



Dr Ralph Edmond Stanley

February 25, 1927 - June 23, 2016

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Tribute Wall

ST

“A distinct sound like no other. Ralph Stanley's voice and banjo had a sound like no other. I loved the sound of both. I was fortunate enough to meet him last fall. Ms. Jimmie was kind enough get up and let me sit beside him and talk to him. Even in his frail state, he talked to me about everyday things. A memory I hope will remain in my mind forever. Praying for his family as they carry on without this wonderful man.”

Sheila Padgett Taylor - June 30, 2016 at 10:29 AM

RW

“So sorry for your lost,like the song he sung,Gone Away With A Friend,Will Play his music often,Will surly miss Dr Ralph.”

Ruth White - June 29, 2016 at 08:05 PM

JG

“Thankyou for your beautiful music and Faith that keeps me close to The Lord. Thank you for your service to our country. You left a mark on this world that will always live on in your memory. May the Angels welcome you Home.”

Jacqueline Glassford - June 29, 2016 at 07:33 PM

RN

“With a heavy heart we would like to send our condolences to the Stanley family specially Nathan. Dr. Stanley will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace. Love to the family and know that the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ will not fail. We love you very much. Ron Mari and Travis Taylor.”

Ron, Marie and Travis Taylor, Cary, NC - June 29, 2016 at 11:03 AM

TF

“.Condolencelences to this Family.May your legegacy live threw your beautiful Family..Go rest High on that mtn. I will always live threw your music Thank you for leaving us such a beautiful tribute,,God Bless!!”

Tony & Leatrice Elliott & Family - June 28, 2016 at 08:21 PM

MI

“As the condolences flood this book, it's very sad that one of the Stanley's is never mentioned. Tim Stanley (Fletcher, NC), Ralph's first son, was brushed aside by Ralph's family. Tim spent many of a time with Ralph but was never accepted by his current family. They may deny him but, at 50, he is a spitting image of Ralph, in look and stature. Tim, I'm so sorry you had to face this without the Stanley family support but I'm so glad you had your beautiful wife, Lindy by your side for support. Again, many will ignore you, but everyone who acknowledges the truth and loves you will stand by you in this time of need. I'm so sorry on the loss of your dad.”

Missy - June 28, 2016 at 08:07 PM

CC

“Jimmie and Family, My Family originated on Sandy Ridge-down the lane- behind Doc and Mary Stanley. My Grandparents were Maude and Paul Brummitt and we lived in the home which used to be back behind the pond back in behind Doc and Mary Stanley. Joseph Grizzle ended up buying the place from the/us- and we all moved to Clintwood. But not before 3 Uncles and my mother had graduated from EHS. I also had the pleasure-years later to teach Lisa, Tonya, and Ralph 2 at EES. After 19 years I left EES to return closer to my home in Clintwood. I am married to Calvin Crabtree who has had the pleasure to meet with Jimmie and Ralph, and Ralph 2. We are so sorry for your loss and pray that God will be with each of you in the days ahead. May God bless each of you.in your loss of a fine and humble man who is now singing in the Angel Band.”

Calvin and Debbie Crabtree - June 28, 2016 at 07:25 PM

KS

“My condolences to the family. I met Ralph Stanley at Blue Grass Festivals , when I was younger. Ralph Stanley came to West Plains Mo to play at a dinner theater. I had taken my grandfather Clarence Stanley who is Ralph's cousin to see him and my mother Bonnie Mae Stanley Ray went as well. They both enjoyed getting to visit with Ralph and my mother kept telling Ralph about my talent of picking up the Stanley family talent of singing. I was embarrassed but Ralph told me to not be embarrassed but to show off that talent like it was meant to be. To this day I am able to now sing in front of large groups of people. Thank you Ralph and I look forward to the family reunion in Heaven.”

