



Randall L. Staley

February 11, 1940 - June 30, 2023

Randall L. Staley, age 83, of Washington Township, passed away peacefully on Friday June 30, 2023, at Hospice of Dayton. His early years were spent in Miamisburg, where he was born on February 11, 1940, to Laura M. Willis. While at Miamisburg High School, Randy achieved the honor of becoming the Drum Major for the marching band. As Drum Major, he showcased his early leadership skills and his excitement for music. Little did anyone know where Randy's musical skills would take him. As the bass guitarist for The Decades (The Rock-Its), he shared his musical talent from 1956 to 2006. Randy was a fan favorite known for his showstopping ability to jump high in the air and land in the splits as fans squealed in excitement. As a member of the band, Randy left his mark in rock and roll history by stepping on to the legendary American Bandstand stage and performing for fans all over the country. His musical career highlights went to the next level when the band had the incredible opportunity to play with rock and roll legend, Buddy Holly. Shortly after high school, Randy joined the U. S. Air Force in 1962, where he honorably served his country with active duty service and, then transitioned to reserve duty with the National Guard until 1968. After his military service, Randy came back home to Miamisburg where he settled into the community. He was employed at Mound Laboratories as Safety Director from 1965 to 1970.

His commitment to public safety led him to accept the position as Fire Chief for the Washington Township Fire Department in 1970. Randy's career as Fire

Chief would span more than 25 years until he retired in 1996. Throughout his service as Fire Chief, he led his staff through countless emergencies, displaying tenacity and determination to grow the organization into a thoroughly prepared community resource. Chief Staley was known to give those who demonstrated passion and a willingness to learn, a chance to work on his team. He included women in fire service when it wasn't the popular thing to do. There are numerous leaders in the fire service, who cut their teeth under Chief Staley's guidance. He was unwavering in his dedication and support of his fire family and serving the community.

Although Randy was deeply rooted in the Washington Township and Miamisburg communities, his impact extended far beyond the Dayton Ohio area. He was proud to teach others as an adjunct professor at Texas A & M University from 1972 until 2022. He passionately shared his knowledge with countless individuals and mentored them in their professional growth. Randy's dedication to empowering others earned him tremendous respect within the fire family. Teaching gave him great satisfaction and he appreciated knowing he was growing the skills of service in the next generation.

Randy's networking and community ties ran deep. He actively gave his talents and time to numerous community organizations, including the American Legion Post 165, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Miamisburg Historical Society, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Miamisburg Moose Lodge 1645. Randy exemplified service and worked tirelessly for the betterment of the communities where he lived and worked. Most recently, he was honored in serving as Grand Marshall of the Miamisburg Memorial Day Parade this year.

A man who was blessed with many loves, there was none greater than his love for his family. He was preceded in death by his mother Laura M. Willis and his sister Mary Ann Willis. Randy is survived by his loving wife, of almost thirty years, Melanie; daughters Diana Staley McGlothin and Deborah Staley Kinderdine (Charlie Anderson); half-brother Bill Willis; stepsons Michael (Deb) Wise and Steve (Jennifer) Wise; grandchildren Lindsey Caupp; Michael

McGlothin, Zachary McGlothin, Carmen Fogle; Noah Kinderdine; and 12 great grandchildren. Family will greet friends 4:00 pm-8:00 pm on Tuesday July 11th at Centerville Community Church, 10688 Dayton Lebanon Pike, Centerville. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday July 12, 2023, at Centerville Community Church, with Washington Township Fire Department Chaplain Adam Forbes officiating. Burial will follow at Centerville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton in Randy's memory.

Randy truly lived an extraordinary life. He left an indelible impact on his community and countless people across the country. Randy was well loved and will be greatly missed. May his memory continue to inspire passion and a spirit of community service. The Final Legacy is entrusted with arrangements. Words of encouragement may be sent to www.reislegacycenter.com.

