



## Dr. Ralph Leon McLaury, Jr.

July 19, 1942 - January 18, 2021

In Loving Memory of Dr. Ralph Leon McLaury, Jr.

Dr. Ralph Leon McLaury, Jr. passed into eternal rest on January 18th, 2021. He entered this world on July 19th, 1942 the son of Ralph Leon McLaury of Cushing, Oklahoma and Nina Clark McLaury Smith of Ponca City, Oklahoma and grandson of Cushing Pioneer Reverend David Allen McLaury founder of the First Presbyterian Church of Cushing. He grew up during an idyllic period in Ponca City, Oklahoma in the 40's and 50's enjoying time with his sister Susie and his many McLaury cousins dragging Grand Avenue and drinking cherry cokes at Rexall Drug Store. At Oklahoma University, Ralph was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, where he was known as "Ace" for his consistent academic excellence. In 1967 he married Patricia, the love of this life, whom he met in college whilst she was pursuing her nursing degree. Ralph earned his Medical Degree in Internal Medicine, Class of 1967, specializing in infectious diseases, from the University of Oklahoma and thereafter served in the Medical Corps of the Army Special Forces Green Beret during the Vietnam era. He was honorably discharged as a Major in 1973, thereafter establishing a private medical practice located in the iconic Price Tower, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He later gravitated towards occupational medicine and was recruited as Phillips Petroleum's Chief Medical Officer. Later he served in the same capacity for Exxon in Houston, Texas, and BASF in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ralph lived a

full and vibrant life filled with his passion for history, travel, music, family genealogy, captaining his sail boat, piloting his private airplane, enthusiastically serving with the auxiliary Coast Guard, worshipping with the Baton Rouge Quakers and in retirement earning a degree in Latin from Louisiana State University. He died peacefully in Bartlesville where he had enjoyed his greatest period of happiness. He is preceded in passing by his youngest daughter Molly Reagan McLaury, and survived by his beloved wife Zulma Patricia McLaury, nee Owen, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, his son Ralph L. McLaury, III, of Naalehu, Hawaii, his daughter Clara Courtney McLaury, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, his sister Edna Sue Manhoff of Estes Park, Colorado, his grandchildren Connor and Dolly, and a great many nieces, nephews, and cousins all of whom shall miss him greatly. He will be remembered as a man of strong Christian beliefs who chose a life of service to his fellow man, and as an honest, devoted, and moral son, doctor, soldier, captain, pilot, friend, cousin, brother, husband and father.

Drop in viewing and visitation for family and friends will be available Monday, January 25th, 9am-5pm at Stumpff Funeral Home, 1600 SE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK.

Memorial Service for Ralph will be graveside at Fairlawn Cemetery in Cushing, Oklahoma on Tuesday, January 26, 1:30 pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairlawn Cemetery

Highway 18 North  
Cushing, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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## Graveside Service

JAN 26. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fairlawn Cemetery  
Highway 18 North  
Cushing, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ Courtney McLaury lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ralph Leon McLaury, Jr.



Courtney McLaury - May 21 at 03:49 PM



“ Dr. Ralph Leon McLaury, Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Dr. Ralph Leon McLaury, Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ My condolences to Dr. McLaury's family. Ralph and I met often for coffee in B.R. and talked about his favorite subjects, including occupational medicine and sailing. RIP

c.t. lucey - November 21, 2022 at 11:33 PM

CB

“ Ralph and I knew each other since we were five years old. I lived on Poplar St and Ralph lived on Virginia. We were about half a block apart. I knew him as Leon. Pat stopped that when they visited Ralph's mom shortly after their marriage. It has been Ralph ever since. We spent many hours together. Sometimes we would just sit and read without speaking. One summer we played chess every day. I think I won three games. Our most memorable times were spent exploring Civil War battlefields in Tennessee and northern Georgia. Ralph would fly from Louisiana and I would drive from Charleston. Ralph was very good at staying in touch. IN OKC Ralph was doing his residency and I was in Norman becoming a librarian (40 year career). I worked at Baptist Hospital and would go to his house after work. I remember sitting on his porch and reading "Winnie the Pooh" to each other. He introduced me to John D. MacDonald - "The girl, the gold watch and everything" I took a number of his novels to Vietnam. People would come looking for those books. Ralph was a great friend and companion. I sit here on an April morning and miss him deeply. Hale and farewell Ralph.  
Chaz Brown in Plano, Texas

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**Charles Brown** - April 15, 2021 at 09:56 AM

CM

He considered you his best friend in the world after Stanley Huntington passed. Thank you so much for sharing your memories. 🌻 I'm going to post a pic of you two.

