



Ralph W. Walleck Jr.

June 22, 1950 - February 22, 2026

Ralph W. Walleck, Jr. of Twin Lakes, WI passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington, WI after a long struggle with health issues, with family by his side.

Ralph was born on June 22, 1950, in Chicago, IL. He grew up in the city and developed a deep love for the outdoors, particularly spending time in Twin Lakes, where his parents built a home that would later become his retirement retreat.

He attended Gordon High School in Chicago and built a long 30-year career as a machinist at Vanguard Tool & Manufacturing Co. in the Chicagoland area.

Ralph retired in 2014 to the family home in Twin Lakes, WI, where he pursued his passions with enthusiasm. An avid fisherman, he spent countless hours on the water, especially on Lake Elizabeth, often with friends and family, a cooler of beer, and a fishing pole in hand. He frequently took fishing excursions throughout the Midwest, with his favorite being to the Wolf River.

A devoted enthusiast of British motorcycles, Ralph at one time owned a Norton, BSA, Triumph, and an Indian—and he took great pride in rebuilding, maintaining them himself, and was most proud of never crashing on one. He was also a passionate historian, collecting memorabilia from World War I and World War II, and he enjoyed reading extensively. His travels included a meaningful trip to Europe to trace his heritage.

Ralph was involved in his community as a member and former president of the Twin Lakes Sportsman Club, where he enjoyed target shooting and camaraderie with fellow members.

A devout bachelor, Ralph cherished time with friends and family. One family tradition was his habit of passing out shiny silver dollar coins at Christmas, delighting nieces, nephews, and loved ones. He will be fondly remembered for his love of simple pleasures, his stories,

and his generous spirit.

Ralph was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Walleck Sr., and his mother, Mildred Walleck. He is survived by his older brother Jim (Gayle) Walleck; older sister Annamarie Erickson; nephew Clarence (Leslie) Erickson; nieces Jody (the late Eddie) Herrera, Caroline Erickson, Mandy (CJ) Kasprzyk, and Heide (Kevin) Murray; many great-nieces and great-nephews; and his lifelong friends Ted Loster and Ted Senetra.

Following a private cremation, a Mass and private ceremony to celebrate Ralph's life will be held later this spring.

Arrangements are entrusted with Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home in Richmond, IL.

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