsville, WV, where he played on the football team.

He met the love of his life, Edith Letitia Wright, of Pine Grove, WV, in 1939 when he was working for the state welfare department. They were married in 1940, and were in the 70th year of their marriage when Edith passed away in 2010.

Ralph served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, stationed in San Diego and San Francisco during the war years.

After the war, Ralph and Edith moved back to West Virginia, living in Wellsburg and Weirton. They then returned to San Francisco, where Ralph went to work for the U.S. Post Office, in the San Francisco Airport Mail Facility, becoming a supervisor and remaining until his retirement in 1980. Thereafter, Ralph and Edith pursued a real estate business until they really retired and moved to Clearwater, Florida, in 1997.

Ralph had a passion for cars throughout his life, was quite a marksman as a young adult, and an avid golfer starting in his 50's. In the last few years of his

life, he renewed his love for reading, consuming both fiction and nonfiction books at an amazing rate, especially for a man who was then in his late 90's ; he completed his last book, John Grisham's, The Litigators, just three weeks before he passed away.

In addition to his parents, and his wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell Raymond Baxter and Jacob Robert Baxter, and one sister, Wilma Mae Baxter Van Camp.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph H. (Cheryl) Baxter Jr. of Wheeling, WV and Stone Wright Baxter of Clearwater, FL, one brother, George Ross Baxter of Proctor, WV; one sister, Faye Eloise Evans of Fort Worth, TX; 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Family will receive friends on Monday, August 4, 2014, from 11 am until time of service at 1:00 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory 751 Third St. New Martinsville, WV, with Reverend Pam Shuman officiating.

Burial will follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville, where the Sistersville Combined Honor Guard will conduct military graveside services. Memorial contributions may be made to: Suncoast Hospice Foundation 5771 Roosevelt Blvd. Clearwater, FL 33760.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
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Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Herman Baxter Sr..*



August 04, 2014 at 08:28 AM



“ *Dear Ralph, Our deepest condolences to you on the loss of your Dad. May the memories and love you shared bring you comfort now, and live on in your heart. With love, D'Arcy and Larry Richard*

D'Arcy Lyness - August 03, 2014 at 05:43 PM



“ *Orrick Rambaud Martel purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Ralph Herman Baxter Sr..*



Orrick Rambaud Martel - August 01, 2014 at 06:52 AM



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greg baxter - July 31, 2014 at 05:13 PM

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DK

“ *Debby Cook Kastigar lit a candle in memory of Ralph Herman Baxter Sr.*



Debby Cook Kastigar - July 29, 2014 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Brandy Becker lit a candle in memory of Ralph Herman Baxter Sr.*



Brandy Becker - July 29, 2014 at 08:48 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Herman Baxter Sr..*



July 29, 2014 at 07:24 PM



“ *Mindy, Mary and Reid purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph Herman Baxter Sr..*



Mindy, Mary and Reid - July 29, 2014 at 04:12 PM