



Ralph English

June 12, 1933 - September 10, 2020

The service remembering the life of Ralph “Hank” English, of Wadena, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes’ Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena with Pastor Jacob Heppner presiding. Family and friends may gather at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel on Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

Ralph, age 87, passed away with family at his side, early on September 10, 2020, at his home in Wadena, MN, with gentle comfort provided by Knute Nelson Hospice.

Ralph, known as Hank, was born to Edward Brownlow English and Ella Mae (Boswell) English on June 12, 1933, at Adamsville, TN.

Hank served as a US Navy Seaman and trained at Whidbey Island, near Seattle, WA, until his honorable discharge in September 1960. At one point in life, Ralph was married and adopted a son, Joel English. The marriage later dissolved. Hank was often on the road sharing his passion for music. He played guitar and fiddle and sang to his heart’s content. Prayer was important in his life, as was being generous and helpful towards others. He enjoyed a good conversation with everyone he met, often making his opinion known.

Hank met Doris Reid in 1987, and they were united in marriage on February

15, 2006, in Parker, AZ. Hank was pleased being on-the-road, often in a fifth-wheeler between Arizona and Minnesota. A favorite stop was the 4-Corners Café near Deer Creek, MN. In 1995, he made Wadena his summer home until it became his year-round home in 2018.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Ella; son Joel; siblings Raymond, Jim, Sammy, Gilbert, Edward, and Bobbie Nell English.

Surviving Hank are his devoted wife Doris; and siblings Robert English, Pearl Pickens and Lequette Johnson.

Burial will be held at a later date in Woodside Cemetery, near Wrightstown, MN.

Military honors provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

SEP **29.** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Time Of Remembrance

SEP **29.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Tribute Wall

KS

“ A great privilege to have known Hank and to play music with him. He always inspired me and my son Erik. One of those special people in life you are blessed to have known. Kim Softing

Kim Softing - September 26, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ I will always remember Hank as a very good man of God. Hank was a wonderful friend to everyone. He would always take time to stop and say hello and check to see if I had any banana or pumpkin bread fresh out of the oven. I met Hank shortly after arriving at Brenda R V Resort when he was elected President of the Clubhouse and I was Secretary. Hank called me his secretary for the next fifteen years. Hank was a great musician, friend and wonderful man of God. May he rest in Peace. Love to Doris.

Vandetta Joy Nydam - September 24, 2020 at 07:37 AM

RR

“ Sorry to hear of Hanks' passing. He was a neighbor, who always wanted to know how I was. He will be missed. Prayers for the family during this sad time.



Rachele Reese. "Rocky"

Rocky Reese - September 19, 2020 at 07:06 PM

DR

“ Hank is with Jesus now where he always wanted to go, He lived a good life giving to all. He played his Music for The Lord. He always wanted to shake Jesus hand he lived his life for that day. we will miss him very much but he could not stay with us any longer he tried so hard but in the end he just wanted to go to see Jesus Thank you Hank the years you made my life great, As you always said sure wish we meet when we were young Life would have better for us both Love you Hallula Hank Till we meet on the other side I want to walk thru Heaven with you.

Doris Reid - September 19, 2020 at 03:48 PM

SR

What a beautiful tribute to your Hank, Doris. My heart hurts for your loss. We all loved his joyous ways and his wonderful music. I'm sending special love to you my dear friend.
Sue

Susan Rolfe - September 19, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JS

So sorry for your loss. Hank is in a better place now.. God be with you Doris. 💕

Jo Anne Seawright - September 19, 2020 at 06:33 PM

CM

Loved you message here to Hank Doris I was so happy to have met you both. You know how fond of Hank I was. He meant alot to me, so glad he was able to come to Ephrata.
I will miss him but also knew it was time he went to his Heavenly Home
❤️ 🎵 🎸

Conra Marsh - September 20, 2020 at 09:19 PM

GC

“ Gary And Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ralph English



Gary and Marcy Collins - September 14, 2020 at 12:01 PM

DC

“ Hank is busy talking to those who have gone before. My favorite memory is Hank singing at the Gospel Jam at Desert Gold RV Park at Brenda, Az. One of the many many songs was When We All Get To Heaven, he would use the bow of his violin and point it at members in the audience, all in time with the music. Hank was very verbal during the church service. He was known as Hallalua Hank. I will miss Hank. He is with Jesus now, nice Promotion Hank!



Donna and Chuck - September 13, 2020 at 07:44 PM

JC

I cherish the time spent with Hank and Doris in Brenda, Az. , singing and worshipping our God in song and sweet fellowship! Now he and my Joe are Celebrating in their eternal resting place in Heaven...exactly one year apart! “Now that’s a Hallelujah “, as Hank frequently exclaimed! May Our precious Heavenly Father give you peace, strength and comfort, Doris during this most difficult time. You remain close to my heart in prayer...🙏💜🌹

Judy Cuddy - September 19, 2020 at 04:35 PM

NB

Gonna miss my buddy Hank..He was always ready to play his fiddle no matter what church we were playing for..One of his favorites was " if you don't love your neighbor then you can't love God..He also wrote another verse for "Hallelujah I'm ready to go.." One we did for Desert Gold chapel..Hes a fine musician and a truley great man of God..never be another Hallelujah Hank..cant wait till were all together again ..what a happy reunion..praying for peace and comfort for Doris and family..He is our peace..

Naomi Bruhns - September 19, 2020 at 09:11 PM

LS

“ Larry & Becky Shultz lit a candle in memory of Ralph English



Larry & Becky Shultz - September 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM

JS

“ He loved Jesus... he loved playing gospel music.. hank was one of the best.. will really miss him. He's now playing his music with Jesus.. he loved an audience.



judy and elvin shultz - September 12, 2020 at 02:33 AM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Ralph English



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - September 10, 2020 at 05:48 PM