



## Richard Warren Ruder

August 4, 1929 - February 3, 2023

Richard Warren Ruder of Willcox passed away Friday morning at his home on February 3, 2023, at the age of 93. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 4, 1929, to Oscar Walter Ruder and Leora Margaret (Bell) Ruder. Richard served in the United States Army as a paratrooper/ military police and was honorably discharge on January 9, 1953, with the rank of Corporal. He farmed in Michigan, and was a retired teacher, teaching in both Michigan and Arizona. Richard attended Wynne Chapel in Richland Ranchettes and also the Willcox Church of the Nazarene. He was a long-time member of Gideons International. On September 4, 1953, in Hastings, Michigan Richard married Marie E. Plank and had 57 years of marriage before her passing on November 19, 2011, and to this union had two children John W. (Sandra) Ruder of Hillsboro, Kansas, and Catherine M. (Dawson L.) Kirk of Willcox who survives him. Richard is also survived by his grandchildren Brooke (Daniel) Brantley, Lance W. Ruder, D. Kyle (Brittany) Kirk and Aubrey M. Kirk and great grandchildren Harrison Brantley, Natalie Brantley, Jesse Kirk, Jaxson Kirk and Landen Kirk and his brother Donald (Joan) Ruder along with numerous nieces and nephews. On February 16, 2013, at Wynne Chapel he married Janice Silvering Gennrich who also survives him. Preceding him in death besides his wife Marie, were his parents and his brothers John and Arthur Ruder. A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Westlawn Chapel. Funeral Services will be 1:00 pm on Friday, February 10, 2023, at The Willcox Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow in Sunset

Cemetery with military honors rendered by the Fort Huachuca Military Honor Guard. Contributions may be made in his Richards name to Gideons.org or Gideons International P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Church of the Nazarene  
1761 N. Taylor Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sheena Logan lit a candle in memory of Richard Ruder*



Sheena Logan - February 07, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Richard Warren Ruder.*



February 07, 2023 at 08:10 AM

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“ *LeRoy & Wanda, Sherry & Tammy Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Warren Ruder.*



LeRoy & Wanda, Sherry & Tammy Families - February 05, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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“ *Linda MacDougall lit a candle in memory of Richard Ruder*



Linda MacDougall - February 04, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Ruder*



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**Betsy Ajeman** - February 04, 2023 at 07:06 AM