



Ralph C. Maxton

August 25, 1938 - June 24, 2022

Ralph C. Maxton, 83, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, June 24, 2022 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born August 25, 1938 in Cape Girardeau to Wallace Albert and Adele Wilhelmina Obrock Maxton.

He and Martha Lou Weiss were married December 3, 1961 at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Jackson, Missouri.

Ralph attended Franklin Elementary School and was a 1956 graduate of Cape Girardeau Central High School. He received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (presently Missouri University of Science and Technology) in 1960.

He was a Design Engineer in industrial hydraulics for Denison Division of American Brake Shoe Co. in Columbus, Ohio and then became a Natural Gas Distribution Engineer for Ameren in Cape Girardeau. He retired from Ameren in August, 1998.

He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and was a member of the chancel choir for 40 years and the Clipper Sunday School Class. He also served the church as chairman of the Finance Committee and the Board

of Trustees. He served the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri on the Board of Appeals and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He also belonged to the Cape Girardeau Rotary West Club of Rotary International and was a Paul Harris Award recipient. He was a past Secretary and President of the club.

Ralph enjoyed traveling with wife Martha to Israel, Egypt, Europe, Hawaii, and destinations in the United States and Canada. He had several family vacations staying at Wyndham Resorts in Disney World, Hawaii, San Diego and Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

He built several mountain dulcimers from scratch, using walnut wood from his wife's family farm. Each of his three grandchildren and two sisters received one of the dulcimers he made. He enjoyed playing dulcimers with a small group called the Joyful Strings. He also enjoyed reading and playing cards with friends. Ralph and Martha became members of a monthly dinner club in 1978 and to the date of his death they were still enjoying their monthly dinners and fellowship.

Ralph loved his family. He was so proud of his grandchildren and was faithful in attending all tennis matches and swim meets, whether they were local, district or state. They were the joy of his life. He was a gentle, family man. He enjoyed getting together for dinners with his children and grandchildren. He was such a humble, intelligent, good natured, and humorous person.

Survivors include two sisters, Wilma (Victor, deceased) Graden of Grinnell, Iowa and Ruth (John, deceased) Mathis of Carriere, Mississippi; two sons, Daniel William (Carolyn) Maxton of Raleigh, North Carolina and David Albert (Jacquie) Maxton of Cape Girardeau and their children, Jordan, Jack and

Megan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Fred Leist officiating.

Private burial will be at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson.

Memorial contributions may be given to Centenary United Methodist Church or Chateau Girardeau Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Russell Heights Cemetery

Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Ralph was a charter member of the Delta Sig chapter at Rolla and we send our condolences to your family and Ralph's friends in Cape. Others from our early days remember him as a gentle soul that was easy to like, friendly with a good sense of humor.
From the Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi*

Bob Benezette - July 01, 2022 at 02:15 PM

CJ

“ *Dear Martha and Family,
We were saddened to learn of Ralph's death.
Calvin and Ralph were in the Minnesota office together. Calvin said he always had a smile.
We are sending you prayers of comfort and peace,
Calvin and Carol Wells*

cjwells - June 30, 2022 at 06:22 PM

JM

“ *Thinking of you Dave & Jacquie, and sending our sympathy and love! What a great man and a beautiful tribute you've written to honor him.*

Jennifer & Mark - June 28, 2022 at 12:05 PM

GS

“ *So sorry to hear this news. I enjoyed working with Ralph during the Union Electric days and when we were on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He was my sponsor to join the Cape West Rotary Club and always enjoyed our conversations. My condolences to the family.*

Glenn 9Skip) Smallwood - June 28, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph C. Maxton.* ”



June 27, 2022 at 03:49 PM