



## Ralph L Woythaler

April 12, 1942 - March 14, 2024

Ralph Woythaler, age 81, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2024. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and remarkable achievements.

Ralph was born in Brooklyn, New York to Bernard and Theresa Woythaler. As the oldest of seven children including Michael, Lawrence, Bernard, Laura, Theresa, and John, he embraced his role as a loving and supportive older brother, nurturing a strong bond that would last a lifetime.

In 1966 Ralph married the love of his life, Barbara. Their love story blossomed into a beautiful union lasting over five decades. Their marriage is a testament to friendship, resilience, and unconditional support.

Ralph's dedication to family was unwavering and evident in his devotion to his beloved wife, and their four sons John (Meri), Robert (Jerico), Christopher (Glaucia), and Craig (David). His grandchildren, Kate, Grace, Jude, Sophia and Vivian were a light of his life, bringing him endless joy and pride.

Professionally, In 1967, he co-founded an optical business that would grow into one of the largest independent optical labs in the United States. His passion for work and commitment to excellence, earned him a place in the optical pioneers Hall of Fame.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Ralph will be remembered for his infectious smile, hardy laugh, and genuine kindness. He had a gift of making others feel valued and cherished, touching all who knew him. Ralph's legacy of warmth, generosity and friendship will continue to inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Rest in peace, Ralph. You will be deeply missed, but your spirit will forever shine brightly in our hearts.

A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home on March 19th from 4-7pm. The funeral mass will be held at The Cathedral of St Ignatius Loyola on March 20th at 12:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital and Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Prayer Service

MAR 19 (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

*Time to be determined*

## Funeral Mass

MAR 20. 12:30 PM (ET)

Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola  
9999 North Military Trail  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*Service is in the cathedral*

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I have such fond memories of any time spent with him and the rest of the Woythaler clan. What a wonderful man, an amazing life, and a legacy of love and joy that he leaves with all of us. Our best to all of you.  
Love,  
Larry, Lauri, Jamie, and Jason Kraft

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**Larry Kraft** - March 28, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JL

“ Dear Barbara, John, Rob, Chris, and Craig,

*My heart is broken. From the moment that Ralph was called Home, my thoughts and prayers have been with all of you every day.*

*Although I sadly couldn't be in Florida today, I took time in silence, prayer and in his memory at the time of what I am sure was a beautiful celebration of his amazing life and the very special man who meant ever so much to me in my own life. I feel so fortunate to have known him, his warmth and welcoming and sense of humor, and so very grateful for all the time I had to spend with him in your home and so so many gatherings, and for how he extended himself to pave the way for me for my first job in the business world.*

*John, Rob, Chris, and Craig, I know what your father and his love were to each of you. I know to have lost your father is to have lost a friend as well as the one whose guidance, wisdom, and strength supported all of you like a tree trunk supports its branches. Barbara, I pray that the deep love you shared together will sustain you forever. I loved your love for one another and felt it whenever I was with you.*

*I will continue to hold all of you in my heart.*

*May you rest in peace Ralph, and in the knowledge that your love and legacy live on through all the lives you touched.*

*Joanne (Lisa)*

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**Joanne Lisa** - March 20, 2024 at 11:46 PM

MG

“ To the Woythaler family. I am so deeply thankful to know Ralph for over 20yrs as my Boss, like a father. It's been truly a blessing knowing him, alone with Mike and my favorite Barney. We all was like a family at 21st century optics. I will miss him deeply. My prayers are with you guys and I hope you all just be there for one another and especially for Mom. I will keep in touch.

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**Michelle Gore** - March 20, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TM

“ My name is Tess T. Mackey I have only knew Ralph and Barbara for a very very short time but I learned and felt really quickly that Ralph is a PHENOMENAL HUMAN Your life is bright and The love you have spread is Everlasting. May you rest in peace and May your loved ones continue to smile when you are mentioned. Just know your spirit lives on forever 🙏

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**TESS TISCHELLE MACKEY** - March 20, 2024 at 08:09 AM

NK

“ Dear Chris and Family:

*My deepest condolences for the passing of your father. May God showers your father with love and mercy and may he give you, your mom and family strength and patience.*

*God bless,*

*Nile Khanfar*

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**Nile M. Khanfar** - March 19, 2024 at 11:13 AM

HF

“ It was a joy to know you Ralph. You will be surely missed. Much love to Barbara, John, Rob, Chris, Craig, Kate, Grace, Jude, Sophia, Vivian and all the beautiful people in your life. ❤️❤️

Helen Frost - March 19, 2024 at 07:08 AM

AC

“ Querida y amada flia. sentimos tanto la partida de Ralph que no encontramos las palabras para calmarles tanto dolor. un esposo y padre ejemplar. Ruego a Dios nuestro señor les cobije bajo su manto y les traiga la paz y la tranquilidad de saberlo junto al señor. QEPD  
Candia Familia

Alicia De Belli Candia - March 18, 2024 at 07:35 PM

JW

❤️ Los amo!