Kimberly Ray Simpson - June 28, 2016 at 06:39 PM

AM

“ *"My prayers and condolences go out to the Stanley family. My husband just loved him. He is still with us with his cd's and videos and pictures, as is my husband. He passed a year and a half ago and was a musician. Surround yourself with family and friends. My husband saw him here in Ashland, OH and I believe in Dayton, OH and in Summersville, WV. Hugs to you all."*

april martin - June 28, 2016 at 06:28 PM

FR

“ *"rip.we will miss him and his music Farrell and Arlene reed"*

farrell and arlene reed - June 28, 2016 at 04:50 PM

PH

“ *"One of the very best, DR. RALPH, I have enjoyed your music for years. I also loved just talking to you, you never met a stranger. Know you are singing in HEAVEN, I will remember you always ; and know we will meet again in HEAVEN, SEE YOU THERE , DR. RALPH."*

PATT HEARD - June 28, 2016 at 02:53 PM

LW

“ *"to the Stanley Family, truly Ralph will be missed, I learned of Ralph and Carter from my grandparents, that lived in Honaker va,I learn to love their style of music,still listening today all the way down near the mexico border,be encouraged"*

lee white - June 28, 2016 at 01:35 PM

CP

“ *"I had the honor of meeting ralph and his brother at many many festivals.my mother went to school with he and his brother she always told of them bringing their insturments to school and playing when they had resess under the old oak tree. charlotte panther chesterfield va"*

charlotte panther - June 28, 2016 at 12:47 PM

RS

“Loved working at the museum and spending time at the festival. I remember the first time I met you was at the McClure event where it was Ralph Stanley day in the 1980's. You were a great gift with your voice and many songs. I know you and Carter are singing in the Angel Band now. Robert remembers picking cherries up on the mountain. Heaven's gain is our loss, we will always remember you through the songs and legacy you have left for so many. With much love and prayers for all the family, Robert and Elizabeth Stanley and family”

Robert & Elizabeth Stanley - June 28, 2016 at 12:23 PM

CB

“A legend has gone home to be with the Lord. He has joined that great Choir in Heaven. Although Ralph Stanley has passed on, his memory will linger on. His music will never be forgotten. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jimmi, Nathan, Ralph II and the entire family. May God give you comfort during these sad times. Know that Ralph is no longer suffering and that one day, you will see him again.”

Cathy Miller Ball - June 28, 2016 at 10:47 AM

BM

“Fare Thee Well, Dr. Ralph. My heartfelt condolences to your family. You touched my life, I thank you. It was a highlight of my music fan career to shake your hand after the Berea College Festival of Traditional Music.”

Brad Marcus - June 28, 2016 at 10:15 AM

MF

“Hi i am so sorry for ur loos i loved his music he was one of my favorite singers i will miss him a lot”

Matthew Firth - June 28, 2016 at 08:03 AM

MS

“I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to sit and chat with Ralph when I booked him to play at my festival in East Troy, WI 22 years ago. We spent all day laughing and trading jokes as I tended to him. He never forgot my face even the next time I saw him 5 years later. He takes a piece of all of us with him, and yet has left all of us so much. Rest in Peace. May God Bless all of you.”

Melissa Shew-Sherman - June 28, 2016 at 04:16 AM

SF

“May God Bless The Stanley Family in your time of need Dr. Ralph Stanley will be greatly missed he was loved by all our prayers are with you all”

Sparks Family - June 28, 2016 at 12:25 AM

TF

“to the stanley family our prayers are with you at this time we knew ralph for many years we met him at the amelia family bluegrass festival we also went to hills of home ralph was a great blueblue grass magican he will be greatly missed god bless and care for the family at this time the sweeney family from powhatan and amelia va rest in peace”

the sweeney family - June 27, 2016 at 10:24 PM

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the sweeney family - June 27, 2016 at 10:22 PM

AM

“My our Heavenly Fathertook him to somewhere we will all meet aging will truly miss him very much but his life here will never be forgotten”

Alishia Mullins - June 27, 2016 at 08:01 PM

AM

“May Our Loving Father wrap you in His arms of comfort and give you the peace that only He can give.”

Angie Mullins - June 27, 2016 at 07:46 PM

WL

“May I say your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time. There will never be another Ralph Stanley for sure”

wes and cindy light - June 27, 2016 at 05:19 PM

GM

“RIP, there will never be another Ralph Stanley.God BLESS THE Stanley family.”

Gary and Eula Goff, Romulus MI. - June 27, 2016 at 05:11 PM

GV

“I wouldn't be playing the banjo if it weren't for you ,Ralph. Your inspiration just flows thru my fingers every time I play. I think my Stanleytone just shed a tear.”

