



## Ralph J. Dosch

August 26, 1934 - December 8, 2016

Ralph J. Dosch, 82, of Zanesville, died at 1:48 p.m. Thursday December 8 at The Oaks at Northpointe. Surrounded by his family, Ralph finally surrendered after a very difficult 3 ½ years.

He was born August 26, 1934 in Zanesville, the son of Francis and Hilaria Dosch. He was a graduate of Rosecrans High School and was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in Germany during the Korean War conflict.

He was employed by Greif Bros. Corp for 22 years as a sales representative. In 1984 he co-founded Eastern Ohio Packaging in Byesville, Ohio. Ralph retired in 2013 from International Paper, the company that ultimately purchased the Byesville Plant. Ralph was the consummate “relationship salesman”, developing long term friendships and always taking care of the customer.

Ralph was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, serving the church and school communities in multiple volunteer positions over the years. He also was a 4-H advisor for many years while his sons were showing cattle.

He enjoyed hunting, taking care of his large garden, playing cards, but most of all, spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Perhaps his greatest gifts to his sons were instilling a very strong work ethic and financial

discipline.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Lou (Prestanski) Dosch. The father of five sons, he used to claim that “he stopped with a basketball team before he ended up with a baseball team!” His sons are Frank (Amy) Dosch, Ted (Ann) Dosch, John (Penny Warehime) Dosch, Pete (Kris) Dosch, and Mike (Danya) Dosch. He was also very proud of his 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Also surviving are brothers Howard (Pat) Dosch, George (Linda) Dosch, and Mark Dosch, sisters Martha Carpenter, Sister Miriam Dosch, and Monica (Joe) Tumeo, brother-in-law Harry (Jeanene) Prestanski, and sister-in-law Bernadine Dosch, as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers infant John Dosch, Dr. Paul Dosch, Harry Dosch and wife Ginny, brothers-in-law Paul Carpenter and Joseph Prestanski, Jr., and his “favorite in-laws” Joseph and Della Prestanski.

The family would like to thank the caring (and very patient!) staff at The Oaks at Northpointe for Ralph’s care these last eight months, as well as Dr. Shelly Dunmyer and Genesis Hospice.

Friends may call from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a Christian Vigil will be held at 5:45 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated 10:00 AM, Monday, December 12, 2016, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North Fifth Street, Zanesville with a Dominican Father as Celebrant. Ralph will be laid to rest in Mt. Olive Cemetery with the United States Army, VFW Post 1058 and the American Legion Post 29 conducting Full Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to either Bishop

Rosecrans High School (1040 E Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701) or St. Thomas Catholic Church (144 N. 5th Street, Zanesville, OH 43701). To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal of condolence please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

## Prayer Vigil

DEC 11. 5:45 PM (ET)

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## **Military Honor Guard Service**

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DEC **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Cemetery  
2057 East Pike  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph J. Dosch*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - December 11, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Ralph J. Dosch*

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October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Mary Lou and Family*

*So sorry to hear about the passing of Ralph. So many stories, so many memories of days at Box USA. He will be missed.*

*Becky Delik*

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**Becky Delik** - December 21, 2016 at 01:40 PM

TK

“ *Mary Lou, Frank and your Families.*

*I was so very sorry to hear about Ralph. Please accept my sincere condolences. I'll remember him fondly.*

*Tom Kullman*

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**Tom Kullman** - December 12, 2016 at 02:18 PM

JW

“ *Mary Lou, Sons and families.*

*My sincere sympathy for the passing of Ralph. I have many memories from many years of knowing Ralph. Don't forget he is in a better place and feeling wonderful, no more pain and suffering. May God bless you all and aid in the healing of your loss. Jane Woestendiek and family*

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**Jane Woestendiek** - December 12, 2016 at 11:21 AM

DA

“ *The office staff at Jackson Plastics would like to express sincere condolences to the Dosch family. We sure have missed Ralph the past few years and miss the exciting station wagon rides to lunch. He was a special guy and sure he is doing fine now.*

*Dave Howard / Jackson Plastics*

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**Dave** - December 12, 2016 at 09:17 AM

MF

“ Aunt Mary Lou, Frank, Ted, Pete, Mike, John, and families, Sorry to hear about Uncle Ralph. My thoughts are with you all. I have many fond memories of staying with your family when we would visit from Michigan. The joking around, the many card games going on at once, the cousins, the giant iron cauldron of bean soup, the rabbit hunting and Genessee beer, and Uncle Ralph and Dad staying up half-the-night talking and telling stories. My condolences to you all.

*Niece and Cousin, Michelle Dosch Fisher*

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**Michelle Fisher** - December 11, 2016 at 04:40 PM

DA

*Mary Lou Pete and family. so very sorry. Late seeing this on line. Wanted you to kn you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I know you will have a lot of wonderful memories to hold near your heart.*

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**Deena and John Alford** - December 11, 2016 at 06:49 PM

TT

“ Condolences to the Dosch family on their loss of Ralph. Remember the Galliger St. family well. George was my Confirmation sponsor back in 5th grade and worked with my wife's dad at the PO

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**Terry Toll** - December 11, 2016 at 01:27 PM

PM

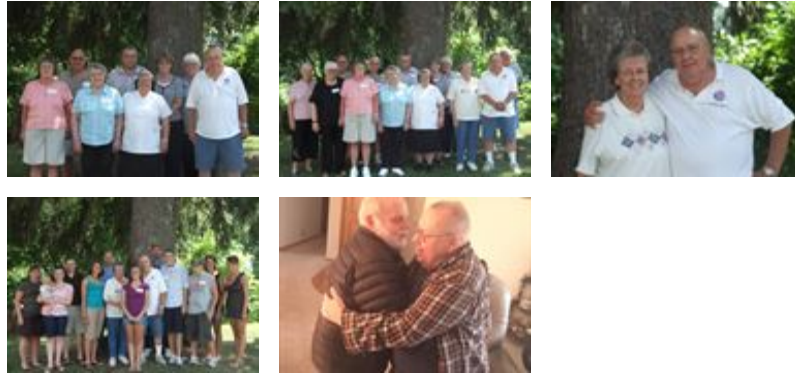
“ Extend our condolences to your family for your loss of a wonderfull man sincerely PATRICK Michel and family

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**patrick michel** - December 11, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - December 11, 2016 at 11:40 AM

RK

“ *I worked with Ralph at grief bros..Sure a great guy . To all the family you have my sincere sympathy.*

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**Ray kirkbride** - December 10, 2016 at 10:11 AM

MT

“ *Mary Lou and Boys,*

*We send our sympathy and prayers for you and we pray for Ralph. Our good God has given Ralph the greatest of all Christmas gifts, He has given him Himself for Christmas. We pray that you will always remember what is said during the Mass, "Life is changed not ended." Please remember that Ralph has now the ability to do more for us that he could ever do here with us. We love you and pray that you will know that we are with you.*

*Monica and Joe*

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**Monica and Joe Tumeo** - December 10, 2016 at 10:04 AM

BD

“ I have good memories of Ralph from the time he spent with us at The Oaks at Northpointe. I will always remember him and his hearty laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with the family

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**Becky Dockery** - December 10, 2016 at 04:50 AM

DW

“ Sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. I have many great memories of our days at Box USA. Dave Wasserman - Lancaster, Ohio

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**Dave Wasserman** - December 09, 2016 at 03:16 PM