



## Ralph E. Strimel

May 1, 1957 - May 18, 2024

Ralph Edson "Sonny" Strimel, 67, of Gans, PA, passed away Saturday May 18, 2024. He was born in Uniontown, PA on May 1, 1957 to Audrey (Dunham) and Ralph C. Strimel.

A 1975 graduate of Albert Gallatin High School, Strimel was an integral member of the Colonials' 1974 football season under Coach "Doc" Franks that would go on to win the school its famous WPIAL Championship Title.

An avid motor sports enthusiast and outdoorsman, he owned and operated both Ralph's Amoco and Hook, Line, & Sinker in Point Marion, as well as being a well-traveled Ironworker for over 35 years, a former member of the Freemasons, and a decades-long baseball coach for many young athletes in the Point Marion area.

Ralph was a loving son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who enjoyed playing guitar, his grandchildren, and building fishing rods. He was also an excellent marksman, often competing in clay shoots with family that only served to showcase his natural athletic ability.

Ralph leaves behind his parents Ralph and Audrey; three children, Eric, Rachel (Justin Lawrence), and Benjamin (Brittany); two sisters, Shelly Bryan and Kelly (Scott Jarrett), and one brother, Randy (Vickie); three

granddaughters, Emma, Elly, and Bryleigh Strimel; two grandsons, Evan Strimel and Bobby Lawrence; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, and friends.

He is predeceased by his grandparents, Paul and Sylvia (Umble) Dunham; Dorothy (Wisden) and Frank "Chick" Dufour; and Oscar Strimel; as well as one brother-in-law, David Bryan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the John H. Lyons Sr. Scholarship Fund for the children of Ironworkers at: The John H. Lyons Scholarship Fund, 1750 New York Avenue NW Lower Lobby, Washington, DC 20006, or online at: <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/john-h-lyons-sr-scholarship-foundation>

A celebration of life luncheon will be held at the Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday June 2nd, 2024 from 1pm to 4pm.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department  
1 Cheat Street  
Point Marion, PA 15474

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Diane Kisinger lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Diane Kisinger** - September 14, 2025 at 11:08 PM

PH

“ *Pat Hubeaut lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Pat Hubeaut** - July 15, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *Carol Rice Sine lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Carol Rice Sine** - June 06, 2024 at 10:17 PM

DD

“ *Debra Diakunik-Smith lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Debra Diakunik-Smith** - May 31, 2024 at 09:00 PM

BR

“ *Our sympathies to the entire family.*



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**Brian and Ruth** - May 27, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BU

“ *Clap for the Wolfman*

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**Butch** - May 25, 2024 at 11:39 AM

LC

“ *Audrey and family,  
Thinking of you and sending prayers.*



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**Lisa Christopher** - May 25, 2024 at 09:25 AM

DS

“ *Donna Steve lit a candle in memory of Ralph  
E. Strimel*



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**Donna Steve** - May 24, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DS

*Ralph was a great guy. Always proud to call him my cousin. You will be missed by so many.*

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**Donna Steve** - May 24, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *Live goes on*  
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**Beverly Grubb Thomas** - May 22, 2024 at 07:28 PM



*Life goes on...*

**Beverly Grubb Thomas** - May 22, 2024 at 07:31 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Ayers Horwalt lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Debbie Ayers Horwalt** - May 22, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DW

“ *Denise White lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Denise White** - May 22, 2024 at 08:31 AM

GR

“ *Gregory Rizer lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



**Gregory Rizer** - May 22, 2024 at 06:43 AM

KJ

“ Kelly Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel



Kelly Jarrett - May 21, 2024 at 09:44 PM

KJ

“ Even though me and Sonny were 8 yrs apart over the last years we have become very close I helped him as much as I could we texted or talked daily I will Miss our time together talking about everything and anything Sonny became my best friend I have to believe he is in Heaven now without any pain or suffering He will be my Families Guardian Angel for sure. Our Motto was " It Is What It Is"

Kelly Jarrett - May 21, 2024 at 09:13 PM

CS

“ Chuck Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel



Chuck Shaffer - May 21, 2024 at 10:06 AM

GJ

“ I knew Ralph for many, many years as I played football with him and we sang in the First Christian Church Choir trying to drown out each other. Ralph will be greatly missed in the community and I wish his family well during this difficult time. His friend, Dick Jenkins

gGeorge R. (Dick) Jenkins - May 21, 2024 at 09:47 AM

LH

“ *Sonny was a very nice guy prayers brother*

Lonnie hughes - May 21, 2024 at 08:34 AM

DJ

“ *Sonny was a great friend that I really enjoyed his companionship going out to eat, fishing and being able to talk to. I'm so glad that I got to take him out to the Stone House for his Birthday dinner! I really enjoyed spending time with him & will dearly miss him.*

Debbie Johnson - May 21, 2024 at 08:06 AM

CF

“ *Carolyn Friend lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



Carolyn Friend - May 20, 2024 at 11:49 PM

TJ

“ *Tom Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel*



Tom Jeffries - May 20, 2024 at 08:43 PM

RS

“ Rosemary Brewer Sarapa lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel



Rosemary Brewer Sarapa - May 20, 2024 at 07:27 PM

BB

“ Bruce, Gloria and Dom Bonfili planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E. Strimel.

Bruce, Gloria and Dom Bonfili - May 20, 2024 at 02:21 PM

BB

“ Bruce, Gloria and Dom Bonfili purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph E. Strimel.



Bruce, Gloria and Dom Bonfili - May 20, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TW

“ Tammy Spacht Wise lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Strimel



Tammy Spacht Wise - May 20, 2024 at 09:07 AM

TW

Wolf man was a really great guy and will be missed by many

Tammy Spacht Wise - May 20, 2024 at 09:09 AM