Gary Bates(Chesapeake, Va.) - June 27, 2016 at 05:11 PM

TS

“ *"I enjoyed the time I got to spend with Dr Ralph Stanley. I picked the guitar while he played the banjo. It is my pleasure to sing at your funeral. The country music world has lost one of the greatest."*

Taylor Swift - June 27, 2016 at 04:58 PM

RV

“ *"love his music,songs sorry for your loss"*

roger & sandra greer, hardy va - June 27, 2016 at 03:53 PM

JC

“ *"Jeanette Castle June 27, 2016 To The Stanley Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Ralph Stanley was a wonderful and down to earth man. His voice was one of kind. No one can ever take his place. His legacy will live on forever. Losing a love one is never easy but with GOD'S amazing grace. We can continue on. Until it is our time to go home. I love each and everyone of you. I pray GOD will comfort and bring peace to all your broken hearts. You have all of your precious memories to look back on. It will be hard in the days ahead but remember GOD is with you all. Dr. Ralph is now in the present of Our Dear Lord and Savior. I am saddened by Dr. Ralph's passing. The entire world is mourning his loss. He was a Music Legend but he was much more than that. He was a kind and down to earth man. He was a great Husband, Father and Grandfather. I will not say goodbye to Dr. Ralph. I will only say. I love and will miss you. Until we meet again someday. On GOD's Golden Shore."*

Jeanette Castle - June 27, 2016 at 01:31 PM

TB

“ *"Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Stanley family on the passing of Dr. Ralph Stanley - a pioneer and legend in Bluegrass Music. The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band Mike Phipps Dave Propst Mark Clifton Rick Briggs Mike Conner"*

The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band - June 27, 2016 at 01:28 PM

JJ

“TO THE STANLEY FAMILY, THE HEAVY SADNESS THAT COMES WITH THE PASSING OF THE ROCK OF YOUR LIVES, DR. RALPH STANLEY . IS SOMEWHAT LIGHTENED BY THE LEGACY HE LEFT BEHIND ! HIS KIND MANER, HIS STYLE, HIS MUSICIANSHIP, HIS SONGS AND HIS DELIVERY OF THEM, HAS LEFT A LEGACY THAT WILL LIVE IN YOUR HEARTS AND THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS OF FOLKS AROUND THE WORLD, FOR AS LONG AS THIS OLD WORLD STANDS ! MAY YOU ALL FIND COMFORT IN THE MEMORIES THAT YOU WILL HOLD FOREVER, AND MAY YOU FEEL THE PRESENCE OF GOD WALKING BESIDE YOU AS YOU WALK THROUGH YOUR DARK VALLEY! STANDING SOMEWHERE IN THE SHADOWS , YOU'LL FIND JESUS. LOOK FOR HIM AND YOU'LL FIND A SHELTER IN THE ARMS OF GOD ! GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL THROUGH THIS TRYING TIME IN YOUR LIVES ! JAY JACKSON”

JAY JACKSON - June 27, 2016 at 11:45 AM

WW

“Rejoicing in Heaven while here on earth we mourn. Remember Me as you pass by As You are Now so once was I As I am now you soon shall be Prepare for Death and follow me. Be ready to follow family, be ready!”

Wanda Whitehead - June 27, 2016 at 08:26 AM

RG

“Holly, Sarah and I send our prayers and love to your family in this difficult time. Our hearts are broken for you but our spirits are lifted with the assurance that Heaven has welcomed one He shared with us all for a little while. The days ahead will be hard for all of us who loved this wonderful man. As always, we will continue to pray for God's love to surround and embrace your wonderful family.”

Rodney, Holly and Sarah Quarles, Chatsworth, Georgia - June 27, 2016 at 08:15 AM

PS

“sorry for your loss we know ralph for a long time he was a special man and will be missed we are praying for the family pastor Dannie D. Short and all at the Bibleway church”

Pastor Dannie Short - June 27, 2016 at 06:59 AM

SV

“*"Sheriff Fred Newman and the Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office would like to express their sympathy in the death of Dr. Ralph Stanley. If our Sheriff's Office can be of assistance to you during your time of sadness, please do not hesitate to contact us. Sheriff Newman and Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office"*

