



## Ralph G Straight

June 20, 2017

After a long battle with cancer, Cpl. Ralph Grant Straight passed away at his home on June 20, 2017.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 yrs., Laurie. Only child, Amanda (Brandon), and only grandchild Riley Grant. Ralph always considered himself a blessed man. Also survived by his amazing sisters Shirley Prentiss (Richard) and Doris Parker (Byron).

Ralph served his country in the United States Army as a Sergeant during the Vietnam War. Upon returning home, he then served and protected his community as a Deputy Sheriff for 39 yrs. in Pinellas County where he was born and raised.

Besides being a devoted and loving husband, father and Pa-Pa. His passion was music. Ralph and his beloved Stratocaster "Lucy" have performed 100's of shows with his band "The Straightup Blues Band". He also was a talented singer and songwriter who has written, recorded and performed too many songs to count.

Ralph was always supported by family, friends and exceptional neighbors. As he would say, "This is my last Gig".

In lieu of flowers, please support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A charity that was very personal to him.

St. Jude's Children's Hospital

501 St. Jude Place

Memphis, TN 38105

To view and share this obit on facebook, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/rlwilliamsfh/posts/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Ralph G Straight uploaded a photo*

---

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lorrie & Denny - Neighbor posted a condolence Ralph and Laurie have been neighbors of ours for many, many years. Their daughter, Amanda, and my youngest son grew up playing together. In fact, they made a D.A.R.E. video for Ralph many years ago when he was doing presentations. We did garage sales together over the years and loved to visit with them over the years and watch our children grow up and now share grand children stories. They have been great friends and neighbors and we will miss Ralph but we are here for Laurie.*

---

**Lorrie & Denny - Neighbor** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robin Wilfong - Friend and coworker posted a condolence I grew up at the Sheriff's office with Ralph. He was a great fun loving guy to know. We had many fun times with Ralph and Laurie away from work. Rick and I both enjoyed going to hear the band. Rick still has a gospel album that Ralph put together many years ago. I worked with Ralph in Crime Analysis and he was always willing to help and listen. He served our country and our county. I know Ralph believed in our Lord and is in paradise now. He may even be playing some "Angel Blues". Miss you and love you Ralphie!!*

---

**Robin Wilfong - Friend and coworker** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Mike Gardner - Friend/ Keyboardist posted a condolence I was the keyboard player in The SUBB. Ralph and I played together for 20+ years and I can't think of a better guitar player that had such a feel for his music. I was worked with him at the PCSO and was his partner in Warrants at one point. He gave me a chance to be in his band and always encouraged me while I was learning to do the blues even when I was such a fumble fingers. My family will miss him greatly and our hearts go out to the Straight family, friends, and relatives for their loss. RIP Stratman!

---

**Mike Gardner - Friend/ Keyboardist** - June 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Gary Russell - Friend, Musician posted a condolence Ralph was always a Mentor for me, a Friend and a Musical Partner. We never lost contact even after I left the SO and moved all over the country. As a result I ended up playing music with him and later on sitting in with the "Staightup Blues Band," especially when Mike was unavailable. It has always been fun. I'm so glad we took the time to meet up within the last few weeks, catch-up, and talk a bit. He played his last tune he wrote and performed. He said he wished he never wrote it. But we all write our own future, he understood. I'll miss him greatly, I Love you man! CYA soon enough.

---

**Gary Russell - Friend, Musician** - June 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Douglas Morgan - Former PCSO detention Deputy posted a condolence I never worked with Cpl Straight He was assigned to Patrol and I was a Detention Deputy from 1985 to 2005. I am saddened by his loss ! He protected Pinellas County for 39 years as well as served to protect our country during the Vietnam war. Both service to his community and honorable service to his country speaks for itself on this honorable man that has lost the battle with cancer! He's not suffering anymore and I'm sure is playong his music in heaven My sincere condolences to his family ! RIP Cpl Straight ! Thank you for your service to our county and our country sir !

---

**Douglas Morgan - Former PCSO detention Deputy** - June 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Don Simon and Family - Blues Brother posted a condolence Ralph blessed my family and I with his music and his joy when playing. My heart goes out to Lori and Amanda and little Riley who will not get to know his Grandpa better. I am grateful and richer to have known him.

---

**Don Simon and Family - Blues Brother** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mark Dougherty - Coworker posted a condolence I worked with Ralph for many years at the SO. He was a great guy and a great cop. Heaven will be sounding even sweeter now. Many prayers and blessings to the family.

---

**Mark Dougherty - Coworker** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Debbie Justin-Florence - Friend posted a condolence Laurie, Amanda and Roo, am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing! I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you morn the loss of such an amazing husband, father, grandfather and friend. Ralph touched so many lives through his service to Pinellas County and especially through his music. Ralph will be deeply missed. May God Bless you all and comfort you in the days and months to come! God Bless, Debbie Justin-Florence*

---

**Debbie Justin-Florence - Friend** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Gene Chisler - friend posted a condolence Ralph, I remember as a enjoyable guy with a great sense of humor. I didn't work with him much but enjoyed the times I did.RIP*

---

**Gene Chisler - friend** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Charlotte Yawn - Cousin posted a condolence Laurie and Amanda... Prayers for your strength during this time. Ralph... you'll always be one of my favorite memories.*

---

**Charlotte Yawn - Cousin** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Joyce T. Livingston - Friend posted a condolence Laurie and family, He fought a good battle, didn't he? The love the two of you shared was evident in every picture taken, and every word spoken. He was blessed to have all of you as his family, and all of you were equally blessed to have had him in your hearts and lives. He's at peace now...his pain is no more. Cherish the memories--they will pull you through this. I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping your entire family in prayer. God Bless...*

---

**Joyce T. Livingston - Friend** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM