



Walter John Renken Jr.

October 30, 1946 - May 17, 2019

Dateline: Alton

Walter John Renken Jr., 72, passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019 at Alton Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. Born October 30, 1946 in Alton, he was the son of Walter John and Harriett (Black) Renken. Mr. Renken retired from the Alton Telegraph as a night production manager on June 7, 2013. On April 1, 1981 he married the former Margaret E. Bierbaum in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Martha (Alex) Pfister of Chicago, three sons, Scott (Linda) Renken of Oakville, MO, John (Jessica) Renken of Ballwin, MO, and Kenny Renken of Creve Coeur, MO, 11 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one sister, Harriette (David) Schmick of Salisbury, Maryland and Tammy Hatcher of Godfrey who was the fiancé' of his son Thomas who preceded him in death. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Renken, and a brother, Bill Renken. Walter was a kind and generous soul who will be greatly missed. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 12:00 noon Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Evangelical United Church of Christ, 1212 W Homer M Adams Pkwy, Godfrey, IL 62035. Reverend Jerry McCaskey will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Hope Rescue Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 397, Godfrey, IL 62035. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
1212 Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter John Renken Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



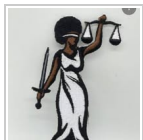
“ *Walter John Renken Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Everyone was so happy to see Walter at Eric and Ke'Onna's wedding last June. Happy memory. Eileen Leikach*

Eileen Leikach - May 23, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *I am just this moment finding out about Walter! He was my supervisor and we became friends 26 years ago at The Telegraph. I will never forget his kindness and compassion and great sense of humor. My deepest sympathies to Margaret and the rest of his family. Peace be with you Walter.*

Patricia Hamilton Badman - May 22, 2019 at 11:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter John Renken Jr..*



May 22, 2019 at 07:28 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter John Renken Jr..*



May 21, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ *Harriette/David Schmick and the Leikachs purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Walter John Renken Jr..*



Harriette/David Schmick and the Leikachs - May 21, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Margaret,*

Thinking of you and your family. Sending love, hugs, and prayers. So many fun times with you, more will come, I promise.

*Love,
Ann (Lorsbach) Duckworth*



ann - May 21, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *So many shared memories of growing up together. It is so hard to believe that I will have to wait to be with him again. I pray that the Father God will sustain us all with his eternal love and care. Sis*

Harriette Schmick - May 21, 2019 at 06:57 AM

DJ

“ Margaret - this breaks my heart for you and I'm praying for peace and comfort at this time of unexpected loss. You're in my thoughts, Diane Jackson (Matt. 5:4)

Diane Jackson - May 20, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Walter John Renken Jr..



May 20, 2019 at 05:43 PM

DL

“ Even though we are far in distance, we were fortunate to have many family memories together. From trips when I was a kid to family celebrations - I treasure my Illinois family. This is a huge hole in our hearts and we will miss Uncle Jr (as he will always be known to me) dearly. Love you all. Neil, Dixie, Marc, Eric and Ke'Onna

dixie leikach - May 20, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ COOKIES AND I SPY EVERY WED . RIP FRIEND

Bill Robinson - May 20, 2019 at 05:12 PM

MR

“ I loved looking into the audience during Myny Band concerts and seeing Walter’s & Margaret’s friendly faces and getting an occasional wave. I don’t know your whole family, but Margaret and Martha, my heart breaks for your loss. Praying for God’s peace to surround you and your family now and forever.

Martha Roberts - May 20, 2019 at 04:33 PM