



Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr.

November 16, 1957 - February 6, 2021

Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr., 63, of Manassas VA, left this world to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 6, 2021. Born on Saturday, November 16, 1957, in Washington DC, he was the son of the late Ralph D. Wheeler Sr. and Thelma T. Wheeler. Ralph grew up in Washington DC, and attended Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock Virginia. After graduating from the academy in 1975, he went on to study politics at Ferrum College. In 1978, Ralph was hired by the United States Postal Service, where he worked for 40 years as a clerk and mail handler. During his dedicated years with the United States Postal Service, he held several positions within the Postal Workers Union, which included being elected as clerk craft director and Vice President of Northern Virginia Area local 6803. Ralph also served as General President of the Virginia Postal Workers Union, as well as, serving as shop steward and branch president of local 305, representing postal employees across the state of Virginia for many years.

Known to many friends and coworkers as “Big Wheel”, Ralph had a passion for the union and deeply cared about the employees he represented. Ralph possessed immeasurable patience, charm, wisdom, quick wit, and an ability to bring people together. Ralph was known for his listening and non-judgmental ear, problem solving skills, compassionate heart, infectious laugh and sense of humor, all attributes that contribute to his legacy.

Ralph had a great love for his family and cherished being a devoted husband, father, son, brother, granddad, great-granddad, uncle, and friend. After his

retirement from the USPS, he was blessed to share many joyful occasions, making lasting memories with his family, friends and especially his grandchildren. He especially came to love Mondays during the pandemic. That's when "Camp Wee" was formed where he would take the grandchildren on special outings then lunch afterwards.

He had a great fondness for trying new and strange foods and was pleased to learn he could rope his granddaughter Alexis into being his eating buddy. His hobbies included, listening to music, traveling, and tai chi at the senior center. He even had his sense of humor right up to the very end. Hassling Nancy that all his money better be in his wallet when he returned home from the hospital. He was grounded in his faith and love for the Lord, and prior to earning his wings, he let his family and friends know he was leaning on his faith and reminded us of Hebrews 13:6, which states, "Let your faith be bigger than your fear".

Ralph leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife Nancy Wheeler; daughter Pam (Quinn), son Corey (Courtney), mother Thelma, sisters Beverly, Patricia and Sandra. Stepchildren Charles (Mel), and Jeff (Melissa). His 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Previous Events

funeral

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Burial

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryland National Memorial Park
13300 Baltimore Avenue
Laurel, MD 20707

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Funeral Service for Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr. in memory of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr.*



Pierce Funeral Home - February 16, 2021 at 06:20 PM

LG

Rest in peace my brother. You will be missed. From Lamar L. Grigsby

Lamar L. Grigsby - February 20, 2021 at 02:38 PM

LG

You will be missed my brother.

Lamar L. Grigsby - February 20, 2021 at 02:39 PM

TW

“ *He was an awesome friend and mentor in my dealings as a Shop Steward for Local 305. Ralphs intelligence and gentle bearing will be missed by all who knew him.*

Troy West - July 05, 2022 at 10:20 AM

KW

“ I am very sorry to here about this loss. I served with Ralph several times as election officer. I always enjoyed serving with him and he did his duties well.

*Karlton Wirsing
Chief Election Officer*

Karlton Wirsing - October 29, 2021 at 08:08 PM

JK

“ Jim Krivonak lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr.



Jim Krivonak - April 03, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ Ralph was an awesome friend for many many years. Our Union connection sealed our friendship. He was the only that could calm my passion for defending others and also myself within the United States Postal Service. I loved him and I will miss him.



Tywana Perry - February 26, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DK

“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Friendship leaves a memory no one can
steal.*

*"Ralph was a beautiful person inside and out,
he will be sorely missed, my deepest condolences to the family.*

Donna Kuebbeler



Donna J Kuebbeler - February 24, 2021 at 08:16 AM

CH

“ *Rest in peace my brother. Your presence here will be missed. You
were always a gentle soul. Prayers to Nancy and family.*

Cheryl - February 19, 2021 at 06:26 PM

FR

“ *To the Wheeler family,
My deepest sympathy, condolences and
prayers are going out to you. I knew him as “
little Ralph” when we were kids on Bay street.
My mother, Frances, and I always held his
family, especially mom & dad in highest regard. They were warm,
kind, smart, loving, and outgoing; they always made me feel
welcomed in their home. I hope we can reconnect soon.
May God wrap his arms around each of you and carry you through
this difficult heartbreaking time.
F.Kay Redmond Hayes*



Francine Kay Redmond-Hayes - February 19, 2021 at 04:21 PM

CB

*Co worker and freinds deepest sympathy knew him from 1982 God
cover your family he will be missed*

Cynthia best - February 22, 2021 at 01:19 PM

CL

“ To the Wheeler Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. From my family to yours we are sending healing prayers and I hope you feel surrounded by love during this time. We are here for you anytime.

I will always remember Ralph being so in control and calm when I would reach out to him with a problem. He would ALWAYS follow up with a phone call to see if I was ok. Never had a doubt in my mind that I could go to Ralph and get the best advice. I will reflect on all the good memories we had on vacation and during the time in the USPS. He will be missed greatly.

Please reachout anytime. Wishing you all peace and healing.

The Loving-Tates Family

Christina Loving - February 19, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MJ


“ To the family of Ralph Wheeler, Jr: Our hearts are with you in the loss of Ralph Jr. We send our hugs and prayers that you will be comforted by shared memories of him. He is dancing with the Angels, Ralph Sr, and other family in the spirit of a new life with "Our Father who art in Heaven". May blessings of peace be with you.



