



# John Ralph

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**J**ohn Leon Ralph, aged 60, of Englewood, Missouri, passed away on August 17, 2022, after a long and tenacious battle with kidney disease. Known as Leon by his family and friends, he was born in Columbia, Missouri on November 6, 1961, to John and Ada (Redden) Ralph.

Leon grew up in Ashland and graduated from Southern Boone County High School in 1980, where he had participated in Spanish Club and FFA. Leon enlisted in the U.S. Marines after high school and entered basic training at San Diego, California. After receiving an honorable medical discharge, Leon returned to mid-Missouri and worked at Tri Con Industries for many years and later with Schneider Electric.

Leon preferred back roads and country living. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and learned both from his uncles John Howard Redden and the late Elmer Redden. Leon loved all genres of music, particularly rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and jazz.

Leon was named after his uncle Leon Stapleton, of Kansas City. He is survived by his mother Ada Ralph and sister Mary Ralph, of Ashland; brother Tim (Loretta) Ralph, of Columbia, sister Paula (Art) Ralph Levy of Maryland, four nieces, one nephew, four great-nephews, a great niece, and a host of Ralph, Redden, Ray, and Stapleton cousins.

Leon was preceded in death by his grandparents Johnnie and Willie Mae Redden and by his father John Ralph, and his sister Janice Ralph.

Funeral arrangements managed by H.T. May and Sons will be held on Friday, August 26, at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 204 E. Ash Street, Columbia, MO. Visitation at 10:00 a.m. will be followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. and interment at Memorial Park Cemetery, Columbia, Missouri. Donations to kidney research are welcome in lieu of flowers. Services will be live streamed at 11:00 AM through the HT May & Son Funeral Home Facebook page and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/htmayfuneralhome>.



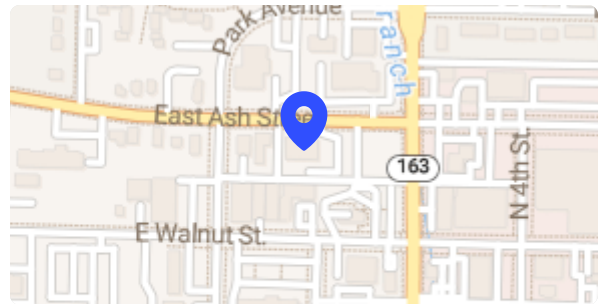
# Events

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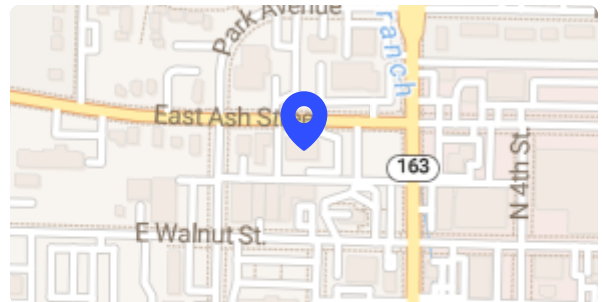
## Visitation

- Friday**, August 26, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St. Luke United Methodist Church**  
204 E Ash St, Columbia Missouri 65203



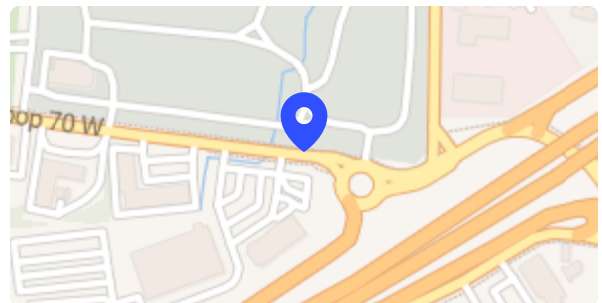
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## Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**  
1217 Business Loop 70 W, Columbia MO 65202
- 5734433173**





## Tribute Wall

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**Ladonna Redden** lit a candle in honor of John.

There are so many memories. The one I can remember is having to sing and play the guitar in order to be in the basement. Some of those songs I am passing along to the youngins. I will love you always

August 25 at 3:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Ralph family.

August 24 at 11:16 AM



**Anthony Ray** lit a candle in honor of John.

I enjoyed debating politics and sports with Leon. More often than not we wouldn't agree on anything when debating, but I'd get a kick out of it and he would, too. These were good times with him I always looked forward to that I'll sorely miss. Also, Leon would make himself available if you needed help with something. To Ada and family, sincere sympathy, prayers and love. Rest easy, Leon. Love you cuz.

August 18 at 5:12 AM



**Sharon Adams** posted:

My deepest sympathy and love to Ada, Tim, Mary Sue and Paula at their time of sadness❤️❤️My very dear neighbors and friends, i send my love and friendship to you now and in the coming weeks and months. I am deeply sooty for your loss.Your Dear Friend,Sharon Adams

August 17 at 3:31 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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