



Robert John "Bob" Walters

July 1, 1930 - January 21, 2023

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Robert John "Bob" Walters, 92, of Alton, passed away at 11:26 p.m., on January 21, 2023 at Cedar Creek, surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was born on July 1, 1930, in Alton, IL, the son of Joseph H. and Liguori C. (Dwiggins) Walters. He married Jeanne Osseck on May 19, 1956, at St. Louis Cathedral, in St. Louis, MO. Jeanne preceded him in death on September 18, 2009. Bob is survived by eight children; Jim (Angela) Walters of Normal, IL, Theresa Logan of Godfrey, IL, Linda (Justin) Scheiter of Godfrey, IL, Tom (Megan) Walters of Chatham, IL, Mike (Polly) Walters of Godfrey, IL, Carolyn (Bob) McCluskey of Godfrey, IL, Mary (Ed) Zamorski of Canton, GA and David (Karen) Walters of Godfrey, IL; twenty grandchildren, Jake (Paige) Walters, Ellen (George) Khoury and Jon Walters; Christopher (Casey) Logan and Patrick Logan; Sydney, Sam and Jackson Scheiter; Matt (Jenna) Walters and Ryan Walters; Hannah, Nathan and Meredith (Meme) Walters; Andrew and Daniel McCluskey; Alex, Ethan and Liesa Armstrong; and Valerie and Nina Walters; and three great grandchildren, Evelyn Logan; Ella Walters; Isabella Walters. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jeanne, his parents, his sister Virginia and his brother Joseph; his son Robert John Jr., his son-in-law David Logan and grandson Robert Logan.

Bob graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, WI and St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. After graduation, Bob served in the United States Army in Korea from 1953 to 1954. He then worked with his

brother Joseph in the family business at J.H. Walters Company. He worked for the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. In 1970, he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, where he proudly served his constituents for two terms. In 1978, he became Executive Director of the Southwestern Illinois Industrial Association until his retirement in 2000. In 2005, he was appointed to the Illinois State Board of Elections until 2012. Bob was also active with the Alton Foundation and William M. BeDell, ARC. He and his wife Jeanne founded the Serra Club of Madison County.

Many will remember Bob for his love of sports, as an athlete, a coach and an avid fan of Alton Marquette Catholic High School, Alton High School and Lewis & Clark Community College athletics. He tended to stand out in a crowd with an unlit cigar, an orange dayglow Winchester hat and a wit that could make someone smile in any situation. His family will always remember him for his incredible faith in God, his attention to family and friends and his undying love for his wife Jeanne.

In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January, 26, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Robert Logan Memorial Scholarship Fund, Marquette Catholic High School, St. Mary's Catholic School or William M. BeDell, ARC. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Mass

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ Robert John "Bob" Walters

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Robert John "Bob" Walters

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.



January 26, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.



January 26, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.



January 26, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.



January 26, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.



January 25, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.



January 25, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.*



January 25, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Greetings to Mike and Tom and the rest of Bob's kids; Phyllis and I are in Florida for the winter and will be absent when you Celebrate the Great Life of your Dad and His going "Home" to be with Jean. Your Dad and I spent a lot of time Lobbying together; campaigning for each other and being Business Friends. Phyllis served as His "Running Mate" for one Legislative Campaign. He was "ONE OF A KIND" a very fine and unique Personality. He deserves all the Accolades that can be given to Him. With our Love and Sympathy*

Jon and Phyllis Walker

Jon Walker - January 25, 2023 at 04:12 PM



Tom, Megan and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Walters family at this difficult time. What an incredible legacy your patriarch, Mr. Walters has left behind. Our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy. Please accept our most heartfelt condolences.

Dan and Dena Sale

dan sale - January 25, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.*



January 25, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.*



January 25, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bob" Walters.*



January 24, 2023 at 02:18 PM



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January 24, 2023 at 12:19 AM

SD

“ Bob Walters was highly regarded in our community for his strong principles and high morals. He stood strong for the Pro life movement and along with Phyllis Schlafly became my mentor over the years when we moved to the Alton community in 1971. He touched many people with his dedication and leadership to stand up for what is right. He was a blessing to our community and was most admired for the loving way he treated his family. We've lost a true soldier.

My condolences to all his children.

Sarah Ann Daniel

Godfrey

Sarah Ann Daniel - January 23, 2023 at 11:07 PM

JH

“ I will always remember the day I met Bob - we were both attending an Eagle Forum convention in St. Louis, summer of 2020 and we were so excited to be there with Phyllis Schlafly. Bob and I discovered we had much in common and developed an immediate friendship. A few days later, I became the Athletic Director at Marquette Catholic High School, and the rest is history. Bob became the wind beneath my wings, and a Marquette mentor. He was a life-long Explorer fan for sure. I'm honored and blessed to call Bob Walters "Friend" - may he rest in peace. Jack Holmes

Jack Holmes - January 23, 2023 at 08:51 PM

PB

“ My parents, Polly and Fred Hoffman, thought very highly of him. I am so sorry for your loss. Pam Hoffman Buchanan

Pama Buchanan - January 23, 2023 at 08:25 PM

MD

“ *Mike, Polly & Family - Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember your Dad & Grandfather who was so close to you. We are so very sorry for your loss.*

*With much love,
Michelle, Ernie & Nick DeAngelis*

Michelle DeAngelis - January 23, 2023 at 07:43 PM