Sheriff Fred Newman, Abingdon, VA - June 27, 2016 at 06:36 AM

PM

“*"So sorry for your loss Ralph was a special man and will be missed"*

Patricia Mann - June 27, 2016 at 05:59 AM

AH

“*"We got the chance to see him in Marion we grew up with his music from our mom he always seem to be part of our lives we send our condolences"*

ann crabtree and becky haris - June 27, 2016 at 05:34 AM

LC

“*"Ralph, Kristi Taylor, Ralph III and rest of family So sorry for the loss of your Dad grandfather. We have listened to Ralph's music for years and he will surely be missed. Ralph just go on playing the music with the Clinch Mountain Boys. Wish we could be there for you but Larry is unable to attend so we will have all the family in our prayers. God Bless All Of You"*

Larry and Kathy Coleman - June 27, 2016 at 04:57 AM

WL

“*"So sad to learn of Ralph's passing, my mom went to school with Ralph and Carter, so we learned about them and their music at a very young age, they were her favorite, and I just lost mom this past January so it's been a tough year thus far, so I know the heartache you are having. While Ralph was with us here on earth I am quite sure that he played shows from the smallest stages to the largest ones, but none of those can begin to compare to the show he is doing now, for he is on the Grandest Stage of all, prayers and blessings to you all...."*

Will Leith - June 26, 2016 at 09:12 PM

JK

“*"Well done, good and faithful servant. May you receive the glory and honor in your new heavenly home, and know that your memory will live on forever among those who have had their lives touched by your great talents here on earth."*

James Kindelberger - June 26, 2016 at 06:04 PM

SU

“R.i.P dr.ralph Stanley”

Sue - June 26, 2016 at 05:07 PM

SC

“Rest in Peace Ralph Stanley, your memory and music will live on forever. Always loved hearing you play and sing. Prayers for all the Family.”

Shirley Compton - June 26, 2016 at 04:36 PM

TB

“Your loved one was a very great musician who was and will always be loved by millions. Best Wishes”

Tom Berghan - June 26, 2016 at 11:39 AM

DM

“I AM VERY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF DR. STANLEY, THE FATHER AND FOUNDER OF BLUEGRASS, AS HE WOULD COME TO ABINGDON MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS, HE STOPPED BY MY STORE OFF EXIT 17, (which used to be Millers Gas N Go), He always greeted me by name, HE TREATED EVERYONE HE KNEW LIKE FAMILY AND NEVER TOOK HIS WORLD RENOWNED FAME FOR GRANTED, NOW HE IS NO LONGER SUFFERING AND SICK, BUT SINGING AND LEADING ONE OF GOD'S PRECIOUS CHOIRS , THANK YOU DR. STANLEY FOR ALL THE PHOTOS, MUSIC, MEMORIES YOU HAVE LEFT US ON THIS EARTH NOW IT IS TIME TO LEAD GODS BAND OF ANGELS IN HIS PRAISES, MAY WE SEE YOU IN HEAVEN ONCE AGAIN, SINGING YOUR HEART OUT. MAY GOD WATCH OVER, BLESS, COMFORT, YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN, AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN AND EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY DURING THIS TIME, MAY YOUR MEMORIES AND MUSIC LIVE ON FOREVER THAT GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH, AS WE HAVE LOST YOU TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER NOW YOUR TIME HAS COME TO LEAD AND LAY FOR THE UPMOST HIGHEST PERSONALLY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH MR. SKAGGS, AND ALL MUSICIANS WHO KNEW AND PLAYED WITH HIM. GOD BLESS EVERYONE AS PRAYERS GOING UP , THAT GOD WILL GIVE US ALL THE STRENGTH TO ALLOW DR. STANLEY TO CONTINUE TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE FATHER OF BLUEGRASS NOW AND FOREVER.”

