

Robinson, KS



Ralph W. Davis, Jr., 74, of Robinson, died Wednesday evening, February 19, 2020, surrounded by family, at the Hiawatha Community Hospital where he had been a patient a few days. He previously had been a resident of Maple Heights Nursing Home in Hiawatha.

A celebration of Ralph's is planned for 11 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2020, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha. Chaplin Tim Champ of Freedom Hospice will officiate. Inurnment will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Robinson.

The family will meet with friends one hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions suggested to Freedom Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., 66434.

Ralph was born November 6, 1945, at Wichita, the son of Ralph William Sr. and Donna Jean Morriss Davis and had grown up in Wichita where he attended school, before working to complete his GED at Sabetha. He served his country with the U.S. Army for four years, discharged in 1966, at the rank of private first class, serving with the First Missile Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery. Ralph returned home and attended Highland Community College where he studied juvenile delinquency and accident investigation. He worked as a tractor and auto mechanic all of his life, not only on his vehicles, but also for community friends, which allowed him to be very good as an auto parts manager for STR in Hiawatha, which he did for many years, retiring in 2015. Previously he worked for Dean Erdley in Robinson at the Mobil service station for a number of years, before he operated it for several years on his own. Ralph also was a dispatcher/deputy for the Brown County Sheriff Department and served as the Robinson City Marshal.

Ralph was a very active, dedicated community servant: a volunteer firefighter with the Robinson Fire Department, retiring as assistant chief after 38 years of service; served on the Brown County Sheriff Reserves for 15 years where he served as its president. He also coached little league baseball for six years, served on the Robinson Parks & Recreation Committee, active with Cub Scouts, later serving a Scout Master. Ralph attended the Robinson United Methodist

Church thru the years. When he made time for hobbies, it included: oil lamps, HO model trains, and working on his cars and truck.

Ralph memories include: the death of my Mother and Grandson broke my heart. Life Goes on. The night I met my beloved wife; the birth of his daughter and son was great days, and vacationing with best friends Steve and Sharilyn Gilbert family.

He married Christina M. Butrick, at the Baptist Church in Hiawatha, May 28, 1968. They moved to Robinson shortly after their first child was born and spent the rest of their life in Robinson. He and Chris were blessed with two children: Dona and Rick. Chris died July 18, 2019. He was also preceded by his parents, step-mother, grandson Nick Ploeger.

Survivors include Dona Enke (Willard) of Robinson, son Rick Davis (Amanda) of New Albany, OH, step brother Paul Macartney of Hiawatha, grandchildren: Matt Ploeger (Nicole) of Atchison, CMCA Hannah Ploeger (Daymond Wallace) of Sicily, Italy, Madeline Davis and Ella Davis of New Albany, OH, 2 great-grandsons: Andrew and Lincoln Ploeger and another on the way, surviving also are other relatives and friends including Sharilyn & Steve Gilbert, Harlan & Susan Kneisel. Also surviving is sister in law Andi Wallace of Raleigh, NC.

A special message or remembrance may be sent to the family at
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