



## Ralph Eugene Purpur

September 19, 1934 - August 28, 2021

Ralph Eugene Purpur, 86, of Salisbury, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born September 19, 1934 in Danville, PA, he was the son of the late Arthur Kennedy Purpur and Ruth Ementine Dark Purpur.

He graduated May, 30, 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Purpur was employed for RCA in New York City, Celanese Corporation and then worked as the Vice President of International Audit for Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., headquartered in New York City, for the last 19 years of his career. In that time he traveled the world visiting and working in 95 countries.

He attended both St. Mark's Lutheran Church and St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Charlotte, was a member of the Washington Masonic Lodge #265 A.F & A.M. since 1960 and the Valley of Bloomsburg Scottish Rites, Bloomsburg, PA. Mr. Purpur served as a youth leader for churches in his younger years and a Boy Scout Leader for several years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 59 years, Eleanor Ann Purpur, January 9, 2015; a sister Rachelle Jean Cooper.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Debra Purpur, who he married on November 16, 2019; son, Steven Purpur and wife Melissa; step-daughter, the Rev. Adrienne Martin, and Suzanna Martin and husband Chris Bailey; sister, Beverly Hartman and husband Gregory; brother-in-law, Dr. Edward Hess and wife Linda.

A Memorial Service will be conducted 1 PM Thursday (Sept. 2) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, with the Rev. Dr. Timothy McKenzie and the Rev. Jeffrey Ingold, officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church Men in Mission or St. Mark's Outreach Ministries, 1001 Queens Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Purpur family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Charlotte, NC

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Belated sorrow for lost of my greatest boss and mentor.  
I worked for Ralph from 1999 and 1981 at Celanese.  
Years later, I was sitting at his side at the dinner in Montreal at the  
annual International Auditor conference when he was honored at as  
either the Audit Executive of the Year or Lifetime Achivement Award  
for having developed the most Fortune 500 Chief Auditor's ever  
including me. Ralph had an eye for talent and the savvy as well as  
passion. My later success was to his credit. God bless and keep  
him .*

*Walter Leen, age 80, Atlanta GA*

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**Walter Leen** - May 12, 2022 at 08:09 PM