



# Ralph Maynard Sturges Jr

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**R**emembering Ralph Maynard Sturges Jr.  
November 19th, 1940 – December 13th, 2025

Ralph Maynard Sturges Jr., known to us simply as Ralph or Doc, passed away on December 13th, 2025 in Nashville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Maynard Sturges Sr. and Helen Schweitzer Daniel, and his wife, Bonnie J. Sturges, as well as their daughter, Paige Veronica Sturges. We picture them welcoming him with the same warmth he always showed here.

Ralph's love lives on through his children: Tia Fulks, Ralph "Trey" (Gena) Sturges III, and Sonya (Joseph) Cesnik. He was proud to be "Pop" to his grandchildren; Mark Allen (Suzie) Fulks Jr., Bonnie Paige (Michael) Byers, Rachelle Marie Van Meter, Olivia Grace Cesnik, Anna Claire Cesnik, Ashley Brooke (Jaymie) Stafford, Natalie Eva Sturges, Nicholas Jackson Sturges; great-grandchildren, Jackson Wallace Fulks, Helaina Paige Byers and Saylor Jordan Stafford. His brother, Larry (Mary) Sturges, also carries forward their shared memories.

Born in Shreveport, LA, where he spent his early years attending grade school and then later moved with his family to Florence, AL where he attended high school. In 1963, Ralph entered United States Army, rising to 1st LT O-2 at Ft. Benning, GA. He served with steady commitment, always referring to that time as a lesson in duty and teamwork. Ralph earned his bachelor's degree from Florence State University and his doctorate in Pharmacy from Auburn University, AL graduating in 1967, a point of pride he mentioned often. Auburn football Saturdays were steady fixtures in his



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calendar, no matter where he was.

Ralph was a devoted husband, a great father, and a wonderful Pop. He was an Eagle Scout, the second in four consecutive generations. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, Bonnie, leather and wood working, and caring for his yard with almost ritual devotion. His patriotism and Auburn spirit were unshakeable.

Those close to him knew a man who was loyal, generous, supportive, and hardworking. He showed up, lent a hand, and stayed until the job—and the conversation—were finished.

We will remember his spirit and keep telling his stories at family tables and backyard gatherings. We miss him dearly, and we will carry his steady love forward, just as he taught us.

Family requests either flowers to be delivered for visitation and service or donations to made in Ralphs honor to Alive Hospice: <https://www.alivehospice.org/get-involved/give/>

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216. 615-865-1101. <https://www.springhillfh.com>



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, December 20, 2025

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT


 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216

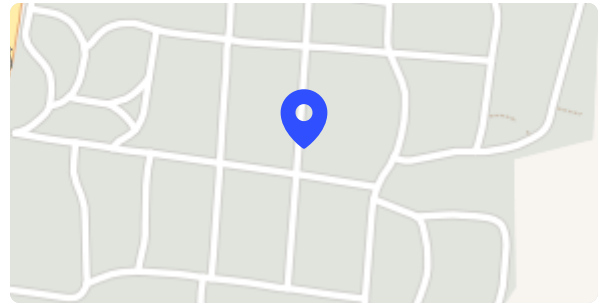


## Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, December 20, 2025

 2:00 PM CT

 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216





## Tribute Wall

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**The Ziady Group** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Sturges family.



December 19 at 7:29 PM



**The Ziady Group** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ralph.



December 19 at 7:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sturges family.



December 18 at 6:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Sturges family.



December 17 at 11:29 PM



**Leanne, Jp, Suzanne, And Jack Church** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ralph.



December 17 at 11:29 PM



**Steve Lattman** posted:

Sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I work with him for many years at the SuperX store in Donelson om McGavok Pike. Great guy and devoted father. Greatly enjoy times we had. My prayers for all familyRegards,Steve Lattman

December 17 at 7:26 PM



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**Dr Mcguire And Mary Ellen** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sturges family.



December 17 at 9:27 AM



**Dr Mcguire And Mary Ellen** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ralph.



December 17 at 9:27 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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