



Ralph Wiley

October 8, 1938 - October 21, 2025

Ralph Wiley, age 87, of Storm Lake, Iowa died October 21, 2025 at Methodist Manor in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Monday, October 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Ralph was born October 8, 1938 to Francis and Carolyn (Richardson) Wiley in Storm Lake, Iowa. He was baptized in 1939 at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Ralph attended school in Storm Lake, graduating in 1956. He then attended Buena Vista College for one year and Estherville College for one year. Following college, he joined the United States Air Force in 1959, serving two tours in Vietnam. He retired in 1979 as Master Sergeant.

On May 20, 1960, Ralph was united in marriage to the love of his life, Angela Dawn Briggs, in England. To this union, six children were born: Paul, Dale, Dean, John, Carla, and Irwin.

From 1979 to 1985, he worked as a custodian and bus foreman for Storm Lake Schools. He then started R.W. Wiley Trucking Service, retiring in 2010 at

the age of 73.

In his free time, Ralph enjoyed listening to HAM radio. He started a group and helped others acquire their HAM radio operator's license. You could find Ralph fishing or hunting. More than anything, he treasured time with his family. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a special place in his heart. Ralph will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ralph is survived by his children: Dale (Doris) Wiley of Storm Lake, Iowa; John (Brenda) Wiley of Early, Iowa; Carla (Bill) Bainbridge of Early, Iowa; brother: Lowell (Patti) Wiley; grandchildren: Ryan (Audrey) Wiley, Josh Wiley, Chris (Erin) Wiley; Sara (Alex Wimmer) Wiley; Cassandra (Patrick) Williams; Paul (Tiffany Vauble) Bainbridge; Anthony (Jennifer Bachman) Bainbridge; great-grandchildren: Layton, Ripken, Juniper, Aiden, Hazel, Finnlee, Brooklynne, Brittany, Aaron, Audrianna, Patrick, Kaylynn, Ashton; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Carolyn (Richardson) Wiley; sons; Paul, Dean, and Irwin; brothers: Roger and Lyle; and great grandchildren: William and Adelynn.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Wiley*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 25, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *AI - N1API lit a candle in memory of Ralph Wiley*



AI - N1API - October 28, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 27, 2025 at 10:56 AM

SM

“ *sheila Mills lit a candle in memory of Ralph Wiley*



sheila Mills - October 27, 2025 at 10:15 AM

EB

“ *Ralph was a very nice man, He will be missed.*

Evelyn borron - October 26, 2025 at 02:15 PM

PH

“ *Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Wiley*



Pam Henderson - October 26, 2025 at 02:06 PM

CB

“ *We will miss you Dad, but we will see you again. Find peace in Heaven with the Lord. Love you, Bill, Carla Bainbridge*



Carla Bainbridge - October 24, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DW

“ Dale and Doris and Josh Wiley lit a candle in memory of Ralph Wiley



Dale and Doris and Josh Wiley - October 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Wiley.



October 23, 2025 at 08:51 PM

TS

“ Tami S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Wiley.

Tami S. - October 23, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DT

“ doug and tam lit a candle in memory of Ralph Wiley



doug and tam - October 23, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DT

“ Sorry for your loss Angie and family. Doug and I are sending hugs.
Doug and Tammy Stephens

doug and tam - October 23, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LG

“ Sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Enjoyed our contacts over
amature radio, especially the Sunday morning net check ins. Rest in
peace my friend!! Larry Graves
WD0HHK

Larry Graves - October 23, 2025 at 11:40 AM

SM

“ My condolences goes out to the Riley families



Susan Mason - October 23, 2025 at 11:24 AM

RS

“ I enjoyed seeing Ralph when he came into Fareway shopping and I
always made sure he had a hug and he said he really enjoyed the
hugs that he got .going to miss seeing him at the store .rest in
peace Ralph you are not suffering anymore.Robin Stephan

Ribin Stephan - October 22, 2025 at 04:48 PM

SC

“ *Shelly Chapman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Wiley*



Shelly Chapman - October 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SM

“ *Rest in peace now Ralph your in Gods hands now.*



Steph/Sharon Mickelson - October 22, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JM

“ *Angie & family.
So sorry to learn of Ralph's passing.
Ralph was a longtime friend whom I was acquainted with through
Amateur Radio & walleye fishing.*

*I remember one of Ralph's many amateur radio achievements was
making confirmed radio contact with another amateur radio operator
in EVERY county in EVERY state in the USA. An award well
deserved.*

*Rest in peace my friend. It was a pleasure knowing you.
Jerry, WA0UZI
Jefferson, IA.*

Jerry Matthews - October 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM

EB

Ralph was very nice man. He will be missed

Evelyn borron - October 24, 2025 at 04:03 PM

CB

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Carla Bainbridge - October 21, 2025 at 07:58 PM