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In Loving Memory

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Carthage, Missouri

Claude Prentiss Ralston, 79, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on March 2, 1946, to Lloyd and Rosalie Ralston, Claude lived a life marked by quiet strength, hard work, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. A skilled carpenter by trade, Claude didn't just build with wood—he built a life rich in love, laughter, and faith. He was a longtime member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Carthage, where he found peace, purpose, and community. Claude shared 61 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Debbie Ralston. Together, they raised five children who were the pride of his life: Tami Hughes (Joe), Doug Ralston (Shantell), Shawn Ralston, Anise Boothe (Andy), and Travis Ralston (Keri). He was a loving Papaw to 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Though preceded in death by two grandchildren, his love for each of them was immeasurable and unwavering. Claude is also survived by his sister, Trish Gross (Don), and was preceded in death by his brother, Everette Ralston (Sharon), and his parents, Lloyd and Rosalie Ralston.

He loved to travel with his wife and their close friends, cherishing every

adventure they shared. One of his favorite traditions was playing Farkle on Saturday nights with those same lifelong friends—nights filled with laughter, stories, and connection. Claude also had a fondness for country western dancing, especially with Debbie by his side. A lifelong baseball fan, Claude loved the game as much as he loved a good day's work and watching his grandchildren at numerous sporting events. In his quieter moments, he enjoyed golfing and painting—simple pastimes that brought him peace and joy. He was a man of few words but endless heart—a steady presence, a quiet example, and the rock of his family. He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and craftsmanship that will live on in every life he touched.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Claude will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Celebration of Life: A celebration of Claude's life will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Coyle Center 206 Grant Street, Carthage, Missouri.

All who knew and loved Claude are welcome to come share memories, stories, and love.

Please wait to send flowers until the day of the celebration.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Tunison T. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Claude Prentiss Ralston.



Tunison T. - July 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM

AL

“ Sorry for your loss Debbie you had a great family.

Alan loyd - July 27, 2025 at 04:49 PM

BM

“ Debbie we are so sorry for your loss.
May he rest in peace. With love Bob and Kathy Merritt.

Bob and Kathy Merritt - July 22, 2025 at 06:28 PM

BS

“ Debbie I'm so sorry to hear of Claude's passing
Praying for you and the family.

Brenda StarkSeckman - July 20, 2025 at 09:26 PM

RS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Claude passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron Petersen, SR - July 17, 2025 at 10:58 AM

PC

“ Debbie and family: So sorry to hear of Claude's passing. Will always remember him for building our house. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace. Pete and Sue Carlton

Pete Carlton - July 16, 2025 at 10:20 AM

KB

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Claud. He was a wonderful man and it shows through his family! Sending love and prayers to all!
Kari and Todd Bertalotto

Kari Bertalotto - July 15, 2025 at 07:01 PM

KW

“ So sorry for your family's loss. I know he will be missed.

Kelly Woestman - July 15, 2025 at 06:34 PM

RS

“ Doug so sorry for your loss your dad will be missed

Roger Spencer - July 15, 2025 at 01:43 PM

BT

“ Debbie & family, Larry & I are so sorry to hear of Claude's passing. Please know you will be in our thoughts & prayers.
Bev

Beverly Turner - July 15, 2025 at 11:46 AM