



## Ralph Bastien

February 18, 1935 - November 25, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Ralph Bastien

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Ralph D. Bastien, age 87 of Murphysboro, passed away Friday, November 25, 2022 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Ralph was born on February 18, 1935 in Oraville, IL to the late Ralph and Blanche (Worthan) Bastien. He grew up on the family farm where he began his love of hard work, growing crops and gardening. He attended and played sports at Murphysboro High School and graduated in 1954. Ralph started his career at Kroger, and worked as a butcher at IGA in Murphysboro for more than 30 years. He then worked at various Kroger stores and retired as Head Meatcutter. He was a hardworking man that was known for his strong work ethic, dedication to his family and participation in his church. In his spare time he enjoyed gardening, and spending time with his family. He was an active coach for his son's little league teams for more than 20 years. Ralph was a very devoted Christian who held various leadership roles in his church, including teaching Sunday School and as an usher for over 60 years. He also

volunteered in the community by delivering meals on wheels and working at the Murphysboro Food Pantry.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joan (Wilmouth) Bastien of Murphysboro; sons, Garry Bastien of Peoria, and Kevin (Debra) Bastien of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Amanda Bastien, Bryce (Jamie) Bastien, and Kaylee (Will) Breedlove; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Randy Lee Bastien; sisters, Kathleen, Dorothy and Ann.

Funeral will be held at the United Methodist Church, 1500 Pine St., Murphysboro, IL on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the church.

Burial will follow at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made to: Murphysboro United Methodist Church or Murphysboro Food Pantry.

Envelopes will be available and accepted at the church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
1500 Pine St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2317

## Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
1500 Pine St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2317

## Interment

NOV **29**. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Murdale Gardens of Memory  
137 Murdale Gardens Rd  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Bastien*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph Bastien.*



November 29, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Bastien.*



November 28, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *In addition to his other church involvement, Ralph was a faithful member of the United Methodist Men, Neighborhood Table, and the Young at Heart. He and Joan were Saluki Men's Basketball and Cardinal Baseball fans. All in all he was just a nice person to know. Peace be with him.*

**Perry H. Patterson** - November 28, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ralph Bastien.*



November 28, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Bastien.*



November 28, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Bastien.*



November 27, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *I served as Ralph's pastor for 4 years. He was a kind and gentle man. Warm and loving to family and friends with a desire to serve. We remember him fondly and send our condolences and prayers to all his family and friends that are grieving. Our love in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Richard & Kathy Lewis*

**Pastor Richard Lewis** - November 26, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DB

*I want to thank you for sending the news of Ralph's departure. You know, Joan, just how much I thought of the two of you when I served the church in Murphysboro. God bless you and the rest of your family. In the days ahead, may all the good memories of your life together help to heal you in the time of your sorrow. God bless.*

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**Don Batz** - December 01, 2022 at 04:35 PM

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*Ralph and I were close friends during the years that we coached our son's baseball teams. I just learned of his passing today. He was a great man, devoted Christian and will be greatly missed. R.I.P Ralph*

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**Stephen Shappard** - December 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM