



## Ralph E. Sommer

June 13, 1937 - September 14, 2023

Ralph Eugene Sommer, 86, of East Peoria, IL, passed away Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, surrounded by his devoted wife and loving family.

Ralph was born on June 13, 1937, in Peoria, IL, the son of Joseph and Georgiana (Sammis) Sommer. He attended East Peoria Community High School, graduating in 1955. Following graduation Ralph attended Bradley University. In 1960 Ralph was drafted into United States Army and stationed in Germany. Ralph married the love of his life, Betty Jean Krumwiede on Nov. 27, 1966, in East Peoria, IL. She survives.

Also surviving is his niece, Alecia (Michael) Closen; his great niece Courtney (Joshua) Huffman-Turner, and his great nephew Joseph "Joey" Huffman III all of Washington, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Throughout the past 70 years Ralph worked in grocery produce, working for Piggly Wiggly, Thompson's and Sullivan's eventually retiring from Wal-Mart in 2022. Ralph was an avid reader and enjoyed doing word searches. In his younger years Ralph was on many bowling leagues and the East Peoria Jaycee's. Ralph will be remembered as a loving husband, an ornery uncle, and the most dedicated worker you have ever met.



# Tribute Wall

SS “ *Ralph E. Sommer*

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**Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services** - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

AC “ *file added to the tribute wall*

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**Alecia Closen** - September 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS “ *Love you ralph and Betty ❤️ it was a pleasure to care for Ralph 💕*

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**jataun stone** - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RP “ *Ralph was a wonderful and funny guy. I had the privilege of working with Ralph at TFB in Pekin from 82-86. My deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Randy Price** - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TL “ *Tina Lepretre lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Sommer*

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**Tina Lepretre** - September 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with him at Thompson Food Basket. Ralph was such an awesome guy and never would you see a harder worker! He will be truly missed by all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. God Bless

Tina Lepretre - September 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the Sommer Family, I am so sorry for your lose of Ralph, I knew him through delivering to TFB, he was a Great guy, RIP my Friend, Scottie..

John M Walker, Scottie - September 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ Ralph is the great man so I got to know him working for Walmart. He will be greatly missed from me and my family. I love seeing his smiling face when he came into work no matter how much his health was trying to keep him down he would always show up. I greatly miss him very much. my heart goes out to the family.

Willard - September 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Ralph was hilarious to work with, and he had a worker spirit to no end. You will be missed my friend.

Larry Moore - September 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I worked with Ralph at Thompson food basket for 3 years in the early 80's he was my boss and a great guy and never asked you to do something he wouldn't do my thoughts and prayers to his family

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**mike wileman** - September 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We worked with Ralph at walmart...he was a very funny guy and such a nice guy...he will be missed

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**Marie-milton Stamper** - September 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ November 27, 1966

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**Courtney Huffman-Turner** - September 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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