



Ralph P. Avery

September 28, 1924 - August 10, 2022

Ralph Peter Avery, 97, was called to eternal rest at Columbia Memorial Hospital on August 10, 2022, following a brief illness. Ralph was born in Hudson, NY to his parents Peter H. Avery and Maude A. Wyant Avery. He attended Hudson High School and in his Junior year of school and at the outbreak of World War II he enlisted in the United States Navy with another friend in his class. Upon being discharged, the high school awarded him and others their graduation diplomas.

He was predeceased by his parents, his elder sister Dorothy Avery Strout and brother Peter Avery. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy M. Croteau following 75 years of wedded bliss, his daughters Judy A. Avery Snow of Claverack, NY, and Nancy C. Avery O'Day of Cohoes, NY, his son Keith M. Avery of Claverack, NY and niece Eileen Avery of Valatie, NY, along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Ralph enjoyed the outdoors and spent many of his younger years hunting and trout fishing, however, when he entered into marriage with Dorothy in 1947, he spent his time building additions, modernizing their country home and caring for the grounds that surrounded it.

Ralph was an active long time member of the Hudson VFW Post 1314 and enjoyed the camaraderie and associating with his fellow veterans swapping war stories of their military tenure.

Ralph's Naval tour of duty during World War II as a Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer found him aboard the Queen Mary en route to Scotland. Once

there he trained on a Naval ship, an LCT, that was destined to transport Army Military tanks to the Normandy shore for the D-Day invasion. To bring this tour of duty to fruition, several years after his discharge, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal, an equivalent of the United States Congressional Medal of Honor. He received an additional honor from the Hudson Flag Day Parade Committee selecting him to be Grand Marshall in a Flag Day Parade.

His employment included 25 years at the Lone Star Cement Plant, and finally retiring following 25 years as Head of Maintenance at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Ralph Avery was a man of many talents and a devoted son, brother, husband, father and uncle to all of his living family. May he rest in peace.

Visitation hours are Friday August 12, from 4:00-7:00pm. Funeral services are Saturday August 13, at 10:00am. All services will be held at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Interment with Military Honors will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Philmont, NY.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
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Funeral Service

AUG 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ I only met him once at a reenactment event in Ohio. I taught my kids that we always say thank you to Veterans ❤️ God bless you Ralph. Rest easy sir. Condolences to the family and all who loved him. I found this picture of my kids and nephew with him back in 2017.



Kristine - August 19, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ralph P. Avery.



August 15, 2022 at 04:35 PM

JL

“ Jeanne Litt sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph P. Avery



jeanne litt - August 15, 2022 at 04:29 PM

LD

“ Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. Prayers for all of you that you find comfort in remembering the good times.

Laura Dussault - August 12, 2022 at 08:11 AM

ED

“ Ralph was a Hero to me, I served in the NAVY, COAST GUARD, I was fortunate to serve in the American Legion post 184 with him, I served Ralph and his wife in retail many times over the years. Every event he went to inspired me, God Bless The Greatest Generation !!!!

Edward cha Dunspaugh - August 11, 2022 at 10:38 AM

PP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I was best friends with his daughter Judy in high school I also knew Ralph for many years when we both worked at Columbia Memorial Hospital. He was a very pleasant well liked man by everyone who knew him My thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family May you RIP Ralph
Love
Patty Palen



Patricia Palen - August 11, 2022 at 06:33 AM

NK

“ A friend to my family and a hero. Always there to help. I asked him once why he signed up and trained for and was at D-Day. He looked at me and said, "I did it for you". The horrors he experienced, how do you say thank you enough? I remembered I cried. I am so sorry Dottie and all the family and my DAR sisters. He was a great man.

Nancy Jane Kern - August 10, 2022 at 09:00 PM

SK

“ Dorothy:

With my Deepest Sympathy to you and your family at your loss of Ralph.

Though my words can do little, I hope my thoughts and prayers will support you at this time.

Sandra (Bristol) Kannel

Sandra (Bristol) Kannel - August 10, 2022 at 06:51 PM