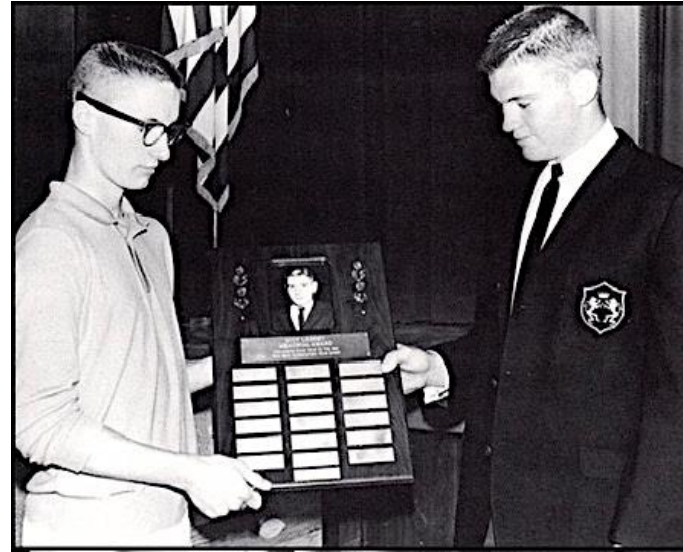


Ralph Looney: A Life of Service to Others

Ralph, a 1962 graduate of Ralston High School was active in sports, music, speech, and theater. During his sophomore year in college, his younger brother, Mickey passed away following a life of doing his very best for others to be at their best. In 1964, a Team Spirit Award was created for student-athletes that most exemplified Mickey's servant leadership as a student manager and friend. Ralph recognized Dan Wells as the first outstanding student-athlete recipient of the Mickey Looney Memorial Award.



Following graduation from Wayne State College, Ralph worked in his family's business of designing, constructing, and maintaining electrical sub-stations in the mid-west. He was an on-site project manager, and a certified and very accomplished aluminum welder. In life, Ralph had a growth mindset with a never-ending gift of lifelong learning, he and his wife, Mary Lou, shared with their five children. That curiosity fueled his passion for service throughout his 80 years of life.

Purpose, Devotion, and Fulfillment



Ralph was a very caring, compassionate gentleman. His enthusiasm was evident in everything he did and made life a joy for everyone around him. He was instrumental in creating the Mickey Looney Team Spirit Scholarship at the Ralston Schools Foundation in 2020. His tireless efforts culminated in endowing Mickey's scholarship for generations of graduating seniors that excel academically in their service to others. As the account continues to grow in value, more opportunities will be created for students.

For over a decade, Ralph and Denny Olmstead organized and facilitated the yearly class reunions in Branson, MO. As the master of ceremonies, Ralph charmed and entertained his classmates with his wit and humor. He was one of a kind. His kindred spirits extended to his mission work in Africa with his wife. As a husband, father, grandfather, friend, and classmate, Ralph left an indelible mark of kindness, generosity, and an unwavering spirit toward others who enriched his life.

