



## Ralph Dean Chipman

June 5, 1930 - November 7, 2021

Ralph Dean Chipman, 91, followed his lovely wife Phyllis in death on November 7, 2021. He was born on June 5, 1930 to Glen and Rolena (Edwards) Chipman. He died on the Mineral farm where he had resided since 1941.

A graduate of Bloomfield High School in 1947, he worked at the local chair factory until the Army called him in 1951. On December 29, 1951, Ralph married his lifelong partner Phyllis Harper Chipman. She joined Ralph during his service years living in Texas and Virginia. This began their love of travel where eventually they visited all fifty states, mostly in their various campers. They also loved Branson and usually visited two or three times per year.

After Ralph's tour with the Army, he went to Indiana University and graduated with a B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics. He later would earn a M.S. in Statistics from Indiana State. He taught math and physics at Bloomfield High School from 1957 until 1964. He kept score for Bloomfield Basketball teams under several coaches. Ralph and Phyllis were honored by Bloomfield Athletics as being super fans. Ralph had attended basketball games since his return from the service missing only one game until his health no longer would allow it. He also served on the Bloomfield School Board, and the Crane Credit Union Board.

In 1964, Ralph went to work at Crane in the math and computer fields. He retired in 1993. He later worked part time for S.A.I.C. He was also a part time farmer.

Ralph coached Little League for nearly 20 years and was instrumental in the building of the North Diamonds. He supported his grandchildren and great grandchildren in 4 H by giving them a steer each year. He was a lifelong member of the Walnut Grove Church of God and served as elder until his health would no longer permit it. He was also a lifetime member of the Bloomfield American Legion Post # 196.

Ralph and Phyllis raised five children; Barbara (Carey Stout) Kirkman, Loren Chipman, Russell (Tena) Chipman, Lisa (Mark) Myers and Christina Chipman. Other survivors include grandchildren, Eric (Teena Foster) Kirkman, J.D. Kirkman, Laurie (Ryan) Petty, Aaron (Dana) Chipman, Cody Chipman, Macayla (Brandon) Kingston, Michelle (Austin) Criswell, Harley Chipman, Noah Chipman and Asa Chipman. Great grandchildren, Lynnly Kirkman, Chloe Kirkman, Avi Kirkman, Blane Kirkman, Braeden Petty, Reece Petty, Kellen Petty, Caiden Chipman, Jasmine Chipman, Harper Kingston and on the way Lucy Lynn Chipman. Also, nephew Ted (Barb) Alexander and niece Peggy Ramage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Phyllis who passed away this past May, a son-in-law Scott Kirkman, a sister Nona Michael and nephew William Michael.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 P.M. on Wednesday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield and 10 A.M. Thursday until the hour of service at the Walnut Grove Church of God.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday at the Walnut Grove Church

of God with Rev. Ron Sutherlin officiating. Burial will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the Walnut Grove Church of God, Walnut Grove Cemetery, or Bloomfield Little League.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Road  
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield  
421 South Seminary Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424  
(812) 384-4212  
[info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Walnut Grove Church of God  
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

# Tribute Wall

NP

“ *Mr. Chipman was my favorite Math teacher. I always enjoyed his class. So sorry to read of his passing.*  
*Nancy(Russell) Peedin*

Nancy (Russell) Peedin - December 03, 2021 at 09:34 AM

RT

“ *A great high school math teacher.*

rebecca townsend - November 24, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JU

“ *I have known Ralph and his family as friends as long as I remembe.*  
*My sympathy to his kids and grandchildren.*

Jonas Uland - November 10, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Dean Chipman.*



November 10, 2021 at 07:13 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Baker Strange lit a candle in memory of Ralph Dean Chipman*



Brenda Baker Strange - November 10, 2021 at 01:46 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ralph Dean Chipman.*



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November 09, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Dean Chipman.*



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November 09, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *I will always remember Ralph and Phyllis being among the first people in the gym at almost every basketball game from the time I was a player at Bloomfield, throughout my years on the coaching staff. I tried to talk to them at as many of those games as I could, because they were always smiling, cheerful, and ready to give a kind word and a hug. They were the sort of people who made you feel better after having seen and spoken to them. Because of their love, kindness, & the tremendous impact they had on so many people, their legacies will live on in our community for years and generations to come.*

*Mitch Hobson*

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**Mitch Hobson** - November 09, 2021 at 03:03 PM

BM

“ Barb,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during  
this difficult time.



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**Bette Meng** - November 09, 2021 at 01:33 PM

EH

“ I worked with Ralph many years at the Carne Naval Weapons  
Center. He was an accomplished Mathematician who made  
outstanding contributions to so many important projects throughout  
his career, He was a training supervisor for many co-op students  
who later became full time employees upon college graduation. He  
also was a mentor to so many young mathematicians who valued  
their experience working with Ralph. He was a leader in his field!!  
I extend my condolences to all of Ralph's family and friends.

*Ed Hammelman*

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**Ed Hammelman** - November 09, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of Ralph Dean Chipman.



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November 09, 2021 at 11:28 AM

BE

“ This brought tears to my eyes immediately. I loved, respected, and admired Ralph SO much. When I started at Crane, I was assigned to work for Ralph. He taught me so much about work and life. I can't imagine a better fellow to work for when starting a new job. He was still a teacher at heart, even though he wasn't a teacher anymore. He could make the most complex problem simple when he explained it - it was an amazing gift he had. He was like an extra father to me during those years. Even after I didn't work for him anymore, I always enjoyed talking with him. I would always walk away smiling or laughing. I considered him a genius regarding math and life in general. He enriched my life immeasurably. I will always remember him dearly.

Bob Evans

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**Bob Evans** - November 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM

RP

“ Ralph was one of my first coaches in baseball. He taught me and so many others many lessons that we could take with us well beyond the baseball diamond. I still have a game ball from one of the many victories we shared on the field!

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**Rex Padgett** - November 08, 2021 at 08:08 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.

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**Rosemary Biggs** - November 08, 2021 at 07:40 PM