

Biography of Ralph Wiseman



Ralph Wiseman (1944-2013) was a dedicated genealogy researcher, who started digging into his family roots in the 1970s to fulfill a request from his mother to continue the work she'd started on her Pfaff family roots. He always jumped at the chance to translate new records and help other researchers. He was especially instrumental in translating the St. Petersburg records for Odessa and Freudental, which are now included in the Odessa Region Families tree in the Black Sea German database.

He regularly attended genealogy organization meetings and conferences, always greeting fellow researchers with a smile. His daughter, Jodie, says about her dad, "My dad smiled more than he didn't, and he was more of a rascal than we all suspected."

Professionally, he served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, and was decorated as a veteran of the Vietnam War. After retiring from the military service, he continued to serve others by working with men in the Adult Rehabilitation Center of the Salvation Army. His love of family history was rooted in his love for his own family, including his wife, Delores, 2 children, and 6 grandchildren.