



Mr. Ralph Forest Crawford

February 20, 1921 - March 5, 2017

Ralph Forest Crawford, 96 of Clarinda, Iowa died Sunday, March 5, 2017, at the

Clarinda Regional Hospital in Clarinda.

Ralph was born February 20, 1921, in Gravity, Iowa to George and Nina Faye (Moore) Crawford. He was a graduate of New Market, Iowa High School.

He married his first wife Helen Mae Shore, the mother of his children, in 1941 in

Wichita, KS.

During World War II Ralph served his country honorably, with the Army Air Force. Ralph served in the European Theater over Southern France's Air Offensive at Normandy. Ralph flew 25 missions as a tail-gunner until being shot

down on his 25th mission over Toulouse France. He evaded capture and escaped to Spain where he was hospitalized for two months. He was a member

of both Boot and Caterpillar clubs. During his service he was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal, Lapel Button, North Africa Medal and Three Bronze Stars. Last year France awarded Ralph their highest medal, The Legion of Honour. After returning from WWII he was co-owner of an Auto Dealership in Clarinda.

Ralph was a securities broker for Investors Diversified Services. He also served

as president and member of the Board of Nodaway Valley Packing Corporation,

served for 20 years on the City Council in Clarinda and served 15 years as Chairman of the Republican Party of Page County.

Preceding him in death were his parents, first wife Helen, three brothers, Dale, Wade and Clark Crawford; sisters-in-law: Mable (Dale) Crawford, Betty (Clark) Crawford, Lucille (Wade) Crawford; two nephews Cecil Crawford and Tom Crawford; niece Daria Wright.

He is survived by his son James (Elaine) Crawford, St. Louis, MO, daughter Janet (Gary) Clark, Pryor, Oklahoma; four grandchildren: Ralph Crawford, Alex

Crawford, Scott Clark and Paula Clark rv:iller; seven great-grandchildren: Tristin

Clark, Gage Crawford, Lauren Crawford, Carofina Crawford, Levi Clark, Adalyn

Miller and Aleyah Miller: special friends Bill (deceased) and Silvia Hammond and

all the Loving Caregivers at Villisca Good Samaritan Center.

Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 PM Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at the Ritchie Funeral Home in Clarinda.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, March 9th at the First Christian Church, Clarinda.

Graveside Military Services will be provided by Sergy American Legion Post #98, Clarinda.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Price Funeral Home. Maryville, Missouri

In Loving Memory of
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Officiants

Reverend Rickey A. Rohrig Sr.

Reverend Mike Harvey

Music Compact Discs

"To Where You Are", Josh Groban

"Angel's Among Us", Alabama

Burial

Clarinda Cemetery

Clarinda, Missouri

Pallbearers

Scott Clark Dick Kline

Ralph Crawford Alex Crawford

George Crawford Mike Crawford

Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Clark Glen Carpenter

Eric Kline Terry Wright

John Crawford Gage Crawford

Tristin Clark Steve Batten

Wallace Klakken Hunter Crawford

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