



## Ralph Lee Gunn

December 27, 1934 - September 9, 2021

On Thursday, September 9, at 5:41 pm, Ralph L. Gunn began his journey into the hereafter. He was with his wife, Patricia J. Gunn, and son, Douglas L. Gunn, when he passed. Ralph died of heart failure at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was visited by his daughter, Laura L. Evers, son-in-law, Wally E. Evers, daughter-in-law, Natalie Gunn, and three of his grandchildren, Morgan Gunn, Carson Gunn, and Erika Evers.

Ralph was born in Ft. Madison, IA on December 27, 1934. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Psychology. He served two years of active duty for the Army before marrying Patricia J. Ohrn on September 3, 1961. Ralph became a charter member of the Senior Executive Service in 1979 while working as the Director of Data Processing for the Dept. of the Army. He retired in 1994 before graduating from the Wesley Theological Seminary with a Masters Degree in Theological Studies in 1995. He became an educator and professor for the next two decades immersed in his passion for history, intellectual inquiry and growth. Ralph was a generous, kind, and visionary contributor to humanity and the welfare of all people. Known for his quick thinking and ready laugh, he was a beloved minister and friend. Being a prolific reader, Ralph was committed to learning, challenging accepted norms and myths while being a completely devoted husband of 60+ years. He was a source of inspiration for his children, family and countless others. He will be dearly missed by the many lives that he touched.

Services will be posted when available.

# Cemetery Details

**Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Lee Gunn*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ralph Lee Gunn*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ralph Lee Gunn*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Ralph - and a few not so great. When I was about 5 he "helped" me climb the cherry tree, and then left me. ( I think he got in trouble with grandma.) He made several train trips to Indep. to take me back to Ft. Madison - not sure he really wanted to because I think I was a pest when I was there. As we got older our relationship became more caring and sharing. I always enjoyed his company and respected his advice. Even after there was so much physical distance between our families, I knew that I could always call on Ralph for anything I needed and he would be there for me. I love all of you and miss him with you.*

**Judy Harrelson** - October 17, 2021 at 05:46 PM

DI

“ *Diana lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee Gunn*



**Diana** - September 23, 2021 at 02:36 PM

QH

“ *The staff at Queenstown Veterinary Hospital sends loving thoughts to your family. We know that Sasha greeted him at the rainbow bridge and the 2 are together now. Take care. <3*

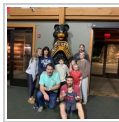
**Queenstown Veterinary Hospital** - September 15, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Colleen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee Gunn*



**Colleen Thomas** - September 15, 2021 at 09:20 AM



*Pat and family: So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I have fond memories of Ralph helping me at HQA. He was always so kind and patient. Please know we are praying for you and your family that God will grant you strength, peace and rest in the days ahead.*

**Colleen Thomas** - September 15, 2021 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ *Jerry Sutton lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee Gunn*



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**Jerry Sutton** - September 15, 2021 at 01:30 AM

JS

*Pat-sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Many fond memories of Ralph's involvement and support of hospice during my years of working for Hospice of Queen Anne's (former name)*

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**Jerry Sutton** - September 15, 2021 at 01:33 AM

PM

“ *Pat and Family*

*Ralph will be missed by many. He was such a nice and caring man. A man of lots of knowledge and a joke when appropriate. If we can help just let us know. Our prayers and love are with you.*

*Wayne and Pat*

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**Pat Morris** - September 14, 2021 at 01:38 PM

JM

“ *Pat, Ralph will be missed by many. His wit and willingness to be a friend was infectious. He is with his Lord and Savior and is no longer in pain. He is witnessing the beauty and peace that comes with his faith.*

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**Jack McClellan** - September 14, 2021 at 01:30 PM

HE

“ Dear Pat-

*I am so sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. He was a great man and had extraordinary faith. I know hw is with his maker! Love,  
Heather*

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**Heather** - September 14, 2021 at 09:17 AM

VA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

*Vickie Anderson  
Washington College Health Services*

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**Vickie Anderson** - September 14, 2021 at 07:58 AM