



## Ralph Dale Ross Sr.

November 10, 1936 - January 23, 2023

Ralph Dale Ross 86, of Denison, Texas passed away January 23, 2023.

He was born November 10, 1936, at Havana, Kansas to William Cleon and Laura

Marie Davis Ross. He was preceded in death by his parents and son Terry Eugene

Ross, wife Sara Beth Ross, brother Harrison Cleon Ross, sister Alice Marie Rolston, sister Judy Derry and stepson David Paul Sanders. He is survived by one son, Ralph Dale Ross Jr. and wife Debbie of Katy, Texas and daughter Laura Irene Crockett of Magnolia, Texas, Sister Norma Louise Thompson of Casper, Wyoming, and stepchildren Dwight Sanders of Dewey, Oklahoma and Cynthia Sanders of Dewey, Oklahoma. grandsons Shannon Dale Ross, Robert Alexander Ross, John Derrick Crockett and Travis Dale Ross, one grand-daughter Christina Elaine Crockett, one great grandson Kyle Terry Ross, step grandchildren Robert Sanders, Travis Sanders, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Paul Sanders and Wife Devin of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, several nephews, Nieces and cousins.

Dale was a product of the Havana education system graduating in 1954 where he served

four years on the Student Council and lettered in basketball and baseball and was a member

of the boys and mixed choruses. Dale was proud to have served in the United States Navy from

1954 to 1957 as Radarman Petty Officer third class. He was an active leader in Cub Scouts

and Boy Scouts and was the proud father of two Eagle Scouts and grandfather of one,

Shannon. He assisted with Laura's Girl Scout Troop and was affectionately known as the

"Cookie Monster" by the girls in the troop. Laura returned to college as an adult and earned degrees in Business and Accounting which was a great source in pride for Dad. The successes of his children and grandchildren gave him much pride in being their father. After the Navy Dale moved to Houston, TX where he married his children's mother, Carrol Jean Derrick. Carrol passed away in 2006. After their divorce in 1993 he married Sara Beth Newkirk and they moved to Denison in 1998 for retirement.

His lifelong curiosity led him to seek his family roots and he spent several years researching

his family genealogy. He located many unknown relatives and enjoyed getting to know them.

Born during the depression he experienced humility early in life, worked hard as a farm boy and

appreciated the strong work ethic he was taught and believed that anyone that worked as hard

as he did deserve to keep what they earned and that any task worth doing deserved one's best

efforts. Upon arrival in Houston his first job was as a car salesman where he was informed that

to be a successful salesman required a man to have larceny in his heart. He knew that would not

work for him and soon pursued the retail trade. After several pressure filled years, he left retail

for manufacturing and served 35 years as a metallurgical Heat-Treater at a Houston Aerospace

firm until retirement. He and Sara relocated to Denison upon retirement to enjoy small town life they so richly respected.

A viewing will be held on Friday February 10, 2023, at Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma from 9am-5pm. Graveside services will then be held at the Havana, Kansas Cemetery, Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 10am, directed by Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

# Cemetery Details

## Havana Cemetery

Havana , KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **10**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
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Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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## Graveside Service

FEB **11**. 10:00 AM.

Havana Cemetery  
Havana , KS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Dale Ross Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Ralph Dale Ross Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 09, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Rhoda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Dale Ross Sr..*



**Rhoda** - February 07, 2023 at 03:08 PM

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“ When my wife and I moved to Texas 17 years ago, Dale and Sara took us under their wing, showed us around the area, spent time with our young kids, and became really good friends to us. As a fellow Navy guy, Dale introduced me to several other Navy vets in the area, attending many meetings of the Navy vet group as much as I could. Our connection to Dale ended up being deeper, when we purchased our house and property, and found out that we purchased it from the family of Dale's best friend that was also a Navy guy. The oak tree in our back yard was planted by Dale. A great memory of him and a long lasting tribute to a great man and friend.

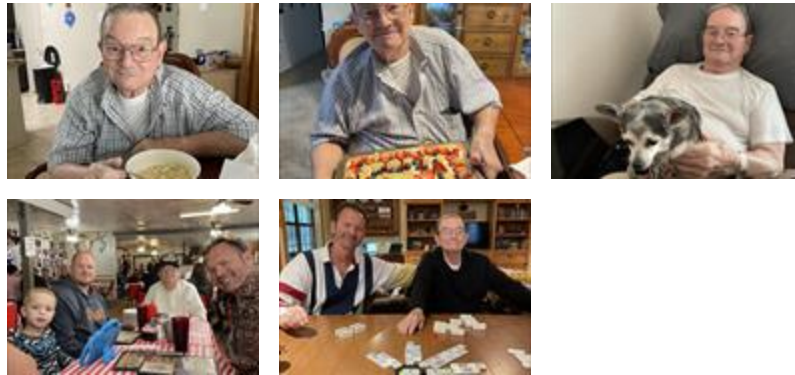
*Fair winds and following seas my friend....We will certainly miss you.*

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**Kory Kunkel** - February 05, 2023 at 05:32 PM

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**Laura** - February 04, 2023 at 10:17 AM

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Robert Ross - February 03, 2023 at 08:20 PM

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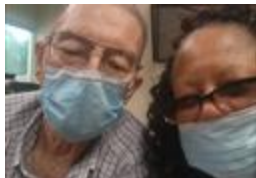
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Elizabeth Ross - February 03, 2023 at 08:17 PM

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CareGiverPersonalAssistant 832-326-1410 - February 02, 2023 at 12:31 PM

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*I know Dale is at the right side of the Father in his Heavenly home with all of those that went home before him. Love and will miss you until we meet again...R.I.P. rest in paradise 🙏🏻🙏🏻*

Silver - February 02, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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*To Laura & family, The Lord is near to the brokenhearted & saves the crushed in spirit. My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Blessed are they that mourn & are comforted, In Jesus Name, Amen Muchluv 💜 & Sympathy 😞*

Silver - February 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM

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*“ I remember thinking how magical Uncle Dale was when I was young. He would always pull a piece of gum or money out of my ear and I could always keep what he “found” in my ears. As I grew up and became an adult he would always call me once a month to check in on me. He would tell me everything that was happening in his life and would be truly interested in whatever I had going on at the time. He would tell me stories of him and my mom when they were younger and I loved hearing every one of them. I will really miss those monthly phone call check-ins.*

Natalie Guerrero - February 01, 2023 at 03:44 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Dale Ross Sr..*



February 01, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Dale Ross Sr..



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February 01, 2023 at 12:14 AM



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**laura crockett** - January 30, 2023 at 02:25 PM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 30, 2023 at 01:58 PM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 30, 2023 at 11:12 AM