



## Ralph Richard Panella

May 23, 1947 - August 18, 2023

Ralph Richard Panella, 76, of Davidson, NC, passed away on Friday, August 18, 2023 at his residence.

He was born on May 23, 1947 in Yonkers, NY, to the late Vincent Joseph Panella and Ida Pasquerelli Panella. Mr. Panella was a Communications Yeoman, 3rd class US Navy veteran; having served in Vietnam, Alaska, and Okinawa, Japan. He was honorably discharged with the National Defense Service Metal and the Good Conduct Metal. After serving his country, he was a district sales manager for 32 years. Ralph enjoyed kayaking, backpacking, and anything that would put him in nature. He was quick with a comeback and shared his humor with everyone he knew.

Ralph was survived by his wife, Diane Panella; sons, Carl Riggins and Jacob Riggins; grandchildren, Rory, Molly, Kailyn, and Carl Jr.; sister, Denise Mieras; several nieces and nephews and lots of friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 16 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM with military honors following at 12:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Ralph's honor to the Michael J Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Panella family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Other

SEP **16**. 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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494 E. Plaza Drive  
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# Tribute Wall

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**martha hartle** - August 29, 2023 at 08:40 PM

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**Patty Busch** - August 22, 2023 at 01:55 PM