



Ralph I. Olmstead

April 11, 1942 - April 6, 2011

Ralph I. Olmstead, 68, of Lafayette, New York died Wednesday, April 6, 2011 after a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Born in Syracuse, New York, he was the son of the late Stanley and Lena (Webber) Olmstead. He was a graduate of Marcellus High School and has been very involved throughout the years in organizing class reunions. He was also a graduate of Syracuse School of Technology. He was a subcontractor working as a machine designer at many corporations including Kodak, Nestles and Xerox. He was a Civil War and classic car enthusiast. Ralph is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jeanette "Jennie" Groth; three sons, Kevin (Tina) of Florida and Ohio, Joel (Donna) of Syracuse, New York and Daniel (Cindy) of Fabius, New York; grandchildren, Kelly (Shane) Lunceford of North Carolina, Shannara Olmstead of Dayton, Ohio, Lynn Olmstead of LaFayette, New York, Anthony and Zachary Olmstead of Fabius, New York; honorary grandchildren, Monique (Joe) Phillips, Philip Reynolds, Kyle, Brianna and Ashley Miles; three great-grandchildren; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. He was predeceased by a brother, Leon. Calling hours will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York 13084. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, April 14, 2011, 11:00 a.m. in Columbian Presbyterian Church, Corner of Route 20 & Route 11, LaFayette, New York 13084. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph I. Olmstead*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - April 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jenny, Sorry for your loss, always remember the good times. I remember all the times in school when Ralph and Brother Dick and Frank Wickes, were always up to no good, fun times, always remember the fun times.*

April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *As the dad of one of my old teammates (Kevin), I remember Mr. Olmstead as a faithful backer of LaFayette basketball, even when there wasn't much to cheer about (which was often!). Please accept our condolences and know that our thoughts are with you.*

April 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.*

April 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My love and thoughts are with you all. Ralph has transitioned to another realm and we shall all meet up again. Brightest blessings to those who are left behind.

April 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ sorry to hear of ralph's passing.i knew him from marcellus. he always worked on a farm for my dad's uncle.truly a great guy.

April 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness.May you find peace in your memories as i know there are many, god bless you and your family.

April 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I spent a lot of time with my grandfather whenever my family and I would travel to Syracuse to visit. My fondest memories of him are when he would share his many experiences and knowledge of the world. He took me to my first baseball game, in his Z28. I loved my grandfather very much and will treasure the memories I have of him forever. I love you grandpa.. we will meet again someday.

April 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss. The times that our families spent with each other,we truly enjoyed his company. He was a very intelligent man but laid back,and that speaks of his good character. His son Kevin is an example of his refined gentle ways. god bless your family.

April 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennie Ralph was one of the most humble, decent and selfless persons I have known. He was that way when we were classmates at Marcellus. Many, many Marcellus classmates were very appreciative of his hard work keeping us connected. He was sorely missed at our 50th reunion last June. I remember he MC'd the prior reunion with dignity and grace. Ralph's desirable character traits were plentiful and appreciated as rare gifts. He will be missed and remembered by those whom he touched.

April 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jenny,I was so sorry to read about Ralph in the paper. I can still remember when he and my brother Dick and Frank Wicks were friends in school. They had a lot of good laughs together. Always keep the good memories in your heart.Sincerely,Mary Jane (Lathrop)Domurat

April 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeanette our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. -- A.C. Moore Dewitt

April 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jennie and family, My sincere sympathies on your loss of Ralph. I'll always remember him as a bright, hard working, kind and decent man. Greg Scammell*

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Jenny and the rest of Ralph's family. We are out of town and will be unable to make the calling hours or service. Dick & Patty*

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jeanette and boys. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ralph/Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God Bless you. Love, Mary Beth and Tzion*

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We share the loss of Ralph as a member of our greater Olmstead family. Genealogist, Olmste(a)d Family Association*

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joel, Jenny, and Family. I am very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts. luv u*

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to the Olmstead family for the loss of Ralph Olmstead. He will be greatly missed by many who came in contact with him. He will always be in our thoughts and prayers, and we know that the LORD above will take good care of him. Rest in peace, Ralph.*

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM