



Raymond L. Walters, Sr.

April 3, 1924 - July 14, 2015

Mr. Raymond Lamarne Walters, Sr.
Former Mayor of North Augusta

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mr. Raymond Lamarne Walters, Sr., 91, of North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest July 14, 2015, will be conducted Friday morning at 10 o'clock in Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr. and Rev. Tyler Strange officiating.

Born April 3, 1924 in Atlanta, GA the son of Carl Walters, Sr. and Myrtiez Brannon, Mr. Walters grew up in Columbus, Georgia. He has made North Augusta his home for the past 54 years. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Lucy Alston Walters, a son, William Bruce Walters and two brothers, Carl Walters, Jr. and Paul Thomas Roy.

Mr. Walters was the 2013 Recipient of "The Lou Brissie Award". He received a collegiate baseball scholarship to the University of North Carolina where he lettered in baseball, football, basketball and was President of the UNC Athletic Association. Mr. Walters played and competed with Ted Williams, "Doc" Blanchard and Otto Graham, and he had the privilege to meet the Yankee legend, Babe Ruth. He played the physically demanding position of catcher for the Wilmington Delaware Blue Rocks, the Utica New York Blue Sox, the Schenectady New York Blue Jays, the Danville Virginia Leafs and the

Americus Georgia Phillies. While playing with the Americus Georgia Phillies, he carried a most impressive .343 batting average.

In 1947, Mr. Walters led the Georgia Florida Minor Leagues in hitting. He signed a commitment to play professional baseball with the Boston Red Sox. His commitment was later bought out by the Philadelphia Phillies. He caught for the future Dodgers manager, Tommy Lasorda and became friends with Pat Riley, the future coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, the New York Knicks and the Miami Heat. An unfortunate collision at home plate severely broke this catcher's right wrist in five places, shattering his future major league baseball dreams.

Mr. Walters was one of seventy individuals selected from 700 applicants to participate and become a member of the US Navy ROTC. He served as an Ensign during World War II. He personified the definition of "America's Greatest Generation."

In the 1960's, Mr. Walters began coaching and mentoring many of North Augusta's "Boys of Summer" playing Dixie Boys Baseball at the Mealing Field Complex. In 1967, he led the North Augusta All Stars to wins in district and state tournaments all the way to Jackson, Mississippi and the Dixie Boys World Series Tournament. He and his players returned the first World Series winner's trophy to their North Augusta community. This was an unmatched sports achievement until North Augusta's "Boys of Summer" won a second World Series title in 2005. In 1968, Mr. Walters was recruited as one of the coaches for North Augusta High School baseball team.

He served on the North Augusta City Council from 1967 to 1971. Mr. Walters is considered one of North Augusta's most distinguished mayors serving from 1971-1975. He was responsible for the procurement and purchase of one of the most important pieces of property for North Augusta and for future

generations of youth sports programs, the Riverview Athletic Activities Complex.

Mr. Walters was a former member of the Board of Directors of the University Hospital, West Lake Country Club and was a member of the North Augusta Optimist Club. He was the co-owner of Koger-Walters Oil Company. He was a true Southern gentleman demonstrating integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, humbleness, accountability, responsibility and sincerity in all aspects of his life. Most importantly, he was a strong Christian man of God who loved the Lord, his family, his country, his community and was a man of character who "walked his talk." He was a pillar of his beloved Grace United Methodist Church and of the city of North Augusta.

Survivors include a son, Raymond L. Walters, Jr. (Claire), Augusta; a daughter, Carla W. Ellis (Larry), North Augusta; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, James Arthur Roy, Woodstock, Georgia; several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to his dear friend and caregiver for the past three years, Mr. Melvin Brooks.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Stillwell Sunday School Class.

The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

Memorials may be made to the Michael Hargrove Scholarship Fund or Curly's Court, c/o Grace United Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Posey Funeral Directors or North Augusta in charge of arrangements, 803-278-1181. Visit the registry online at www.poseycares.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Visitation

JUL 17.

Following the Service

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond L. Walters, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Raymond L. Walters, Sr.*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Ray and Miss Lucy made me feel so welcomed at Grace 24 years ago. Their open invitation tradition for anyone to meet them at the SNOCAP brought as much joy and happiness to our staff to serve them as those who joined them. Their love and kindness brighten and lighten the day for everyone they encountered. You are so blessed to have so many memories and a great legacy to carry in your hearts. Thanks for sharing their generosity and your family with us. With sincere regards, Rachel, Kenny and the SNO-CAP staff.*

Rachel Franklin - July 19, 2015 at 06:38 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Walters extended family. He was a wonderful man.*



Lynne M. Sturtz - July 17, 2015 at 02:19 PM

GM

“ I'm sorry for the loss of your father. I remember becoming friends with your family growing up on Indian Mound Dr. He was a fine man. My prayers are with you and your family.

Glenn Moody

Glenn Moody - July 17, 2015 at 09:14 AM

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“ To the Walters' and Ellis' I'm sorry for your loss of a wonderful gentleman! As a good friend of my father, I was privy to be a friend as well. I enjoyed the many rounds of golf I played with Ray! He was always so nice to me! I will miss seeing him around, and I know that Ray, Cecil, Bob, and Floyd are teeing it up on God's Golf course today! Chuck Faulkner

Chuck Faulkner - July 16, 2015 at 07:25 AM

LM

What a wonderful man who did so much with his long years on earth. He created a wonderful son that we are very grateful to have in our family. We are very sorry for your loss.

Laney and Larry McElyea

Laney McElyea - July 17, 2015 at 08:07 AM