DAVID ANDERSON AND JUSTIN MILLER - June 25, 2016 at 11:32 PM

BP

“ *"So Sorry For The Stanley Family. No Words Can Express The Loss Of This Man! He Was A Icon For The Bluegrass World. He Will Be Sadly Missed But We Have His Memories And Can Listen To His Music Forever. God Bless You All And The Good Lord Will Be There By The Stanley Side Through This Trying Time GOD BLESS YOU ALL. The Perrigan Family"*

Bobby And Jean Perrigan - June 25, 2016 at 09:20 PM

BA

“ *"My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Ralph will truly be missed by many. Thank you Ralph for inspiring a young boy of 16 to pick up a banjo. It was a thrill to play on stage with Ralph in later years. We will continue to play and share your music. Rest in peace."*

Ballard Adkins - June 25, 2016 at 08:07 PM

PP

“ *"Dr Ralph Stanley was a legend in Bluegrass music. His music and his charitable work will be his legacy."*

Pastor John Price - June 25, 2016 at 06:09 PM

DJ

“ *"Dear Ralph, While your voice now fills the halls of Gloryland rest assured that your pure and timeless music will forever echo in the hollows and ridges of your precious Clinch Mountains. Vaya con Dios mi Amigo."*

Darrell Johnson - June 25, 2016 at 02:46 PM

GF

“ *"Rest in Peace Dr. Ralph. Your legacy is and always will be enduring you and your music will never be forgotten. This SWVA hills will always honor you for what you have done and shone a spotlight on our valleys. I always loved your music but my brother, Oliver Charles, who does not have Facebook, adored you and your music. He went to see you every time you were close by. Rest in eternal peace."*

Georgia Charles Fitzgerald - June 25, 2016 at 01:15 PM

MS

“ *"The Last of a Wonderful generation of the Stanley Family. You will be missed by the world! Love and Prayers to Jimmi and the Kids;"*

Mellie Stanley - June 25, 2016 at 01:00 PM

AB

“So very sorry to hear of loss of Dr. Stanley. Ralph has meant so much to so many for such a very long time. My thoughts and prayers are with Jimmi, Ralph II, Kristi, and the entire family. I pray you find solace in the fact he was loved by so many. Today he is "Shouting on the Hills of Glory" Love Anthony & Tressia"

Anthony Blevins - June 25, 2016 at 12:24 PM

CR

“To the family of Mr., Stanley, With a love of his music and also of his love family, Mr Stanley will be missed Roger and Pat Rose Family."

Crecia Pat Rose - June 25, 2016 at 09:38 AM

BR

“We are so very sorry for the loss of Dr. Ralph Stanley, love to hear him sing, i have listened to him my whole life such a great man he will be missed a lot. May God Bless each of you at this time, you are in my thoughts and prayers always."

Brenda - June 25, 2016 at 09:30 AM

CS

“Dr. Ralph will forever live in our hearts. Thank you Jimmi, Two and the entire Stanley family for sharing him with us all these years."

Chris and Tom Skinker - June 25, 2016 at 08:36 AM

MR

“Our heart felt sympathy to the family of Dr. Ralph Stanley. We have truly lost an icon of the music world. May God comfort you, and know his music will live on forever."

Mike Ratliff - June 25, 2016 at 08:24 AM

PG

“God Bless.....Prayers for the Family....."

Penny Gross - June 25, 2016 at 05:04 AM

CB

“i very sorry for your lose i like his music i mis hem"

cecil boyd - June 24, 2016 at 08:07 PM

HS

“ *"I pray that our Lord brings your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. He brought so much joy to the world. My most heartfelt condolences."*

Heather Lee Stanley-Nelson - June 24, 2016 at 07:34 PM

RO

“ *"WELL not good at typing but a legend home with god resting playing golden banjo now resting god be with u all at this time. HE was special love his music lot of place in my life bluegrass music god bless."*

robertlbrown - June 24, 2016 at 07:21 PM

RM

“ *"JIMMI There are no words to express my fillings but being a Christian I know where our comfort comes from so I PRAY that GOD keeps you and your Family in his Loving Arms and gives you Peace and Comfort through these coming Days. God tells us in his Word that He Will Never Leave Us Or Forsake Us He will Be With Us Until The End So Keep Your Eyes Focus on Jesus and He Will See You Through Love You And Your Family So Gods Blessing on You And Your Family I Pray"*

Roy Edward Mullins - June 24, 2016 at 06:27 PM

EB

“ *"I have had a pleasure of listen to every cd and every video of Ralph Thur the years of my life a good man I grew up on the Stanley brothers they inspired me Thur the years of playing bluegrass music. My heart and prayers go out to the family of Ralph May god bless you all"*

Edd bowman - June 24, 2016 at 05:09 PM