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Ralph A. Prior, 88, of Nashport, Ohio died Friday morning, November 21, 2014 at Select Specialty Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born February 5, 1926 in Licking Township of Muskingum County, Ohio he was a son of the late John and Birdie (Walsh) Prior and was a 1944 graduate of Nashport High School. He was an Army veteran having served two tours of duty, the first during the last days of World War II and then again during the Korean War. Ralph was a life-long farmer and he retired in 1989 from Line Material/McGraw-Edison. He was a member of Nashport-Irville United Methodist and he had been a Grange member since 1944 at Nashport Grange, Richvale-Nashport Grange and Timber Run Grange. He was also a member of the American Legion of Zanesville, VFW of Dresden and was a former member of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau and the Ohio State Wool Growers Association.

Surviving are two step-sons, Michael Butcher of Philo, Ohio and Steven (Nancy) Butcher of Pataskala, Ohio; two step-daughters, Geneva Sue (Donald) Roberts of Nashport and Jennifer Suzanne (Kenneth) Miller of Zanesville and several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Hazel (Settles) Butcher Wright Prior whom he married August 23, 1969 and who died October 30, 1995; two brothers, Lee Prior and Virgil Prior; two sisters, Alice Prior and Gladys Kendall and three step-sons, Fred Butcher, Ronald Butcher and Donald Butcher. Calling hours will be 5pm to 7pm Monday, November 24, 2014 at the Frazeyburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 110 West Third Street. Friends may also call one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the funeral home with the Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in Irville Cemetery.

To sign our online guestbook visit www.vocfh.com.



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CD

Carolyn Mcnerney-Desarro posted:

So sorry for your loss. God bless the family of Ralph!

November 25 at 2:08 PM

KK

Kim Kullman posted:

Very sorry for your loss Ralph was a good man. I enjoyed caring for him. He will be missed. You are in my prayers.

November 24 at 2:29 PM

DR

Dennis Roberts posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

November 23 at 8:37 AM

MT

Mildred Teisinger posted:

Our deepest sympathy in your loss.Sincerely, Members of Timber Run Grange.

November 23 at 4:12 AM

SM

Shana Prater (Moore) posted:

My heart is heavy this morning.We have lost another sweet ,kind, and generous person who my family was close to and considered him & his family as part of ours.. Ralph will be deeply missed but the memories we have will remain... I have fond memories of all the Priors and our neighborhood will never be the same.. Rest forever in comfort and keep watch over us all..Miss you already.. The Moores

November 23 at 3:29 AM



JC

Jodie C posted:

I wanted to add this Salvation poem. The Salvation Poem Jesus Loves You! Jesus came to save the lost That is why He died upon on the cross. Jesus loves you and me Shedding His blood on Calvary That we all may forever be free. He came to rescue us from Eternal Death Saving us from Hell, He gave us His breath. The Holy Spirit has been sent to live inside us, And every man can have this New Birth. Now we can be free from sin and shame, If only we will call upon His name. We can call on Him in times of trouble He be right there, on the double. He always listens whenever we're sad He calms every storm and makes us glad. Every time you shed a tear always know that Jesus is near. He will wipe all your tears away and put them in His bottle, forever to stay. Dear One, God loves you so very much Regardless of whether you can feel His touch. Call on Him now and accept Him today, And the Paradise of Heaven will be yours to stay. Open your mouth and confess to Him today And below is what aloud you must Pray: "God, I repent for all my sins, Forgive me Lord today I confess Jesus is the Son of God He died and was raised on the third day I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior Write my name in the Book of life, forever!" If you said this prayer from your heart you'll never have to worry about Him saying to you, depart. Now you must live for Him and take up your cross Never forgetting that He saved you when you were lost. If you prayed the sinners pray within this Salvation Poem, you are now Born Again.

November 23 at 1:33 AM

JC

Jodie C posted:

So many good memories of growing up and spending a lot of my childhood at my Grandma Hazel and Ralph's house. From following him around while he did his chores feeding the animals in my younger days, my favorite memory is watching a meteor shower with him and it was the best one I have ever seen. My best new memory is visiting him in the hospital with my mom and him praying to receive Jesus as his Lord and savior. To God be the glory for this. He is in heaven right now walking the streets of gold praising his Saviour and in no pain. Thanks Ralph for all the laughs and being a grandpa to me in my childhood. I'm sorry I didn't spend much of my adult life with you. We allow ourselves to get so busy in this world time goes so fast and life is so short. One lesson we can learn from Ralph is to take things easy without being stressed or worried, enjoy life And something I have learned is that we should spend more time with family. Family is important. and know where we are going to spend eternity. I am so glad Ralph prayed that prayer to ask Jesus in His heart and is now in heaven.

November 23 at 1:17 AM

TB

Tom Butcher posted:

From all the great Christmas at your house, to the laughs of sheering sheep, I learned a lot from you over the years. You will be missed.

November 22 at 4:47 PM



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Lynette Mealey posted:

Ralph was quiet, intelligent, knowledgeable of so many things, and really loved his crossword puzzles in the newspaper. I enjoyed so much just listening to him talk about the history of both Muskingum and Licking Townships. Knowing the Prior family for the last 67 years has been a true delight. I will truly miss him.

November 22 at 10:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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