Jerico Candia Woythaler - March 18, 2024 at 09:49 PM

NZ

“ Dear Barbara, John, Chris, Robert, Craig (and all of the Woythaler clan), Mom & I are saddened to learn of Ralph's passing. I will always carry fond memories of my summers spent up in Roscoe with the family. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May Ralph's memory always be a blessing.



Love, Nicole & Joannah Zafiris

Nicole Zafiris - March 18, 2024 at 07:30 PM

BG

“ Dear Aunt Barbara & cousins,  
Sending you all my prayers, love, & peace at  
this very sad time. I’m glad to have known  
Uncle Ralph and shared his warmth & love of  
family. Hugs to you all. Love Barbara G.



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**Barbara Guerra** - March 18, 2024 at 06:33 PM

RL

“ You may never meet a man who more faithfully exceeded to live by  
his values. He’s been part of my life’s journey as my coach on the  
field, my boss and mentor at the job, my admiral through squalls  
and heavy waves, my go to guy, my “let’s go on another adventure”  
advocate, and always my Dad. He’s an entrepreneurial engineer  
who cleared many land mines on my life’s path. Even with all his  
efforts, I managed to detonate some of my own explosives.

*My dad loved and cherished my mom. He told me one day, “with  
every fiber of my body”. At my young age, early twenty something,  
that intense description struck me, and stuck with me. I knew that if I  
emulated my dad, I would be on the right path.*

*My father relished the good things in life, as long as family and  
friends were at the core of it. Share Ralph’s legacy for kindness with  
everyone else who did not have the fortune of knowing him.*

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**RLW** - March 18, 2024 at 05:10 PM

RK

*I have loved and admired Ralph all my life of almost 8 decades. I will  
miss his strength, sense of humor, and kind, giving nature. I remember  
many wonderful shared moments. He was truly a big brother to me.*  
Randy

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**Randy Kraft** - March 18, 2024 at 08:54 PM

GW

*Uncle Ralph was an exceptional leader who exhibited such sincerity. He was always interested in how I was navigating through life, and always displayed such love in doing so. He was aware of hardships that I went through, and truly took the time to let me know how much he cared about my well-being and future. I am so grateful for his extraordinary leadership amongst the family, and the family business. - Gregory Woythaler*

Gregory Woythaler - March 20, 2024 at 10:58 AM

BW

*“ Ralph was great guy and I’m glad he was my friend. He was all about family, and it breaks my heart that he’s gone.*

Brian Waters - March 18, 2024 at 04:42 PM

HN

*“ Estamos surpresos e tristes com a perda irreparável do Sr. Ralph Woythaler.  
Enviamos nossos sinceros pêsames para toda a família e que Deus dê forças para suportar tão grande perda.*

Horácio e Nauriá - March 18, 2024 at 03:04 PM

KT

*“ Ralph was an amazing husband, father, brother and friend.*

*We enjoyed so many holidays with the Woythaler crew over the years at their house for Thanksgiving, and the unforgettable reunions in the Hamptons. Always a great time filled with laughter and maybe a few pranks here and there....*

*We will miss him dearly! 💔*

*Karen Burke - Tuozzo*

karen tuozzo - March 18, 2024 at 11:18 AM

MC

“ Queridos Gláucia, Sophia, Vivian e Christopher, neste momento de profunda tristeza, envio os meus mais sinceros sentimentos de pesar.

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**Miriam Camargo** - March 17, 2024 at 03:07 PM

CB

“ I am at a loss for words during this sorrowful time.  
I want to express my condolences to Woythaler family.  
May GOD be with you. May HE comfort and strengthen you all with HIS right hand.

