

ing family when he passed away at 12:50 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at his home.

On Sept. 1, 1937, Ralph was born in Rochester. He was a treasured son of Ralph E. Sr. and Edna M. Paxton Curtis. Growing up, he shared his childhood with a sister, Sharon, and two brothers, Bob and Jimmy.

In Rochester, on Aug. 1, 1954, Ralph married Peggy L. Wagoner. Their union of more than 64 years brought into the world three wonderful children, Vicki, Marsha and Steve. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of three more generations.

Dedicated to the milk industry for more than four decades, Ralph hauled milk from area dairy farms to the dairy. His initial runs were to the Armour dairy, then later to Crystal dairy, both in Rochester. Ralph later delivered to Stella Cheese in Peru. He was passionate about Oliver tractors.

A favorite way to relax was heading out to the auctions. Ralph could be spotted in the crowd with the No. 7 bidders' card situated in his chest pocket as he made bids for the best treasures. He later re-sold many of his coveted buys. One of his more recent bids yielded a gray Craftsman riding mower. He was thoroughly delighted to watch Peggy mow and groom their yard with

meticulous perfection.

Remembered for his generosity, Grandpa Ralph was devoted to his family. As the proud patriarch of the Curtis clan, he was proud to oversee five generations. There was nothing better than the holidays or special family celebrations when the family got together sharing special times and making many memories.

Left to cherish the memory of Ralph are his wife, Peggy, at home; three children, Vicki (Richard) Harrold, Akron, Marsha Arnett, Silver Lake, and Steven (Johanna) Curtis, Rochester; six grandchildren, Shannon (Fred) McGlothlin, Rochester; Nathan Arnett, Warsaw, Lindsey (Ryan) Reese, Rochester; Kim (Danny) Hodge, Okmulgee, Okla.; Eric (Lisal) Gray, Rochester; and Jason (Tonia) Harrold, North Manchester; 10 great-grandchildren, Isaac Randall, Rachael Randall, Braxton McGlothlin, Tarek McGlothlin, Noah Harrold, Madelyn Harrold, Sophia Harrold, Liam Hodge, Owen Hodge and a new edition baby boy Hodge, due to arrive in February 2019; and a great-great-granddaughter Everleigh Louise. Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Bill (Marty) Knauff; sister-in-law, Becky Curtis; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and his canine, Abby, the cream-colored Bichon-Pomeranian blend.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Edna Curtis; brothers Bob Curtis and Jimmy Curtis; a sister, Sharon Knauff; and Ruger, his treasured Irish setter.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Ralph E. Curtis will be at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, at the New Life Church, U.S. 31 bypass and 50 North, Rochester. Pastor Rick Small and Pastor Butch Troke will officiate. Ralph's family will receive friends two hours prior to his service Tuesday at the church. Burial will follow in Rochester's IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Fulton County Shop with a Cop, P.O. Box 284, Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be left at www.goodfamilyth.com. The Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements and caring for his family.

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Ralph E. Curtis Jr.

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Mr. Ralph E. Curtis Jr., 81, rural Rochester, was surrounded by his lov-