



Ralph Cecil

August 30, 1936 - January 12, 2026

DEBARY, FL - Ralph William Cecil, 89, of DeBary, Florida, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026, following complications from a seizure and multiple strokes.

Ralph was born on August, 30, 1936, in Princeton, West Virginia. He was one of nine children born to the late Giles Mac Cecil and Oattie Ethel Holt Cecil. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Carnes Cecil, and Woodrow Cecil; and sisters, Carrie Mills, and Shirley Browning.

Ralph is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Helen Asbury Cecil; his two children, Beverly (Steve) Donovan of Hickory, North Carolina, and Kevin Cecil of DeBary, FL; his four cherished grandchildren, Derek (Ashley), Teren, Kendall, and Carter; four sisters, Betty (Bill) Messink, Leona (Everett) Walker, Mary (Dale) Church, and Louise (Wayne) Sanders; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Kiser, and Barbara Brown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ralph proudly served his country in the United States Army and later went on to enjoy a long and accomplished professional career working 25 years as a computer programmer at the AAA National Office and as CEO of ABSA Consulting.

A man of faith, Ralph was a devoted member of Volusia County Baptist

Church in Orange City, Florida.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home, 1612 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, West Virginia, 24740 with Rev. Wayne Sanders and Pastor Gary Raulerson, officiating. The family will receive visitors from noon until the service hour. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ralph's memory to Volusia County Baptist Church, 261 S. Orange Ave, Orange City, Florida, 32763.

Ralph will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, faithful servant of God, and a man whose quiet strength and kindness left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
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Funeral Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Cecil*



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - January 20 at 03:23 PM

YB

“ *Your Hilton Head Buddies purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ralph Cecil.*



Your Hilton Head Buddies - January 19 at 11:56 AM

YB

“ *Your Hilton Head Buddies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Cecil.*

Your Hilton Head Buddies - January 19 at 11:56 AM

MC

“ *One of the finest men I call a wonderful friend. Super smart and very kind. Maude Coggin*

Maude Coggin - January 19 at 11:45 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ralph Cecil.*



January 18 at 12:45 PM



“ *Michael M. and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Cecil.*

Michael M. and family - January 18 at 12:45 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Ralph William Cecil, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Ralph William Cecil, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 15 at 07:15 AM

WR

“ Wendy (Walker) and Damien Reyes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ralph Cecil.



Wendy (Walker) and Damien Reyes - January 14 at 04:21 PM

MA

“ Mary A. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Cecil.



Mary A. - January 14 at 03:30 PM