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**Cristiane Branquinho** - March 17, 2024 at 01:58 PM

FR

“ Dear Chris and Rob. I am truly sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Please know that our thoughts are with you and your family during this time, and we are here for you if you need anything. May you find peace in the loving memories you shared with him. Sending love and prayers to you and your family. Wallace and Flavia

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**Flavia Rego** - March 16, 2024 at 08:51 PM

SO

“ Chris my friend, words cannot express how sorry we are to hear of your loss ,God will take care your heart, time will help you to be strong and we friends, we gonna be always around , silently , just been friends !We love you and your hall family ❤️

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**Sandra Oliveira** - March 16, 2024 at 07:59 PM

MB

“ Chris,

*Fiquei profundamente entristecido ao saber do falecimento do seu pai. Neste momento tão doloroso, gostaria de expressar meu mais profundo pesar e solidariedade a você e sua família. Que a fé que os une e o amor que compartilham possam ser fontes de conforto e força para superar essa perda. Que as lembranças preciosas que vocês guardam sejam luzes de esperança em meio à escuridão da dor.*

*Com sinceras condolências,*

*Marcelo.*

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**Marcelo Barros** - March 16, 2024 at 07:32 PM

VM

“ *Sending my condolences to the beautiful Woythaler family. There will always be fond memories of our days at Eye-Glasses, Inc. (still the best name for a lab ever). My thoughts are with all of you.*

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**Vicki Masliah** - March 16, 2024 at 12:57 PM

CP

“ *Chris, meus sentimentos por sua perda e da sua família. Transmita à sua mãe e aos seus irmãos as nossas condolências, minha, da Nilva, do Yuri e da Camilla. Que Deus possa confortá-los neste momento de angústia e perda. Um fraterno abraço a todos. Carlos Prado.*

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**Carlos Prado** - March 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

RO

“ Will miss this amazing man. He was passionate about life and family. Lived and loved well in the time that God gave him.

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**Rosemarie** - March 15, 2024 at 06:19 PM

ED

“ You go through life and if lucky you come in contact with someone like Ralph.  
My life improved significantly knowing and collaborating with Ralph and his fantastic family. We worked hard in the optical industry. We owned some good harness together.  
We golfed some of the best courses in the USA.  
Shared many meals together.  
Got inducted into the Optical Hall of Fame.  
The man had the largest heart ever.  
Ralph worked more in a day than most worked in a week.  
Ralph had more integrity than anyone you could ever meet.  
Ralph's love for Barbara and his family was off the charts.  
If you were lucky enough to be Ralph's friend you could always count on his support.  
There aren't many people I loved more than and respected more than Ralph Woythaler.  
My prayers go out to the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Edward DeRosa** - March 15, 2024 at 06:00 PM

GB

“ Estou muito triste com a partida do Sr Ralph. Agradeço por ter tido a oportunidade de conhecê-lo pessoalmente. Um homem extremamente gentil e amoroso. Que o Sr esteja nos braços do Pai nesse instante sendo cuidado e amparado. Que Deus conforte o coração de todos os familiares! Com amor, Gleide Prado.

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**Gleide Prado Barros** - March 15, 2024 at 05:56 PM

CV

*Sinto profundamente a perda do Sr. Ralf. Estive aí mês passado e não pude revê-los, mas esperava sinceramente que ele se recuperasse. Sinto sua dor em meu coração. Que as palavras do Nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo os console. João 11: 25*

Cláudia Alves do Prado Voss - March 15, 2024 at 07:47 PM

MW

*“ I loved my Uncle Ralph and will miss him. As I think about him, what comes to mind is how happy he always was to see me; there was always a shine in his eyes, a hearty hug, and a kiss. RIP, your nephew, Matt*

Matthew Woythaler - March 15, 2024 at 05:27 PM

BE

*I am furious that you are leaving me. My partner, I will miss you terribly!!*

ben - March 15, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JT

*To a kind and gentle man that will be missed by all. I know Jack will be there to greet you With his driver in hand and ask if you made a tee time yet! Hit them well guys! 🙏❤️*

Joanne Terry - March 15, 2024 at 06:05 PM

BT

*Uncle Ralph was an amazing person all around, our Family Unit has lost a great one. Wishing all the Woythalers sincerest condolences. God Bless*

Brendan Townley - March 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JT

*Remembering our times at the lake when we worked together to buy it! Remembering, too, our "septic inspections" and the great times we spent together. God, I am sure welcomed you into his heavenly kingdom with open arms.*

*Jim and Betty Tempel*

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**James Tempel** - March 16, 2024 at 01:49 PM

FK

*So many memories of a wonderful friendship. We will miss your beautiful smile, your laugh and your genuine love for life. Our heartfelt condolences to Barbara, John & Meri, Robert & Jericho, Chris & Glauca, Craig & David and all your beautiful granddaughters. You will be missed. Rest in peace our friend. Fay & Mike*

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**Fay Kemp** - March 20, 2024 at 06:44 PM