



Ralph Shoemaker

December 16, 1952 - January 31, 2025

Ralph Shoemaker, 72 of Sumiton, went to his new home, his Eternal Home on January 31, 2025.

Ralph joined and served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Vietnam Era. Semper Fi !

He served as a Sumiton City Council member for 12 years and was the Police Commissioner during this time. He was currently serving as Constable for Beat 37 of Walker County. His greatest love in life was his son, Jacob, and serving his community. He was the owner and operator of East Walker Wrecker Service in Sumiton for 49 years. As a matter of fact, he built his first wrecker at home when he was 23 years old. Ralph was never too busy to listen when someone stopped by his shop that needed advice. His door was always open. He wore many hats, including doctor, lawyer, confidante, mentor and father figure to so many young men that needed a friend. He also loved to play practical jokes. He developed many lifelong friends through his business.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ralph Brindle Shoemaker and Beulah Johnson Shoemaker; his sister, Wilma Jean Peck; his father and mother-in-law, Wilburn and Dorothy Pozak and his brother-in-law, Tim Pozak.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Renee Shoemaker and his son Jacob Shoemaker.

Other survivors include his brothers, Keith Shoemaker (Ginny) and John

Shoemaker, sisters, Mary Ann Walls (Bobby) and Brenda Calloway (Jimmy), brother-in-law, David Pozak, special great nephew, Hank Barr, a host of nieces and nephews, and his fur babies, Abbygail, Toby and Henry.

Funeral services will be Saturday February 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Sumiton Church of God. Rev. Lane Sargent and Rev. Rick Levell will officiate. Eulogies will be given by Roger Short and Sarah Glover. Burial will follow at Shanghi Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until service time. Pallbearers will be Melvin Holt, Paul Morgan, Tommy Bussey, Wayne Mangum, Josh Smith and John Jarvis.

Honorary pallbearers are Jacob Shoemaker, Rodger Short, Matthew Pozak and Dwight Cagle.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home directing 205-648-2323.

Cemetery Details

Shanghi Cemetery

7494 Quinton Rd.
Quinton, AL 35130

Previous Events

Family to Receive Guests

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sumiton Church of God
50 Hosanna Drive
Sumiton, AL 35148
(205) 648-3257

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gina Allums Morrow lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shoemaker



Gina Allums Morrow - February 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Shoemaker.

February 07, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



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“ Anthony, Heather, & the Nelson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Shoemaker.

Anthony, Heather, & the Nelson family - February 06, 2025 at 04:59 PM

AF

“ Anthony, Heather, & the Nelson family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



Anthony, Heather, & the Nelson family - February 06, 2025 at 04:59 PM

HS

“ Heidi, Vreni, Charlene, Hans Schoenenberger purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



Heidi, Vreni, Charlene, Hans Schoenenberger - February 04, 2025 at 03:58 PM

BS

“ Barry, Carolyn & Jack Shoemaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Shoemaker.

Barry, Carolyn & Jack Shoemaker - February 03, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ Barry, Carolyn & Jack Shoemaker purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



Barry, Carolyn & Jack Shoemaker - February 03, 2025 at 11:01 AM

DF

“ Dickie, Dee, Jen, Jim, and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



Dickie, Dee, Jen, Jim, and family - February 03, 2025 at 10:20 AM

IT

“ I'm sorry to hear about Ralph. He was a true Friend to me. He helped me and my Family when I needed help. I'm sending my Prayers to the Family.

Irene Tucker - February 02, 2025 at 10:02 PM

LS

“ Ralph was a very special friend to me for almost 40 years! I loved him very much and he was always there to help whenever it was needed. Renee and Jacob, I'm praying for you that the peace of God will cover you during this difficult time. Love you! Lisa (Westbrook) Sauter

Lisa Sauter - February 02, 2025 at 09:58 PM

JS

“ John,Lance & Emily Shoemaker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



John,Lance & Emily Shoemaker - February 02, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Shoemak.

February 02, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Shoemaker.



February 02, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ Praying for all the family. So sad to see this.



Wanda Poore - February 02, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ R.I.P. Ralph. Jesus has called you home.

Terry Hoagland - February 01, 2025 at 03:43 PM