

Obituary for Ralph L Button Sr.



Ralph L. Button Sr. 90, would like to let you know that his work here on earth is done.

He was born in Elmira NY to William and Florence Button and spent his life in the Ithaca NY area. After service in the Army for both WWII and Korea, his work included Agway fuel delivery then various data processing positions at NCR, Morse Chain, Ithaca Gun and Atlantic Dental. He owned Ithaca Bike & Hobby from 1971 to 1977, fulfilling a long standing passion for bicycles and seeing people enjoy them.

On March 11 2017, at 3:05 pm, he received a call with an offer you can not refuse for an appointment from which he will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with his first wife Margaret as well as family and friends he has not seen in a long time. His new mission takes him to a wonderful place where he will be able to socialize with old friends, and other veterans to his heart's content.

He left detailed instructions for his current wife Sandy, his sons Ralph Jr. (Laurie), Ger (Char), David (Mary), and John (Debbie), as well as his sister, Cella Marie (Richard) Simons, his brother William (Ellie), along with all his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Those instructions were to visit church often and listen well, accept people as they are, and always take time to talk to friends and strangers that will soon be friends. Admonitions that he followed regularly.

All his sons want him to know he did a great job and wish him a safe journey. He was one of the last of the Greatest Generation. We will remember his smile, his warmth, his energy, his love for family, church and life.

We invite you to join us and celebrate together.

Arrangements:

Life celebration will be at the Herson-Wagner Funeral Home, 110 South Geneva Street, Ithaca NY.

Calling hours Saturday March 25th at 2 PM and service Saturday March 25th at 3 PM with military honors and taps.

Interment will be private at a later date.