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

68 Maple Avenue
Centerville, OH 45459

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centerville Community Church
10688 Dayton Lebanon Pike
Centerville
Centerville, OH 45458

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centerville Community Church
10688 Dayton Lebanon Pike
Centerville, OH 45458

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Chief Staley gave so many people the opportunity to begin long, fulfilling careers. He took a chance on me and I was able to complete a 32-year journey to change the perspective of community risk reduction. Because he encouraged all of us to continue to train, learn, and try new approaches, I was able to explore ideas without barriers and learn what worked -- and at times, what didn't.

He was encouraging and a great mentor to many. He, too, was innovative in his thinking and he set the stage for so many great fire service programs and practices.

We were also kindred spirits in music. We often talked about playing bass and having fun in our bands. The Decades are back together, Chief. Make show!

Rich Palmer - July 12, 2023 at 08:17 AM

SF

“ Sherrie Shutts Fischer lit a candle in memory of Randall L. Staley



Sherrie Shutts Fischer - July 10, 2023 at 09:15 PM

SF

RIP Randy! Randy was a dear family friend for most of my life! His sister Annie was one of my best friends and many memories of Laura May and Bill too. Randy playing with the Decades for years always brought me to hear them along with Merle and the other guys. Randy worked with my Mom at Monsanto with him being in safety and her The nurse in Medical. His knowledge of Miamisburg and its history and years at Washington Twnshp Fire Dept were such a gift to all that he worked with and lives he saved. I will miss you Randy and your beautiful bright smile and hugs! Love you Dear Friend💔🙏 My deepest sympathy to all the family!

Sherrie Shutts Fischer - July 10, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randall L. Staley.



July 10, 2023 at 07:19 PM

MH

“ Mike and Kathy Hutchens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Randall L. Staley.



Mike and Kathy Hutchens - July 10, 2023 at 09:32 AM

LD

“ Lisa and Santiago Diaz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Randall L. Staley.



Lisa and Santiago Diaz - July 10, 2023 at 12:45 AM

MM

“ When I started the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department at that time Chief Staley was a big supporter and helped in many ways to help us to get the department going. we became good friends after that and I always looked forwards meeting him at the Miamisburg Fire department luchons . He will be dearly missed. Marvin Moeller

Marvin Moeller - July 09, 2023 at 10:55 PM

LG

“ My parents were proud followers of the Decades for years and were always there to help set up at Junior Hall. As a young child, I always thought Randy was so handsome. He was always very kind to a little girl who was probably in the way when they were setting up. May you rest in peace.

Lisa Garrison - July 07, 2023 at 03:12 PM

JO

All ways enjoied the music of the Decades at the Junior Hall for many many years. Joe and Barb Olekas

Joe okekas - July 08, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randall L. Staley.



July 07, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randall L. Staley.*



July 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Chief. You were a very special leader and well respected by all.*

Danny Hobbs - July 05, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randall L. Staley.*



July 05, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Randall L. Staley.*



July 05, 2023 at 11:14 AM

KW

“ Chief Staley recruited me when I was an 18 year old pharmacy tech at Centerville Pharmacy. I was the third woman to join the department and the youngest of the three women. I'll always remember him as a leader who made you strive to be the best you could be. He followed my career in Florida and always had an encouraging word. Rest in paradise, Chief. Keep an eye on all of us until we meet again.

Kathy Yingling Weaver - July 04, 2023 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ Times shared with Randy span many years of great times enjoying his talents, sharing Fire Chief operations, and friendship... he will be missed throughout all the enmities he was involved with.... Our heartfelt sympathies to all those that morn this fun loving, friend and educator

Chief Tom Wallace/Sherry - July 04, 2023 at 09:34 AM

MH

“ Our memories of Randy are priceless. He was not a stranger at our home. When he visited in Texas, he just became part of the family. Too soon gone but not forgotten!❤️❤️❤️

Mike and Kathy Hutchens - July 04, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Randall L. Staley.



July 04, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randall L. Staley.

July 04, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ Randy was one of my first friends in grade school, and we spent many days at each others' houses. The friendship continued, even when we lived far apart later. Randy's life of service and community involvement makes a model for anyone; I admire him for a life well lived, Melanie is fortunate to share it and to be his lifelong love.

Steve Hirst - July 03, 2023 at 11:46 PM