



## Owen Ray Setzer

March 23, 1934 - November 22, 2021

Owen Ray O.R. Setzer, 87, of Huntersville, died peacefully Monday, November 22, 2021 at his home with his family by his side.

O.R. was born March 23, 1934, in Newton, N.C., the son of Owen Lee and Clara Caroline Settlemyer Setzer. In August of 1953, O.R. enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Vienna, Austria, before being honorably discharged in 1955. He enrolled and graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College after his service in the military. O.R. spent most of his life in and around Catawba County, N.C. with his wife, Jean, whom he married in 1957. After a 25-year career as a health inspector for the State of North Carolina, he and Jean made their home in the Charlotte area, living in Cornelius for the past 25 years.

Anyone who knew O.R. knew that he enjoyed a few things in life – his family, a good laugh, and a good dessert. Known as Pappaw to his grandchildren, O.R. relished in the time he got to spend watching them grow into adults. He and Jean were avid travelers, visiting 49 states many times over through their post-retirement photography business, even returning to “Old Vienna” and other parts of Europe. Together, they were politically active and were champions for social justice. O.R. will be remembered for his kind spirit, unconditional acceptance of others, and his boisterous laugh.

O.R. leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Jean, his daughter Lorae Lewchalemwong (Charlie) of Charlotte, N.C., son Britt Setzer (Maia) of Huntersville, N.C., grandchildren Amera Lewchalemwong (Joe), Mesa Lewchalemwong (Jarrett), Ben Setzer (Katherine), Joe Setzer, great-grandchildren Seneca and Ramsey, along with many other relatives and friends.

There will be a small service for immediate family members only. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Novant Health Hospice, P.O. Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233-3549.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



# Comments

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“ Truly a gentle and giving spirit. His smile and laugh will be truly missed. He was a one of a kind patient in my dental practice. He knew how to make me and my staff feel good about our day. Prayers to Jean and family.

Keith Kye, DDS

Keith Kye - December 06, 2021 at 11:21 AM

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“ Sure will miss Uncle OR...condolences and blessings of peace to Aunt Jean, Brit, Lorae and all the family.

Patrick Setzer - November 25, 2021 at 02:24 PM

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“ OR we will miss your wonderful humor, smile and laugh! God bless you. Our condolences family. Love Paul Larisa and Nathalie Setzer

Paul Setzer - November 25, 2021 at 12:55 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Owen Ray Setzer.



November 24, 2021 at 10:09 AM

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“ 10 files added to the album Pappaw



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“ Boisterous laughter bursting out...that is what I remember the most as a child growing up...when Uncle O.R. was around. He could be counted on to light up the room at family gatherings. Sending my love to Aunt Jean and my cousins as well as their families. I've learned over the last few years that when you feel great loss, it means you experienced a great love. Love, Cindy



Cindy McEver - November 23, 2021 at 11:04 AM

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“ We enjoyed his friendship for many years. Such a fine man. Our love to Jean, Lorraine and family, our son in law Britt and family. From Bill and Shirley McAnulty

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