



## Ralph Oran Turnock

September 7, 1936 - December 19, 2020

Ralph Oran Turnock, 84, of Union Grove, Wisconsin and Ft. Myers Beach, Florida passed peacefully, surrounded by family, on December 19, 2020 of complications of Covid-19. All who had the pleasure of knowing Ralph understand that he lived a full life. He climbed every mountain, danced every dance, and left nothing unchecked on his "Bucket" list. He shared every adventure with his loving wife of 62 years Mary Jane (Buckett) Turnock. Ralph was so proud of the family they built together and the many people who worked for them over the years.

After graduating from Union Grove High School, he spent formative time in the Army where he became a company clerk. He loved to share that he had the privilege of writing his own discharge papers. On February 8, 1958, he married Mary Jane Buckett, the sister of one of his best friends, and she joined him on the Turnock family farm. He later went to work for A.W. Oakes before beginning his entrepreneurial career in 1970 with Ralph's 66 service station, one of the area's first convenience stores. He and Mary Jane continued to expand their businesses along the I-94 corridor in Racine including Turnock Tires, Highland's Truck Stop, the Station on Hwy. G, and the T-Bird Lounge. In his younger years, Ralph took the lead in establishing snowmobile trails in Racine County and took pride in making them the best around.

Ralph & Mary Jane were avid travelers having the opportunity to see all 50 states, most via motorhome. Upon retirement, they moved to Bayside Estates

in Ft. Myers Beach where he led countless boating excursions and parades and enjoyed dancing at The Moose. Summers were spent attending polka festivals and continuing their travels.

Ralph is survived by his wife Mary Jane; children, Coleen (Steve) Southwell, Rick (Liz) Turnock, Ryan Turnock, and Corinne (Norm) Angotti; 11 grandchildren, Michael Southwell, Matthew Southwell, Adam (Tara) Turnock, Andrea Turnock, Kierstin Turnock, Lee Southwell, Carley Turnock, Brooke Turnock, Victoria Angotti, Glen Angotti and Joseph Angotti; great-granddaughter Rory Marie Turnock; and brother and sister-in-law Ron (Carol) Buckett. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Marie (Fuller) Turnock, and father and mother-in-law Don and Adina Buckett.

A visitation and celebration of life is planned for Memorial Day weekend arranged with Polnasek-Daniels Funeral Home, Union Grove, WI. An additional celebration will be held in Bayside Estates to be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Oran Turnock*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Ralph Oran Turnock*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Ralph and I were classmates at Union Grove High School, class of 1954. In his own way, Ralph was a force of nature and he and Mary Jane worked together in creating a wonderful life for themselves and their 4 children. My deepest condolences to Mary Jane and family. R.I.P. Ralph!*  
*Bill Shenkenberg*

**Bill Shenkenberg** - December 23, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *Ron, I and our family had so many good times with Ralph and Mary Jane and their family. (too many to mention) so all we want to say Ralph will be missed tremendously. He was quite the guy. Our love and hugs go out to the whole Turnock Family.*

*Ron and Carol Buckett*

**Carol Buckett** - December 23, 2020 at 02:03 PM

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“ Ralph and I were racing down Kinsey Avenue after too many beers and one of the kids weddings down there memorial hall I think it was anyway we had these big Mercurys here like and I had a mercury same engines big engines and are we going down Kenzie Avenue laughing like crazy and then we went out to the Teebird afterwards and kept up the action had a good time there and then Ralph and I laughed her headoff. It all ended safe and sound and no red lights behind us we did well one of the good times I had with Ralph rest in peace Ralph see you in heaven someday

ken kusters - December 23, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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Ralph has been great friend since we all met on the motor home voyage through Mexico.

Peggy Teegarden - October 11, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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Ralph and Lou most likely have a great group of friends in heaven now....hopefully in heaven....

Peggy Teegarden - May 31, 2022 at 09:25 AM

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“ Mary and the Turnock family, so sorry that we've lost Ralph. My families' thoughts and prayers are with you all! So many memories of snowmobiling and all the other shenanigans our families shared over the decades. A larger than life personality, and a heart just as big. Thank you Ralph for all the years of friendship to my parents and us kids. RIP.

Dan Schauer & family - December 23, 2020 at 11:30 AM