



Ralph Decatur Wentworth Jr.

May 13, 1945 - June 30, 2017

Longtime Siskiyou County resident, Ralph D. Wentworth Jr., 72, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on June 30, 2017.

Ralph was born on May 13, 1945 in Redding, CA to Ralph Wentworth Sr. and Arlene Rose Viles. He was the third of nine children and spent his childhood in Redding raised by his mother, Arlene, and stepfather, Norman H. "Bud" Chase. He graduated from Fall River High School in 1964.

Ralph joined the United States Army in 1965 and served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade from 1966-1968, receiving a Bronze Star medal for his service in Vietnam. He worked as a lineman then foreman for Pacific Power for 29 years, retiring in 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three children; six grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

A memorial service will be held at the Miner's Inn and Convention Center in Yreka, CA on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM with a reception to follow in the convention center. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Miners Inn Convention Center
238 N. Main Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

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*We were so shocked to hear of Ralph's passing. In our way of thinking it was way too soon, however I guess we realize that God knows best. May His healing touch help you in your grief. We have wonderful fond memories of our times together here in Montana and there in California. "Remember to keep an eye on the cut-outs!" lol
Lotsa love,
Ron & Teddie*



Ron & Teddie - July 28, 2017 at 09:30 PM

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“ *I met Ralph years ago at Larry Arkfeld's office. The stories he told about his family were so touching. What a kind and loving man. I was blessed to know him. Hugs to your family. Brenda Bigler*

Brenda Bigler - July 20, 2017 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Ralph was truly a "good man" - I saw him and talked with him during numerous veterans' related events in Siskiyou County. He was a true "hero" having served his nation courageously as an infantryman and later, radio operator, assigned to the famed 173rd Airborne Brigade in Viet Nam. The 173rd Airborne Brigade made the only large unit airborne jump in Viet Nam. During Viet Nam and during the current Global War on Terrorism the unit is recognized as one of the most decorated units in Army history. Ralph is gone but will never be forgotten. "Airborne, Ralph...!" My thoughts and prayers will remain with Ralph, his family, and many friends.*

Semper Fidelis, Sheriff Jon Lopey, Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Jon E. Lopey - July 17, 2017 at 07:10 PM

RW

I will miss you ralph . you were my favorite cousin . always a smile and great hunting & work stories .

Rick W

Rick W - July 20, 2017 at 02:18 PM