

In Memoriam for our Member who has Passed



*Like branches on a Tree, we all
grow in different directions; but
our roots keep us all together.*



*Ralph
Sandoz*

Member of Coleraine Historical Society:

Positions held in CHS:

Obituary

Former Colerain trustee Ralph Sandoz dies at 93



U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot presented Colerain Township resident and former trustee Ralph Sandoz with medals he earned during World War II.

Former Colerain Township Trustee **Ralph Sandoz died November 29, 2013** at Cedar Village in Mason. He was 93.

He and his wife, Betty, were recuperating from a severe automobile accident that happened in September.

Ralph Sandoz, son of the late Ida Queckenstedt and William (Sandy) Sandoz, a Cincinnati policeman, was born June 24, 1919, grew up in Corryville. He served in the Coast Guard in World War II. Last year he was presented medals he earned while serving: the Navy Combat Action Ribbon, the American Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Honorable Discharge Button and the Honorable Service Pin.

After his return from the service, Mr. Sandoz joined the Cincinnati Local No. 18 Bricklayers Union. During his apprenticeship he won an international apprentice competition.

After recuperation from a major injury on the job, Mr. Sandoz began serving in the bricklayers' union administration. During his tenure, he met with President Gerald Ford while participating in the Reception for Labor Leaders from Southern Ohio in 1976.

Mr. Sandoz became active in Colerain Township politics in the mid-1980s, when the township trustees shut down the Colerain Township Police Department over funding issues. Township resident Kathy Mohr says she met Mr. Sandoz through the formation The Concerned Citizens of Colerain Township, formed to fight for the reinstatement of the department. "Ralph was a big supporter of safety services," she said. Mr. Sandoz ran for trustee in 1989 and served on the board from 1990 to 1994. He also served on the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals for several years.

His wife said Mr. Sandoz raised and rode horses, loved to hunt and was an avid supporter of the National Rifle Association. He was also a senior member of the Fairfield Sportsmen's Association, the College Hill Masonic Order No. 641, the Scottish Rights Valley of Cincinnati, and a life member of the VFW Gailey Post No. 7340.

He was a artist and captured much of what he found beautiful in the world in his stained glass creations. He started and was co-instructor for the first stained glass classes at the Colerain Township Community Center.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Sandoz is survived by his stepson Robert Bare and his wife Jennifer, and stepdaughter Dr. Kathleen Bare and her fiancé, Tom McAlpin.

Mr. Sandoz' body has been donated to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.