The Rose Family

Mary Rose Jones - February 19, 2021 at 12:12 PM

ST

“ Rest In Paradise Un  we miss you and love you. I miss our talks. No matter what the situation was, you gave the absolute truth and guidance that you never had to question...love you Unc

Stacey - February 19, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DC

“ Nancy and family, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your dear Ralph. He was kind, funny, and smart, and we are all the more blessed to have known him. My earliest memory of Ralph is as my dedicated and earnest union rep. He was always friendly with everyone. I remember when you married and how much your love for one another shone so brightly that day and that he loved his kids and grandkids with all his heart. Hank and I will always fondly recall the night we went out dancing all those years ago. What great fun it was to be with you both, Nancy. It's a memory we'll treasure. Please know you will be close in our thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.

Love,
Donna & Hank Carr

Donna Carr - February 19, 2021 at 09:16 AM

RC

“ Rachelle Carter lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr.



Rachelle Carter - February 18, 2021 at 11:16 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Ralph D. Wheeler. I am a friend of his dear mother Thelma T. Wheeler. We met as Iverson Mall walkers many years ago. She is a dear friend. Thelma always spoke of how kind and loving, her son, Ralph was. I will continue to keep your family in prayer for comfort.

Mary E. Scruggs - February 18, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



February 18, 2021 at 08:14 PM

DB

“ *Ralph Wheeler, My Fantastic friend, My Brother, we had a common escapism from reality which we enjoyed immensely. His appreciation for music was unlimited. I will miss going to live shows with him and just being quiet and listening and grinning when we hear a musician play a certain note or a singer just "sang". A sense of humor like no other. And this man truly Loved his family. I will miss you my Brother...REST IN PEACE*

Dennis Black

Dennis Black - February 18, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



February 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



February 18, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



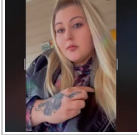
February 18, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Steve and Linda Brown purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



Steve and Linda Brown - February 18, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ Thank you for being my grandfather and guiding me in so many right directions and being there always for me no matter where I was at in the world, I love you so much and words will never be enough to describe what you meant to me.

Katie Adams - February 18, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ Lisa Lundy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



Lisa Lundy - February 18, 2021 at 03:04 AM



“ My uncle was the closest thing to a saint on earth. Not to say he was perfect, but his love for others and his way of taking everyone in and being there for him. He embodied the true spirit of what it is to love Jesus and follow him. Always there for me and the family. Always had encouragement to offer. He was a truly genuine, wonderful, beautiful human being. I miss you so much, uncle. You made this world and the people who you knew better. Love you forever, Bugg.

Lisa Lundy - February 18, 2021 at 02:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



February 17, 2021 at 11:44 PM

MC

“ To The Family of Ralph, Jr. and especially his mother Thelma T. Wheeler; My heart goes out in sympathy at Ralph's transition to glory. As I observed him in his formative years and then watch him take his station in adulthood, I admire how his upbringing and spiritual nurturing paid off. We know the family to be a praying family so we unite with you that God will fill the void that Ralph's transition has created. Now we await the reunion God has planned when we all will be caught up together to meet in the air. We stand ready to serve you in any way we can.

*In His Service,
Pastor Marion E. Criddle*

Marion Criddle - February 17, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..



February 17, 2021 at 04:34 PM

MC

“ An intelligent, thoughtful good hearted man that had common sense and a sense of humor. Treated people with respect. The world needs more Ralph Wheelers.

Mike Cancio - February 17, 2021 at 04:01 PM

DG

“ *Ralph was a giant of a man and I mean his heart. Funny, thoughtful and smart. He helped me in so many ways. Although younger than me he seemed an older brother. We have lost a wise man and a dear friend.*

You will be greatly missed. Paige and I send our love and deepest sympathies to the family Dave and Paige Gibson

Dave Gibson - February 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM

LM

“ *Love James & Sylvia Milburn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..*



Love James & Sylvia Milburn - February 17, 2021 at 12:48 PM

SN

“ *Ralph was one of our best – our lives are so much better for simply having known him. A wonderful coworker and union brother, his sense of humor was soothing to the soul and will not be forgotten. He was also one of the best people I ever knew to share a rockin’ night of music with. We saw some of our favorite artists together – Santana and Jeff Beck at Wolf Trap – Joe Satriani at Hammerjacks and at the 9:30 Club, just to name a few. A light has gone out in our world but still shines in our hearts. Bernard and I send our deepest condolences to Ralph’s family and friends. May his memory sustain you in this sad time. Rest in power, brother.*

Sue Nassaux - February 17, 2021 at 11:55 AM

LM

“ *Ralph would always tease you in a humor way that you couldn't get mad at him..He would call you unexpected and he could talk for a long time... He was always in good spirit...He send me a happy new year of 2020 with the mask for covid-19 and 2021 with the mask and vaccination needle..I will never forget Ralph Wheeler... From: Leo McDaniel*



Leo McDaniel - February 17, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..*



February 17, 2021 at 11:31 AM

JR

“ *Joy Roach purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..*



Joy Roach - February 17, 2021 at 11:13 AM

JR

“ *Ralph you were loved by everyone!!!! may god have his arms around you and you can be singing and dancing in Heaven now. God Bless the family , your memories will always be with us , Nancy, and JJ....God Bless!*



Joy Roach - February 17, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..*



February 17, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr..*



February 17, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Debby Szeredy lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr.*



Debby Szeredy - February 17, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Ralph was a great, honest man who always made me laugh and that's hard sometimes at work. He will be greatly missed.*

Marsha Pitteroff (McKinley)- Postal family

marsha mckinley - February 16, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Ralph Delmore Wheeler Jr.”



February 16, 2021 at 06:04 PM