



## Ralph Arlen Wallace

January 17, 1930 - October 2, 2024

Age 94, of Braidwood, IL passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born on January 17, 1930 in Chicago, IL to Charles E. and Netha (nee Gaddy) Wallace. He served in the United States Marines. Ralph was a truck driver for Yellow Trucking in Bridgeview for many years until his retirement. He married Arlene Wallace and they enjoyed many years together until her passing. On May 17, 1997 he married Shirley Wojnicki at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Essex, IL. A talented artist, his skills really shined at drawing. He enjoyed bowling and woodworking. Together with Shirley they enjoyed many winters in their motorhome in Arizona. Family was always Ralph's first priority.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Wallace; son, Michael Wallace of Bradley, IL; step-children, Susan (David) Harvey of Braidwood, Patricia (Robert) Shermer of Essex, IL, Thomas (Denise) Wojnicki of WI and Robert (Tina) Wojnicki of Chicago, IL; grandson Dan Topel; step-grandchildren, Emily Harvey, John (Raquel) Harvey, Grace (Tucker) Jennings, Gabriel Wojnicki, Michael Wojnicki, Louis (Shelby) Wojnicki, Niko (Rachel) Wojnicki, Nicholas Capparelli and Francesca Capparelli; two great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his first wife, Arlene F. Wallace; daughter, Michelle A. Topel; son-in-law, Wayne A. Topel; and his brothers and sisters. A visitation will be held on at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am until time of Funeral Service

at 12:00 pm. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association of America.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery and Mausoleums

7200 Archer Rd  
Justice, IL 60458  
(708) 458-4770

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ May he rest in peace, I remember Ralph from 59th Pl. eye lived on 60th st in St. Louis in Chicago, we live across the alley from him, he was always outside. I was a friend of his son , we would go to the house in his basement. He built a train set that ran along the walls of the basement. He could do anything with wood. he was a real craftsman. He was an intimidating man that is for sure but very kind very strong. Just a good all-around person.

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**Tom Lally** - July 16, 2025 at 06:40 AM