



## Mr. Ralph Alexander Pace

July 29, 2023

Ralph Alexander Pace passed away at his home in McAllen, Texas on Saturday, 29 July 2023 at 4:30 pm with his loving wife, Ginger at his bedside. He had been struggling with chronic illness for a few months.

Ralph A. Pace was born 4 May 1931 in Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico. He was one of four sons born to Coy Oren "Bob" Pace and wife, Evie Lee (King) Pace. Ralph was named after his grandfather, Clarence Alexander Pace. His father, Coy was employed by Halliburton Oil Well and Cementing Company and worked in many areas of Texas and New Mexico, and Ralph attended the local schools where they lived at the time. Due to his father being transferred numerous times, Ralph attend four different high schools where he played on the baseball and championship football teams. Ralph was also a member of the Projectionist Club and graduated in 1949 from Hobbs High School, Hobbs, New Mexico.

While his parents were living in Hobbs in 1950, Ralph began attending the University of Oklahoma (OU) at Norman, Oklahoma where he joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC). While he was attending college there, his parents moved to Midland, Texas. Ralph was then drafted into the United States Army on 12 September 1951 and ordered to report for induction at the Courthouse at Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico. He was sent to the Military Police Replacement Training Center, Camp Gordon, Georgia where

he completed his Basic Military Police Training (MOS 4677) on 2 February 1952. Private Ralph A. Pace, US54, 055, 484 was then sent to Korea. After being honorably discharged from the Army in Korea, Ralph returned to college but attended North Texas State College in Denton, Texas (now University of North Texas). However, he remained a devoted OU fan all his life. Ralph graduated on 21 August 1959 at North Texas State College with a Bachelor of Business Administration - Production Management. He worked in the field of packaging materials and equipment for many years, and he became very proficient in adapting the equipment to produce better packaging for special products. He worked for Gaylord Container Corporation, an American integrated manufacturer of packaging materials, primarily corrugated containers, which was later absorbed by Inland and eventually called Temple-Inland. After he left the company, he continued to be a valuable consultant in the industry.

Ralph A. Pace married Ginger Marie Pierson in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6 Feb 1980, and they established their life long home in McAllen, Texas. Ralph ended his employment with Inland to establish his own business, Pace Packaging Materials and Equipment, Inc. on 5 May 1986 and later incorporated the business on 26 Jun 1989 in McAllen, Texas. He was a very successful business owner and worked every day with his wife, Ginger in his own business venture until he dissolved the company on 5 November 2021 when they retired.

Ralph enjoyed spending time with wife Ginger watching movies and playing cards with friends. He was a life long fan of the NFL Dallas Cowboys and always enjoyed watching them play. Ralph also enjoyed spending time with friends and family as well as vacationing at their time share condo on Padre Island, Texas.

Ralph was predeceased by his parents; brother Donald Roy Pace and wife,

Vivian (Jackson) Pace; brother Harrison Wilkes "Harry" Pace and wife, Patsy Ruth "Pat" (McDaniel) Pace; and nephew David Harrison Pace. Ralph is survived by his wife, Ginger (Pierson) Pace, McAllen, Texas; brother Bobby Oren "Bob" Pace, Houston, Texas; former sister-in-law, Carolyn Emerson (Galloway) Pace Smejkal, Georgetown, Texas; sister-in-law Sandy Essman (Jim), Austin, Texas; sister-in-law Wendy White (Steve), College Station, Texas; niece Charlotte (Pace) Warren (Glen), Little Elm, Texas; Donald Roy Pace Jr (Diane), Little Elm, Texas; Jackson Oren Pace (Sheryl), Austin, Texas; Debbie Pace, Little Elm, Texas; Stephen Pace (Rose), Houston, Texas; Daniel Pace (Margaret), Austin, Texas; Jonathan Pace (Melissa), Austin, Texas; Cousin Cheryl (Pace) Frame (Dave), Red Lion, Pennsylvania; Cousin Randy "Tuffy" Pace, Houston, Texas; and Cousin Judy Pace, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Services are pending at Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc located at 314 N 10th Street, McAllen, Texas 78501. In lieu of flowers, family, friends and business associates are welcome to donate in Memory of Ralph A. Pace to the charity of their choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ralph Alexander Pace*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Ralph has been part of our family since 1975. We shared so many good times. Our children, Amanda and Jacob, grew up enjoying the Thanksgivings and Christmastimes hosted by Ralph and Ginger. We always looked forward to our yearly trips to Padre Island - enjoying fishing with Ralph and the trips to Blackbeard's for the chicken fried steak. Our children had many happy birthdays swimming in Ralph and Ginger's pool. And Ralph's barbecue was simply the best ever. Ralph was passionate about family and friends and made everyone feel welcome. His sense of humor was top notch and his wonderful laugh will never be forgotten. We love him dearly and will miss him.*

*Wendy (Pierson) and Steve White*

**Wendy and Steve White** - August 06, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *Ralph was a very caring man and wonderful husband to Ginger. He would always put her needs first and always made sure she was happy. Jack described Ralph as a gentleman's gentleman and that was so true. We have so many memories of Ralph being the sweetest man, loving husband and enjoying the Island. We will miss you, Ralph. Sending condolences to the Pace family and especially to his loving wife Ginger. Sincerely Jack and Eileen Stringer*

**Jack and Eileen Stringer** - August 05, 2023 at 05:28 PM

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“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Ginger and all of Ralph and Ginger’s family members. Ralph and Ginger have been my neighbors for almost 25 years. They welcomed me to the neighborhood in 1998 and have always ensured that my house was looked after when I was away from my home. I will miss Ralph’s smiling face as he walked over to the neighbors home to recycle his newspaper each day. RIP, Ralph Pace. Sincerely, Andrea Graham

Andrea Graham - August 03, 2023 at 07:39 PM

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Ralphie was a very dear family member and will be missed by all of us! He was a dear Cousin and I loved him dearly! My deepest condolences to dear Cousin Ginger who loved Ralph dearly and worked with him for many years in business and also cared for him in last years of illness! Love Cousin Randy

Randy Pace - August 06, 2023 at 06:41 PM

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Ralph was an important part of our family. We were so fortunate to live near his parents and brothers and their families for several years. We spent every weekend at his parents home where his dad would cook on his huge barrel BQ grill. Such fun to have the opportunity to be with cousin Ralph, Bob, Harry, Donald, their families, and Aunt Evie and Uncle Coy. My husband Dave and I bought a lot in Mission and ended up only being a few miles from Ralph and Ginger. I had not seen Ralph for 30 plus years. We had so much fun spending time with Ralph and Ginger while we spent winters there for about 17 years. We will treasure those moments for the rest of our lives. Our deepest sympathy for dear Ginger and all our family. With love, Cousin Cheryl and Dave

Cheryl and Dave Frame - August 08, 2023 at 01:04 PM