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**Courtney McLaury** - May 21 at 03:49 PM

SH

“ We have so many great memories of the Crazy Eight DRS. All coming to the Ville In 1974. Sending our best wishes to Pat and family Dan and Susie Houtman

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**susan Houtman** - February 09, 2021 at 09:33 AM

CM

*Susan, I remember you guys well, you lived not too far from us on... Cherokee, was it? By the Frank Phillips mansion? Thank you for the kind thoughts, I just now saw them but better late than never!*

Courtney McLaury - May 21 at 03:40 PM

CB

“*Pat is my dearest friend since the 90"s. She was my nurse case manager for Circle K where I worked in Risk Management. As a result of my friendship with her, I met Ralph and was often a guest in their home in Baton Rouge. What an amazing brilliant man Ralph was. Often...I would listen and pretend I knew about the things he spoke of. I attended his graduation party when he received his degree in Latin. I know firsthand how much Pat loved the "Love of her Life". I pray for Peace for this family and as for Ralph his work on Earth is done and he certainly gave it all and his accomplishments and contributions are beyond compare!*

*Cheryl Brown  
Dunnellon, Florida*

Cheryl Brown - January 26, 2021 at 09:49 AM

CM

*Thank you, darling! 🌹*

Courtney McLaury - May 21 at 03:45 PM

PA

“*Ralph "Leon" McLaury and I first met in Marybelle Sullivan's first grade class. We both believed her phonics helped us become successful students. we were grade school friends who were always glad to share memories of those days when next we met. I send you my heartfelt sympathies.*

Paula Coats Alberts - January 25, 2021 at 08:27 AM



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**Walker Hartman** - January 22, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ I knew ralph back in his high school days as Leon. Many fond memories with buddies up in his bedroom apartment on Saturday nights listening to Beethoven on his reel to reel tape recorder. At OU I recall meeting him at the student union where he would give me a lesson in pool..... after returning from Viet Nam I went down to OKC to see him and met Pat later attending their wedding. Fast forward to 2006 in Atlanta Ga where Leon and Pat flew “old bumpy” as Pat called the plane,over to meet my second wife. In 2007 I visited Leon with another HS buddy Ted Horsley from Athens ga. We went sailing on the good ship Grace and resolved to begin hiking together which we began in 2007 when Leon Flew to North Georgia where we were joined by yet another HS buddy Dr. Tom Murphy. We continued to hike spring and fall for 10 years until Leon’s illness kept him home. On the trail he was known as “notch” because he would always carve a notch in his hiking stick every time he mounted a summit. I am kingfish, Ted is redman and Tom is newt. In 2015 at our 55th HS reunion another HS member, Jon Rowe (nosh) joined our hiking group.

*Notch will be sorely missed by use all. Boomer Sooner old buddy.*

*Walker (kingfish) Hartman*

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**Walker Hartman** - January 22, 2021 at 07:16 PM

TM

*Well done Kingfish. Notch was Ponca City Renaissance Man, a friend of seventy years. God bless him. Thomas Murphy, MD*

Thomas Murphy MD - January 24, 2021 at 10:03 AM

CM

*Thank you for this, Kingfish. I know Notch would be pleased. His daughter, Courtney*

Courtney McLaury - May 21 at 03:44 PM

MM

*“ Pat I was so surprised to learn you were back in Bartlesville, I remember the many times you and I visited and your attempted to give Janet piano lessons, , your beautiful wedding in Oklahoma city loved it when you two were back in Bartlesville Ralph was our doc, sadness to but what a wonderful man and all the great memories I have of you two and your family. Mary Beth*

Mary Beth Medlock - January 22, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CM

*\*rest well (pardon my typo)*

Courtney McLaury - May 21 at 03:42 PM

CM

*How I wish I had seen this before 2026! I would have come to see you. There are tears here on earth but no tears in heaven. Ready we'll, darling Mary! RIP*

Courtney McLaury - May 21 at 03:42 PM



“ *Ralph was a man of high integrity. His leadership and commitment to the Baton Rouge Friends Meeting (Quakers) encouraged us all to be our best selves. His faith inspired many. Not only was Ralph a “Friend” but he was also our friend. The “Ralph-shaped hole” in our meetings for worship will not be filled and we are deeply saddened by his death.*

*Pam and Danny Arnold*

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**Pam Daigle Arnold** - January 21, 2021 at 11:30 PM

WK

“ *When Pat and Ralph moved from Baton Rouge back to Bartlesville, OK, in August 2020, our Baton Rouge Friends Meeting (Quakers) revisited the idea of meeting on Zoom for our Meetings for Worship, of which Pat and Ralph were such a beloved part. We told Ralph of this idea, and I'll never forget what he said: "I can't think of anything more fun than Zooming with Quakers."*

*I wish my Friend Ralph smooth sailing on this journey, and send peace and love to Pat and the rest of the McLaury crew during this time of grief.*

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**Will King** - January 21, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JM

“ *Pat and family, I'm sorry for your loss. I have great memories of babysitting in 1976. We will be keeping your family in our prayers.*

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**Jerri Meyer** - January 21, 2021 at 10:43 AM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 21, 2021 at 10:11 AM