



## Ralph C. Karns Jr.

August 14, 1940 - March 13, 2020

Ralph Carless “Papaw” Karns, 79, passed away Friday, March 13, 2020 at home in St. Cloud, Florida.

He leaves his loving wife of 37 years, Ruth Ann Karns; his daughter Sheila Yusko and her husband John; his daughter Carrie Gump and her husband Joey; his daughter Kelly Cotterman and her husband Larry; his grandchildren Breann, Dylan, Lynsey, Danielle, Jay, Thomas, Lauren, and Levi; his great grandchildren, Joshua, Izzy, Chloe, Layla, and Wren; and many other close family and friends.

He was born in Fairfield, Ohio and was the son of Marybell Smith and Ralph Carless Karns Sr.

Carless proudly served our country in the United States Army as a Ranger. He loved telling stories, both true memories and silly jokes, that his family never minded hearing again. He will be very missed by all his family and friends that he met along the way. Life will go on but he will be in our hearts until we meet again.

Love Forever,  
Ralph Carless “Papaw” Karns

# Comments

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“ I met Carless through his wife Ruth many many years ago.

Here's an odd but beautiful memory... Carless was the efficient for an impromptu wedding for my Husband and I in the parking lot of a steak house.

You will be missed more than you know by many people. God Bless and keep you....

Renee - March 23, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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- ~ Be on time, but don't be in a rush.
- ~ If a mistake is made, own up to it and try again.
- ~ Have a free day? Go for a car ride. Adventuring is dandy.
- ~ Listen to people with your eyes and your ears. Show them you care.
- ~ Claw machines aren't just for kids.
- ~Animals should be respected and spoiled.
- ~ Say please and thank you.
- ~ The old man with the balloons was on to something.
- ~ "There's only one thing I know that is free in life...a bingo free space".
- ~ Naps are always a good idea.
- ~ Don't stay in a place where nobody values you. ~Dress for the occasion.
- ~ Keep your jokes witty/corny and put them at the top of your priority list for conversations.
- ~ Don't forget to let someone know how much you appreciate them.
- ~ Speak up.
- ~ Offer your warm hands to someone that may be cold.
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Danielle Yusko - March 18, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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“ This is quite the cousin reunion story...we invite you to read on if you love a happy ending! My husband and I cared for my elderly parents (Charles and Marilyn Young) for 10 years. After losing them both in 2017, only 6 months apart, we found ourselves with no family left south of the Mason Dixon Line. It was a lonely time for us, but with God's help we managed to carry on as best we could after the tragedies. It took us several months to go into Mommy's and Daddy's emails, and look for folks who might not have known of their passings so that we could contact those who didn't know, with the news. Once we got into their emails, we saw an email from an RKarns. The email read that they were letting everyone know that they had new cell phone numbers for Carless and Ruth Ann. But were we ever shocked when we realized that the numbers had Central Florida area codes (because we live in Central Florida). With an unction from heaven, I called one of the numbers. When Carless answered the phone I said, "Ralph?" (I didn't know they called him Carless) After a slight pause he hesitantly answered, "Yes?" I said, "You don't know me, but you will in about 10 seconds...I'm Chuck and Marilyn Young's youngest daughter, Janet." I had never heard such joy in anyone's voice when they found out it was me on the other end of the phone call! LOL! We instantly bonded and set a dinner date. When we arrived at the restaurant we had NO trouble picking them out (we had never met) because he looked just like my daddy, Chuck. My daddy's mother (Alverta Karns/Young), and Carless's father (Ralph Karns) were brother and sister. I had always heard about Ralph Karns growing up, but had no idea there was a "junior" one in the family! It was a joyous union of cousins, and we all began going out to dinner...as a family...regularly at what became our favorite meeting place, Miller's Ale House. We had the privilege of "being a family" together for a little over a year, sharing stories, swapping tales, and just laughing a lot of the time. Ruth Ann - we love you so very much, and we will always be here for you. We're family, and that's what families do. Carless...you are soooo missed, and ridiculously loved by us. May we meet again when our times come. Until then, run, laugh, dance, share your stories, and spend some fun time with Mommy and Daddy in heaven.



Janet Beasley - March 18, 2020 at 01:30 PM